



Obituary - July 26, 2006



Funeral services will be held in Hayward Friday, July 28 for emeritus math professor Ranjit Sabharwal, who passed away Sunday. He was 81.

Sabharwal, whose research specialty was in geometry, joined the mathematics faculty in fall 1968 and was awarded tenure in 1974. He retired in 1992 when he achieved emeritus status. However, he missed teaching and returned in 2002 to teach at Cal State East Bay.

He received his bachelor's degree in 1944 and his master's in 1948 from Punjab University in Pakistan. He taught mathematics at Khalsa College in Mumbai, India, from 1951 to 1958. He then earned a master's in math at UC Berkeley in 1962 and a doctorate in 1966 from Washington State University, Pullman.

Prior to coming to Cal State East Bay, he taught in Oregon, Washington and Kansas.

He served on a variety of committees at CSUEB and was a member of the Mathematical Association of America and the American Mathematical Society. In 2003, he established the Sabharwal Family Mathematics Fund, which provides scholarships to our math majors. In 1992 he helped found the Sikh Temple located at 1805 Hill Ave., Hayward.

He is survived by his wife, Pritam, and three children, Rajinderpal, Amarjit and Jasbir and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services are to be held at the Chapel of the Chimes, 32992 Mission Blvd., Hayward, from 2 to 5 p.m. For Sikh funerals white is customarily worn rather than black. Light colors are acceptable, but not red or bright colors. Please bring a handkerchief or kerchief to be worn on your head.

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