



## Onkar N. Sharma

May 5, 1943 - February 10, 2012

Dr. Onkar N. Sharma  
Mattoon, IL- Dr. Onkar N. Sharma, age 68, of Mattoon, IL passed away at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 12:48 P.M.  
Services celebrating his life will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home in Mattoon, IL with Rev. Andrew Thephasdin officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Ave, Mattoon, IL 61938.  
Dr. Sharma was born May 5, 1943 in Punjabi, India, the son of A.N. and Viydia Sharma. He married Linda S. Highland July 2, 1973 in Las Vegas, NV.  
Survivors include his loving wife Linda S. Sharma of Mattoon, IL; three daughters, Dr. Nicole Lambert and her husband Dan of Chicago, IL, Sanya Myerscough and her husband David of Champaign, IL and Erica Thephasdin and her husband Andrew of Chicago, IL; two brothers, Santosh Sharma and Papu Sharma both of New Delhi, India; five grandchildren, Ellianna Lambert of Chicago, IL, Amelia Myerscough of Champaign, IL, Maxson Lambert of Chicago, IL, Ryan Myerscough of Champaign, IL and Drew Thephasdin of Chicago, IL; one niece, Poonam Sharma of New Delhi, India; one nephew, Nikhil Sharma of New Delhi, India; nine other nieces and one nephew that fondly called him 'Onkie'. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Shawn Stephen Sharma.  
Dr. Sharma graduated from the All India Institute of Medical Science in New Delhi, India. Arriving to the United States, he took his internship at the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in Cleveland, OH and his

residency in Pediatrics at the Howard University Medical School in Washington, D.C. A Pediatric Fellowship was completed at the Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, MD and a Genetics Fellowship at Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans, LA. He was board certified in Pediatrics and was a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics. He came to Mattoon, IL in 1971 joining the staff at the Link Clinic as a Pediatrician practicing in both Mattoon, IL and Toledo, IL. He was currently on staff at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Family Medical Center, where he served as Chief of Staff of Pediatrics. Over his forty years of Pediatric service he cared for thousands of children and their children also. Parents of his patients have described him as knowledgeable, compassionate, caring, kind, big hearted, amazing and loving to the children he treated. \r\nDr. Sharma was a Special Olympics volunteer in Mattoon, IL since its inception. He also enjoyed computers, jigsaw puzzles, grilling out and was known as a 'high roller' at Harrah's Casino. However, Dr. Sharma's greatest love and affection was his family, especially enjoying his role as grandfather, known as 'Pa' and participating in their events. His family will always remember his unconditional love and support and forever cherish their memories and times shared. Dr. Sharma will truly be missed by his family and all of those whose lives he touched.\r\nMemorials may be made to the Mattoon, IL Food Pantry, Salvation Army of Mattoon, IL and Camp New Hope of Mattoon, IL.\r\nTo share a memory or light a candle, please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com).\r\n

# Tribute Wall



“ *Onkar N. Sharma*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Dr. Sharma saved my life when I was just an infant. He figured out what was killing me when no one else could. He was a kind and compassionate Doctor. May he rest in peace.*

**Michael Jenkins** - November 18, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ *Dr. Sharma was my doctor at Link Clinic as well as Dr. Thiel. I remember both fondly. I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Sheila Reed Littleton** - April 16, 2018 at 12:07 PM



“ *Linda,\r\nWe send our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Dr. Sharma also touched our lives with the care of our oldest daughter when she was an infant. Please know that y'all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you and give you comfort during this difficult time.\r\nWarmest Regards, Kathy and Ken Smith*

**Ken and Kathleen Smith** - February 21, 2012 at 03:42 PM

AB

“ Dr. Sharma means so much to my family. He has been our doctor for 33 years. He was the best. He always made us smile and feel better. He was kind, caring, compassionate, and funny. I know that he is in Heaven now helping God care for his children. He will be dearly missed! Our prayers are with his family and staff.\n\n\nAngie, Dalton, Olivia, & Josie Byers

Angie Byers - February 15, 2012 at 10:17 PM

DT

“ Linda, I am so sorry. I think I have told you before but I have always thought Dr.Sharma saved Toby's (our son) life. For that I will never forget. Again We are very sorry for your lose.

Denny and Jeanie Thornton - February 15, 2012 at 03:18 AM

CH

“ An amazing man has left us, my thoughts and prayers are with his family. Thanks to Dr. Sharma I still have my younger brother, Clint. He saved his life when he was 2 years old in 1972.

Carol Hawkins - February 13, 2012 at 07:22 PM

TB

“ Dr Sharma was the pediatrician for all 3 of my daughters. My oldest daughter was pre-mature and Dr Sharma understood the 'fears' of a first time Mom. He was always compassionate and always understanding. I am honored to have known him.

Tokqua (Alms) Brunner - February 13, 2012 at 03:07 PM

CG

Dr.Sharma was the best

cathy Gonzalez - October 11, 2022 at 05:39 PM

CG

*I was at the er with my first born son and my Dr hadn't made it there , he came along May I check him out and took care of him and he became my pediatrician for my children although my doctor was wonderful also he was just going through illness himself . Dr Sharma came along at the right time .*

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**cathy Gonzalez** - October 11, 2022 at 05:44 PM