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Obituary

Vijayalakshmi Varadarajan-Mohanty (Viju)



Consultant in Anaesthesia (b1971; q Pune University 1994; MBBS, FRCA) died of pseudomyxoma peritonei on 21 December 2022

Viju was born in Mumbai, India, and came to UK in 1996. Viju completed her core training in Anaesthesia at Leicester and joined the Welsh training programme as a specialist registrar. She completed her training in 2007 and joined the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, Wales as a Consultant Anaesthetist.

Viju was an avid reader, an eloquent speaker, a graceful Bharatnatyam dancer, choreographer and had command of over six languages. She choreographed many performances involving children to inculcate confidence and self-esteem in children at a very early stage. Viju made vital contributions to the equality, diversity and inclusion activities, to the empowerment of women and to BAPIO (British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin), where her efforts were recognised by BAPIO -Wales award for outstanding contributions. Viju was actively involved in charitable activities in the UK and in India. As a part of the 'Mothers of Africa' team, she visited Changwe, Zambia and set up an operating theatre there and raised funds.

Viju leaves behind her husband Khitish Mohanty, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and two sons.

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