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DR. KITTI KALAMBAHETI

Dr. Kitti Kalambaheti, 82, of Victor, passed away Monday, September 29, 2014, at the Brooklyn Community Estates in Brooklyn.



A Memorial service was held on Saturday, October 11, 2014, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor. Memorials may be directed to the Dr. Kalambaheti Foundation and sent in care to the Smith funeral Home, P.O. Box 485, Victor, Iowa 52347.

Dr. Kalambaheti was born on July 25, 1932, to Thongkham and Luan Boon Kalamba-

hetti in Bangkok, Thailand. He was the seventh of the couple's nine children. He was raised in Thailand and graduated high school in 1950. He entered Siriraj Medical School in Thailand following high school as well as serving in the Thailand Air force. In 1959, he moved to the United States to continue his medical education. Dr. Kalambaheti began his 2-year internship at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Chicago and St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, in 1962; he began his residency at Miners Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Ky., and then in 1965, at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Kalambaheti was united in marriage to Vivian Zadarla on April 10, 1964, in Pineville, Ky. To this union three children were born.

In 1968, Dr. Kalambaheti began medical practice as a general surgeon at several hospitals in the United States, including Miners Hospital in Mullins, W.V., St. Mary's Hospital in Sparta, Wisc., and Clarke County Hospital in Osceola. In 1971, Dr. Kalambaheti relocated to Victor, where he began his long term practice at Marengo Memorial Hospital in Marengo. He served as chief of staff on a rotating cycle with other physicians. Dr. Kalambaheti retired in 2004, due to health concerns after 33 years of service with the hospital.

Dr. Kalambaheti had a passion for traveling, including visiting all seven continents with Vivian. He also traveled throughout the United States to visit his family and friends. In his leisure time, he enjoyed playing golf and was an avid collector of porcelain birds.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 50 years Vivian; children, Susan (John) Olson of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Kevin Kalambaheti of North Mankato, Minn., and Nisa (Dr. Thomas Schmedake) Kalambaheti of Charlotte, N.C.; sister, Ampai (Manoop) Sirandop of Bangkok, Thailand; grandchildren, Katrina (Derek) Felton, Emily Kalambaheti, Alex Kalambaheti, Jessica Olson, Adam Olson, Luke Schmedake, Samuel Schmedake and Nina Schmedake; nephew, Surasee (Rodari) Tevi; sister-in-laws, Andrea Polito, Marcia (Louis) Polonkey; and many nieces and nephews.

Dr. Kalambaheti is preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; four brothers; sister-in-law, Kathryn Bauer; and brother-in-law, Nick Polito.