

In Memoriam

Name: Sunandan 'Hampu' Lahiry, CE 1997

Date of Death: Nov 27, 2020



They say those who are dear to God leave us too soon. In the case of 47 year old Sunandan Lahiry, this was surely the case. He left us on 27th of Nov, 2020, after suffering from multiple complications in his hepatic and pancreatic systems for the last two years. He is survived by his parents, his wife Sushmita, and his 12 year old daughter Abha.

After completing his schooling from Hindu School, Kolkata, he graduated from the department of Civil Engineering at Bengal Engineering College, Shibpur in the year 1997. He then worked in a number of reputed and respected companies in different cities in India and other countries, like CE Testing, Consulting Engineering Services, and Arcadis. But his longest stint was with Atkins, during which he worked in India, UK, and UAE. While doing all this, Sunandan also did his MIE from the Institution of Engineers, and got accredited and certified as a Road Safety Auditor by the Indian Academy of Highway Engineers under the aegis of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India.

In spite of these rather impressive professional achievements, his friends from school, college, and from his workplaces would remember him for entirely different reasons. No one he knew has been able to recall ever seeing him angry or in a foul mood. A smile that could light up the room was always to be found on his countenance. Add to that his bubbling sense of humor, and you can understand why those around him always remembered the laughter and smiles. Most of his friends would remember him as someone who didn't take anything seriously, but that was only when it concerned him. If you were to tell him that someone he knew needed help, he would rush to provide whatever help was possible, often at some inconvenience to himself. As in his life, so in his death, if Sunandan had taken the warning signs seriously on time, he could easily have recovered to a full and healthy life. But then, our gain would have been Heaven's loss, and the Gods couldn't let that happen, could they?

Mostly known among friends as Hampu, Sunandan epitomized the popular line from the film Anand - Babumoshai, zindagi badi honi chahiye, lambi nahi!! Keep smiling wherever you are, Hampu!!

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