

Harinder Jit Kaur Sunga's Reflections at Ninety

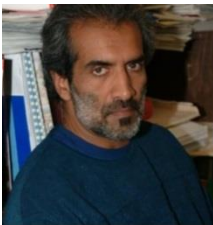
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We had a fantastic social life in Ottawa, as the Indian community continued to grow. During the 1960s and 1970s, Preetom and other community leaders set up the National Association of Canadians of Origins in India, the Ottawa Sikh Society, India Canada Association, and the Indo-Canadian Community Centre. Preetom was dearly loved by all the community, and he was often approached for friendly advice. Anyone who had ever met him even once, remembered him fondly for years afterward. Sadly Preetom passed away in 1991 at the age of 67.

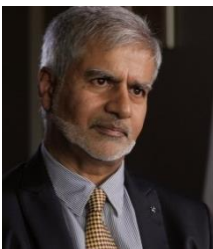
Home life was lively and dinner discussions were always animated as we encouraged our children to question everything. During the '60's and '70's, I faced the many challenges of raising my young family in a transplanted culture. Preetom and I taught our children to be independent and to think for themselves and they each have excelled in their careers and married their chosen life partners.



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