



# Hitwant Sidhu

MAR 3, 1927 - NOV 25, 2023



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**H**itwant Sidhu, beloved father, husband, professor, mentor and friend, passed away on 25 November 2023 at the age of 96.

Hitwant was born on 3 March 1927 in Koharwala, India to mother, Bhagwan Kaur, and father, Khem Singh. Later in life, Hitwant came to the United States to pursue higher education and to seek better opportunities for him and his family. He completed his graduate studies at Springfield College from 1953-1955 and went on to obtain a Doctorate in Physical Education at IU Bloomington from 1955-1957. He became a professor at the IUPUI School of Physical Education in 1975, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1997.

In addition to the academic community, Hitwant was also an integral part of both the Indian community of Indianapolis and the community in Wanamaker, his home for over 50 years. He was incredibly thankful for and proud of the warm and lasting friendships that came from these communities.

Hitwant was predeceased by his three sisters, three brothers, and by his beloved wife and life partner of 62 years, Pushpa. He is survived by his devoted daughters and his sons-in-law: Rachna & Umesh Choudhry and Rashmi & Robert Recinto; and by his beloved grandchildren: Vishesh, Veer, Shivani, and Krishan.

Hitwant will be affectionately remembered for the unconditional love he showed to family and friends; for his dedication and service at IUPUI and within his community; for his love of gardening; and for the passion he had for various hobbies, including collecting celebrity autographs worldwide.

Hitwant was the respected patriarch of our family and our greatest supporter. His reliable presence, sage advice, and infallible willingness to lend a hand are the cornerstones of the great man he was and will always be, in memory.



## Obituary

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Funeral service will be held on December 9, 2023, at 10:30 AM at Memorial Park Funeral Home: 5750, 49th St. North, St. Petersburg, Fl 33709 (727) 591-4564

Please join us at The Celebration of Life Open House luncheon in memory of Hitwant Sidhu at The Pure In Heart Center at 2160 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260 on Saturday, December 23, 2023 from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm.

His message to friends:

“I have been a dreamer all my life. I am very content and happy with the achievements of my life. My real wealth is my service to others and the blessings of kind people to me.”

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/95124>

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to [www.ekal.org](http://www.ekal.org)




# Events


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## Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, December 9, 2023

 10:30 AM ET


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home & Crematory**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

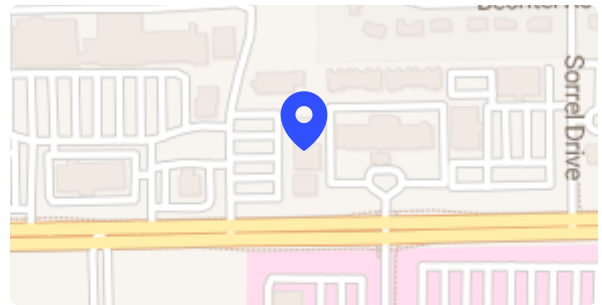


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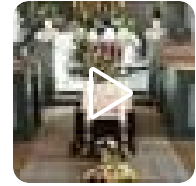
# Tribute Wall

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**Memorial Park Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.



November 30 at 3:16 PM



**Harmandeepsingh Gill** sent a virtual gift in honor of Hitwant.



Really sad to see such a pure soul leaving this world. Rest in peace mama g. We will really miss ur blessings and love that you showered your entire life to our family. He was our grandmothers brother but entire familys mama g as he showed so much love to everyone. While growing up we remember his India visits and gathering entire family for holidays. Our deepest condolences to entire family for his demise. Miss u mama g. HarmandeepSinghGill and Family.

December 29 at 4:03 PM



**Matt Autry** posted:

I am saddened today to learn that one of my beloved professor and mentors in college ; a great and kind man Dr. Sidhu. He enjoyed taking pictures, meeting many celebrities, gardening, and loving his family. What great times I got to share lunches with him through the years with Cindy Carlson. The world is dimmer today. You will be missed by many Alumni and faculty and staff of IUPUI School of Physical Education and Tourism Management. Matt Autry

December 13 at 11:22 AM



**Rafael Bahamonde** posted:

Dr. Hitwant Sidhu was a faculty member at IUPUI and left an enduring legacy through his selfless dedication to helping both faculty and students. A leader in faculty governance, Dr. Sidhu's influence persisted even after his retirement, in the scholarships established in his name. Through this scholarship, Dr. Sidhu's profound impact on education and his unwavering support for aspiring professionals continue to shape the field of physical education students at IUPUI.

December 11 at 12:34 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hitwant.



December 9 at 11:28 AM



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**Lakshmi And Nagraj** posted:

We think of Sidhuji as a gentle Soul and that we are lucky to have been accepted by his family in Indianapolis and Clearwater. We fondly remember the many trips to garden centers and baseball stadiums. Sidhuji will continue to live in our hearts. Sidhuji's Atma has attained Moksha. Om Sadgati. Om Shanti.

December 8 at 1:57 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hitwant.



December 7 at 8:57 PM



**Subhash Khanna** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hitwant.



December 7 at 9:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Sidhu family.



December 7 at 9:55 AM



**Umesh Choudhry** posted:

Vedic last rites and cremation scheduled for Saturday, December 9th at 10:30 AM.

December 2 at 8:44 PM



**Umesh Choudhry** posted:

In lieu of flowers, honor the wishes of Dr. Sidhu and send generous donation to [www.ekal.org](http://www.ekal.org) and help educate impoverished children. Education was his passion.

November 29 at 8:49 PM



**Media**

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Hitwant by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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