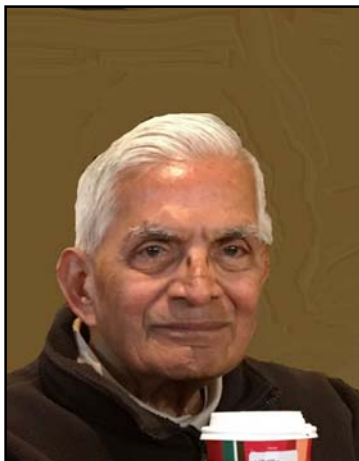


**OBITUARY****Dr. Natesan Janakiraman****(1 August, 1930 – 30 November, 2022)**

Dr. Natesan Janakiraman passed away peacefully in Chicago on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, after a brief illness, at the age of 92.

Dr. Janakiraman was born on August 1, 1930 in Rangoon, Burma. His family fled to Madras by land to escape the Japanese invasion of Burma during World War II. He completed his medical education in Madras and then worked in small villages before migrating to the USA, where he joined Cook County Hospital in Chicago as an Intern. He spent his entire professional career here. He set up the first PICU at Cook County Hospital. He also became the Dean of the Chicago Medical School. In these capacities, he mentored an entire generation of medical students and pediatric residents. Dr. Jay, as he was fondly called, was known for his clinical acumen and humane approach to medicine.

In the early 1990s, Dr. Jay brought the Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) course of the American Heart Association to India and conducted India's first PALS program in Madras. Subsequently, he conducted several additional PALS courses all over India and was instrumental in setting up the PALS training program in India. He was known for his no nonsense approach and would not allow delegates to enter even if they were a few minutes late. He did not hesitate to fail senior professors if they were not up to the mark.

Dr. Jay attended various Pediatric Intensive Care Conferences in India whenever he visited. He was known for his humility and gentle powers of persuasion.

The entire Pediatric Intensive Community in India owes a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. Jay. He is survived by his wife, Vatsala, two daughters and several grandchildren.