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Dr. Somani passes away

Springfield, IL: Dr. Satyanarayana Motilal Somani, professor of pharmacology and toxicology of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, passed away at Memorial Medical Center here on October 29. He was 65. He is survived by wife Shipra, two daughters Indira Somani of New York and Sheila Somani of Washington, DC, brother Bansilal Somani of Nanded, India; and four sisters, Dr. Renu Bajaj of Charleston, Rajani Mundada of Pune, Rampyari Toshniwal and Narmada Zanwar, both of Nanded.

Dr. Somani was a member of American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics; Society of Toxicology; American Chemical Society; International Union of Pharmacology; Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America and India Association of Springfield.

He is an author of more than 110 research articles in various areas of pharmacology, toxicol-

ogy and exercise pharmacology. He published numerous review articles and chapters. He edited four books. He was invited by many universities, institutions and at the meetings of professional societies to speak on his research. He conducted workshops on problem based learning curriculum at J.N. Medical College in Aligarh and Osmania Medical college in Hyderabad.

Dr. Somani was invited by the US Congress to testify on "Gulf War Syndrome" in April 1997. He received numerous research grants from US Army, American Heart Association, Environmental Protection Agency, and other agencies.

He was the founding treasurer of first Hindu temple in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1971 and was active in many social organizations from his student days.

He was born on March 14, 1937 in Hingoli, India. He married Shipra Dutta in 1966 in Pittsburgh.