

# In Loving Memory

*Kalachand Banerjee*

1940 – 2021



***Obituary received from his daughter Mahuya:***

*Kalachand Banerjee was born on the 10th of December 1940, at Shitla in Bankura district. He received his primary and secondary education in Adra and Civil Engineering from BE College, Shibpur. After an initial stint at Chandra Engineers Company, he started his own engineering firm [Engineers' (Construction) Corporation] which specialized in the construction of pre-stressed bridges. He passed away on July 7, 2021 after a brief, but intense and spirited battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife and companion of 56 years, Bithika, daughter, Mahuya and son, Kuntal; 3 sisters and an elder brother and very dear sister-in-law; several nieces and nephews, grandsons and granddaughters and above all else, a community of friends and comrades that he loved and cared for much like his own family.*

*Kalachand Banerjee had two passions - a love of the professional engineering work that defined his career and a passion to do the most for his community. He loved people and lived a thousand lives, sharing in the sorrows and joys of the lives of others. He had*

*unflinching faith in the redemption of those who had wronged him or others. Everyone got a second chance and more. He was generous with the resources at his disposal and practised the socialism he preached. We will forever remember him as a man with a heart of gold and an ability to connect with the neediest among us. In a world dominated by "I" he thought of "us". We hope to be in communion with him as we pledge to continue in the tradition of sacrifice that he preached, in bringing the economically and culturally marginalized within our social sphere; in listening and not dismissing; and if need be, in flying solo when the cause is undeniably for the common good, and above all else, smiling through the toughest hardships that come our way.*

***Addendum by BECA 1964:***

*Our ever-cheerful, ever-enthusiastic batchmate with enjoyable companionship is no more. He was always generous in co-operating towards any cause of BECA 1964 and helpful in needs of batchmates. We are shocked. BECA 1964 mournfully remembers him. He is survived by his wife Bithika, daughter Mohuya and son Kuntal, grandchildren and numerous friends. Our heartfelt condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace and his family find the strength to cope with this loss.*