



## **NAGA BHUSHAN MANDAVA**

Our beloved husband, father, and grandfather Naga Bhushan Mandava passed away at the age of 87 years old in Potomac, Maryland on Thursday July 7th 2022. He was born October 14th, 1934 in Andhra Pradesh, India. Bhushan received his Ph.D. in 1962 from the Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc) in Bangalore, India. The family immigrated to the United States in 1963 on a fellowship at Oklahoma State University. In 1968, the family moved and settled in Maryland.

A renowned scientist; notable for his work in the field of Agriculture for over 60 years, he dedicated 24 years of public service to the USDA and EPA where he was involved in the discovery of the sixth class of plant hormones: Brassinolide.

Bhushan served as president of The Chemical Society of Washington and as a councilor, career consultant, and ACS Ambassador for the American Chemical Society for over 25 years.

He received the prestigious Hillebrand award in 1986 and served as Director of United Nations Agencies (UNIDO, UNDP, FAO) to advise 15 countries in Asia and the Pacific Region on agricultural productivity and crop safety.

Bhushan held 4 U.S. and Canadian patents as well as published over 170 papers, 2 books, and edited 6 books on naturally occurring pesticides.

Our father was a kindred spirit who touched many people across different communities. He was an iconic pillar in the communities he helped create. His greatest impact was on his family and the Telugu community.

Bhushan's spirit is carried on through his loving life partner of 66 years, Leela, and their son Srinivas, daughter Santi and son-in-law Milan, grandchildren Natasha, Shaan, Nikhil, and Kosh as well as extended family and friends.