

It is very sad to hear demise of our beloved classmate Dr. D.V. Ramana Rao, affectionately called as Monto on 27th March 2012. He has been working as an anesthesiologist in Government Maternity Hospital and doing private practice in the evenings. It is learnt that he has been suffering from uncontrolled diabetes coupled with CRF. He was on dialysis since 6 months. Dr. Hari Kumar first conveyed the news. May his soul rest in peace. We GMC 77 batch of MBBS pray God to give his family strength and courage to bear his loss. Here are the comments of his friends from GMC 77 batch of MBBS.

Nalini	Sad to hear the news. May God Bless his soul. Pray that God gives his family the courage and strength to bear his loss.
Balaji	Sorry to hear the sad news
Gautam	So sorry to hear the news
Kishore	So Sorry to hear the news. Venkatramandrao,AKA Monto, I think because he looked like the hero in one of the movies and his name was Monto. As SRinivas mentioned, Myself, him, Pramod, Shyam Sunder, we used to bum around quite a bit. Real sorry to hear that. I saw him last during our reunion. He had a busy busy practice and told me he would come home very late. He was working as an anesthesiologist in the morning and going for private practice in the evening. My hearty condolences to the family.
Srinivas	It is shocking to hear the news. Myself, Kishore used to do combined studies in his house in ram nagar during some part of MBBS
Hemanth and Geeta	May Venkata Ramana's soul rest in Peace. He was a good friend and hard working from the days of internship and we miss him. May god give strength to the family to cope with his loss.
Shafeeq rehman Lataravichander	Sorry to hear that. He was a friendly guy. May his soul rest in peace Extremely disheartening and sad.why is this happening to our batch?we are all only in early fifties!
Nanduri shanthi lakshmi Gautam	Nature destroys blindly.Gods mercy dwells in his indiscretion. Venkat Ramana did not deserve such an agonising end. he was suffering from uncontrolled diabetes and for the last 6months he was on dialysis.He was called monto as told by sunil after seeing the movie named "Paheli".he just resembles the hero, and now the hero has gone for ever.May his soul rest in peace
Shyamala	Unbelievable! We cannot afford to loose all our friends.We have not even accepted Jyotsna's loss.What happened Gautham
Sabitha	Sorry to know that we have lost another of our classmates. It came as a shock to me. Venkat was such a nice and quiet guy. What happened to him Gautham? God bless his soul
Jalaja Shailaja	Very sad news couldnot believe. Venkat was my classmate in Intermediate also at Nrupatunga Junior College. He was a very good student. May his soul rest in peace.

- G.Jayasri. I just came back after a very short trip to India. I was very saddened and shocked to know the news. I knew Venkat Ramana very well as we were in the same group, and did anatomy dissections together along with Rajyalakshmi, Koshy, Kiranmayi and N.Ravikumar. He used to be quiet but he was one of the brightest with good sense of humor. I was fortunate to meet him and talk to him for some time during our last reunion. Our heart felt condolences to his family.
- T. Jayasree I do remember Venkataramana although we did not cross paths often. Hope his family is able to cope. Any idea about his family? It is sad to hear about the loss of another classmate when we are still getting over Jyotsna's.
- Shalini I feel the same way too. He had a good sense of humor and was always smiling. He would come and chat with Sunita and the gang. May he rest in peace and God give strength to his family to cope. Like Jayasree said anyone knows anything about his wife and kids
- Rohitas Agarwal My deepest condolence to the family and friends of Venkat. I pray to God to give his family the strength they need to cope with this tragedy. He will always remain in our hearts. My sympathy to all.
- Varma A sad day. I remember Venkat as a person who always had a smile on him while talking. We will miss him.
- GSB Rao A sad day. Will always remember Venkat as a simple soul. Heart felt condolences to the family. Pray to God to bless them with courage to move on.
- Shyamala I remember Venkataramana as a quiet gentle soul. May God grant his family the strength to bear this unbearable loss. Feel so sad that his last days were so difficult for him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
- Pramod It is sad to note that our friend Monto is no longer with us. Last I met him at our Reunion briefly. He was his usual self, joking and sounding like before. After our medical school days, I knew him during my Plastic surgery post graduation at Osmania. He was the staff anesthetist and was liked by all surgeons. He was simply the best. Those were difficult days under some authoritarian bosses in the department for me and he was very supportive of me. May his soul rest in peace.

- Gurunath I have known Venkata Ramana as well as anyone in our group, he was quite, had good sense of humor and very hard working person. I have known his family very well, Venkata Ramana knew my family very well. Venkat Ramana used to provide anesthetics to my sister's(OB/GYN) patients. Me and Nagaraj Sharma share fond memories of our days together. I saw him very briefly during our re-union and later realized he was ill and was not doing well. I did not realize he was this sick and depart our world so soon, he will be missed by all who knew him.
- Syed Akbar RIP,Monto was a source of moral support for me @GMC,what was his illness?
- Narsimha Reddy Pinninti It is very sad that father time took away Venkat prematurely. My condolences to Venkat's family. It also gives me a pause from the rat race to ponder about life. Here are my thoughts:
 " It was Jyothsna about an year ago and now Venkat. It could be any one of us next. I far one do not know how long I have. Is it one day, month, year. decade a quarter century? What I do know is that statistically the best part of my life is behind me. (Meaning that in the next 20 or more years that I might live, I am likely to be less health than the last 50 years, and also I will face more losses in life)
 Death seems so far away when someone who is much older to use passes away. However when one o four own age and whom we know personnaly passes away, it brings us close to our own mortality. This I think is the time to bring the the fundemental question of the purpose of life that is usually kept on the back burner. The regular messages from the world around us are that the things to be done in life are to complete education, choose a career, become financially secure, raise a family and help the family in raising their family and fading into sunset.
 Is there something more important than all these external manifestations of deveopment and growth. Different religions and people who have deeply pondered this question inform us through their sayings, writings and actions that we all need to pay more attention to our internal growth and the purpose of life is to purify our minds. Purity of mind is said to give it a degree of calmness and one pointedness that helps it to gradually unravel the purpose of life. The news of Venkat's sudden demise shocked me, made me feel sad and also raised these questions.
 Hope we all use this incident to relook at our priorities in life and try to make the best use of the rest of the time we have in this world.
- Jalaja I AGREE WITH YOUR VIEWS NARASIMHA.yes at this time of life we have to stop for a while , look around and help the needy in our society.

Gvind babu

It's really a sad day. I remember Venkat as a simple person who always had a smiling face. I also remember we all together used to travel in same bus from arts college to Sec:bad stn.

Prathima

Sad news indeed,I remember him like everyone else-shy,smiling always,soft spoken,My condolences to the family.