



Obituary



PROFESSOR ROSE K. MADAN

Professor Rose K. Madan was born on July 27, 1925. She graduated MBBS in 1947 from King Edward Medical College, Lahore. She qualified her M. Phil in Physiology from University of Edinburgh, UK in 1958 and completed her doctorate from the Royal College of Surgeons, London in 1968. She has been an examiner in Physiology for FRCS at University of Edinburgh and was awarded honorary FRCS (UK). She was conferred FCPS from the College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan for her dedicated contributions. Professor Madan served at Fatima Jinnah Medical College Lahore from 1948 to 1985. Recently she was conferred 'Life Time Achievement Award' by the Pakistan Physiological Society.

I had known Professor Madan in 1980 at Postgraduate Medical Institute Lahore when doing my M. Phil. Since then she became my mentor, and I became one of her favourite students and a colleague. Since then, she is living in me, in all of us. I recall the good memories of those moments spent with her in the class room, laboratory, office, and in the corridors. Her death reminded me the departure of my great teachers, Professor Gulzar Ahmad and Professor Mortyn T. Jones.

I feel privileged to be associated with her, to work with her at CPSP Karachi, AKU Karachi, Army Medical College Rawalpindi, and in other educational forums. She was a saint-professor who lit so many lamps of knowledge and wisdom. Let me say, she was 'Mother of Physiology' in Pakistan. I genuinely say so as her mentorship produced numerous well placed physiologists and physicians of the time. They are carrying her light and spreading it to continue her role from generation to generation. She was the kind of rose that blossomed once and could not be returned again to us, but her fragrance as teacher and mentor, her sweet anger, humble talk, calmness and un-ending love to her pupils will be cherished for a long time to come.

Professor Madan, as I see, was forthright, upright and steadfast in all walks of life. She was a role-model for all medical teachers of the South Asian Region. She set an example of dedication, selflessness, forbearance professionalism and dutifulness. She always spoke the truth and did nothing but the truth. She was a model of humanism, culturism, soberism, mannerism and professionalism. Such role-models in our country are scarcely found in the present era.

We, the medicos, can pay tribute to her by being truthful, honest, industrious and quality professionals. I, on behalf of all Pakistan Physiological Society, Editorial Board of Pakistan Journal of Physiology, and of myself, pray for the solace of the grieved family and pray for the eternal peace of the soul of our departing mentor in the life hereafter!

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