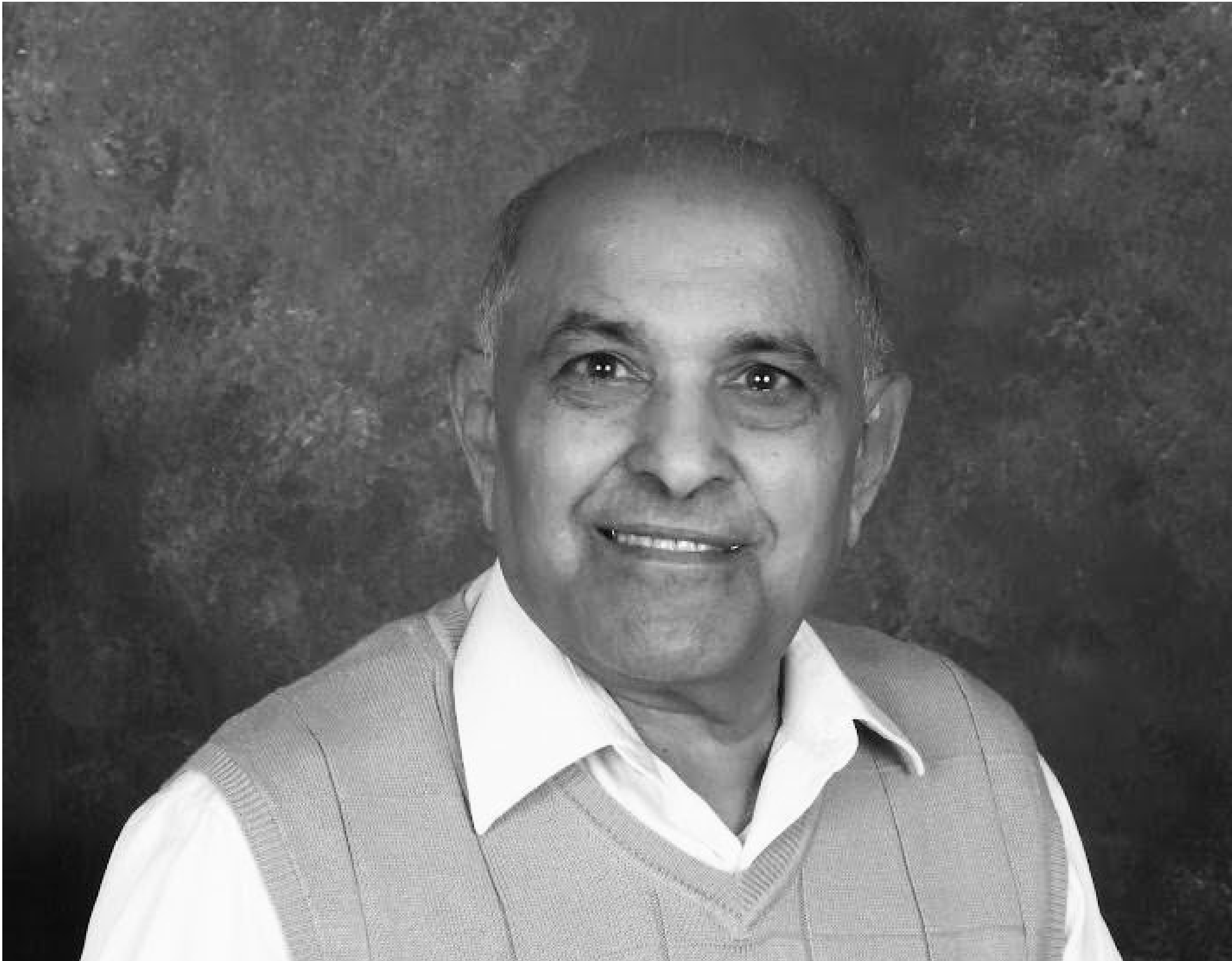


REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 5, 1941 - JULY 29, 2021



HARAKCHAND DEVRAJ SHAH

Harakchand Devraj Shah (Nana) passed on July 29, 2021. His obituary is inadequate for the life he lived and the man he was; this is my version. Nana was born in Meru, Kenya as one of nine children. He was fun loving and quite mischievous at times. Growing up, he loved Coca-Cola and fairy cakes, climbing trees, playing marbles, and had many friends. At 18, Nana sought a better life and moved to the UK, where he met his wife, Kanchan Shah. They were married in March 1965 and had two children, Punita and Sonal. Nana was an avid gardener, always proud of his vegetable garden. He went on walks every day and traveled the world. We will forever miss his advice, kind spirit, and smile that could put anyone at ease. He is the man I aspire to be.

- EXPERIENCE-
Left Nairobi on his own at the age of 18 with a dream.
- Worked as a dishwasher while attending technical school in London.
- Overcame systemic racism in England during the 1960s.
- Married to Kanchanben Shah in March 1965.
- Father to 3 beautiful girls, one passed away in 1977.
- Ran his own business for 30 years, Sona's television store.
- Worked overseas in Nigeria to provide for his family.
- Was diagnosed with lung cancer ion March 2019
- Subsequently on July 19, 2019, had 2/3 of his lung removed.
- Survived multiple heart operations throughout his life.
- Wet on walks in his garden during COVID
- His last words were "dont cry be happy."*

“HAPPINESS IS
WHAT YOU MAKE IT
NOT WHAT IT IS.”

