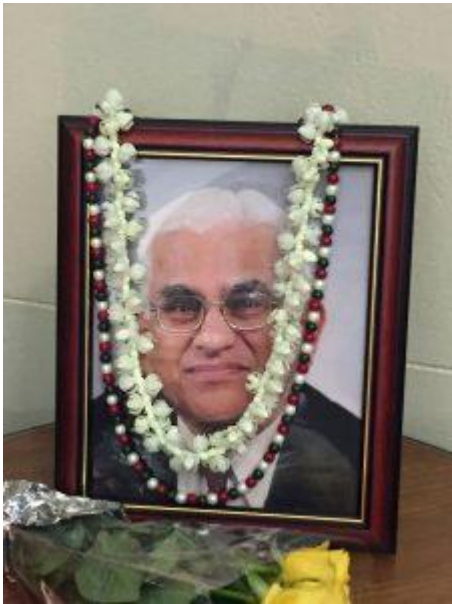


Mr Sharat Kumar one of the first priests of Sri Mandir passes away

Shri Sharat Kumar Ji passed away last Wednesday.

He arrived in Australia in mid 1970s. He had studied at Gurukul in Hardwar, India. He was highly knowledgeable in Gita and other Hindu scriptures. Also he had a deep knowledge of Hindu Samskars and Puja formalities.

In late 1970 and 1980s when we did not have qualified Hindu priests, he used to perform Pujas at Sri Mandir and at people's houses. He was living in Wollongong as he was working as a Librarian at the Wollongong University. He would travel to Sydney to perform Pujas. He would never charge for his services.



He was the most thorough gentleman. Never heard anything harsh from him about anybody. He would address everybody "Bhaiji". He had tried to pass on the Gita recitation to his children and grand children.

May God Almighty bestow Peace to his noble soul.

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