

A loving tribute to

the Pretty Lotus.



THE PRETTY LOTUS



Compiled by The Prasad Family of Bellbowrie

Saroj Kumari Prasad

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Our Saroj –The Pretty Lotus

The Pretty Lotus- Our Saroj



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Saroj Kumari Prasad**

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A Year After Her Passing Away.**

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Ye Duniya Begaani Hai

Yahan koi nahi hai apna
duniya hi begaani hai
Kis Cheez sey kare preet
kuch saath na jaani hai
Ek phool sa jeewan tha
apna jo ab beet gaya
Ab to yeh sari jindagi
kanton mein bitaani hai
Ham mahal banaye thea
aur baag lagaye thea
Ab chorke ye nagri jangle
mein din bitaani hai
Yahan kai dhanwaan aaye
balwaan bhi aaye

Par ab raha nahi koi sab ko
ek din mit jaani hai
Rath ghode aur haanthe
mera koi nahi saathi
Aakhir mein meri doli ko
logon ko uthaani hai
Ek roz yahan aana aur fir
ek roz wahan jaana
Aakar ke fir chaley jaana
yeh reet puraani hai
Yahan koi nahi hai apna
duniya hi begaani hai
Kis Cheez sey kare preet koi
saath na jaani hai



**SOME
OPENING
REMARKS**

This was not an easy project to complete. But I am happy that I have provided a life-time reading material for the Prasad Family. This can be read and used as a knowledge base for the activities of one of the most important members of the family, Saroj Kumari Prasad who dedicated her whole life to construct a proper family life out of a wild and cruel man like me. She tamed me well.

She tamed me through her love, compassion and complete empathy. That is the reason I called her a 'Devi' which can loosely be translated as an angel.

This publication cannot be fully understood and appreciated by one reading alone because it is complex, emotive and exceptional for the family. The information, knowledge and activities that are compiled could only be fully realised and comprehended if they are looked at dispassionately and

with the same feeling as they were created by me.

The readers of this publication have two choices- to read or not to read. If you decide to read this presentation you have to do so with due respect to the departed soul because she was not an ordinary person as can be seen from various poems, articles and speeches.

Apart from understanding the English language the readers have to have a reasonable appreciation of Hindustani Language as well because

most of the creativity is expressed in Hindi language. It is transcribed in Roman Hindi with English alphabets for ease of reading.

You might not be able to read this in one sitting so your reading could be divided into various episodes. The only purpose for putting this publication on Google Plus and Google Drive is to leave a legacy behind so that all the children and grand children together with their friends, relatives and others could have an easy access and a reasonable appreciation of the

work and achievements of this great personality whose contributions to strengthen the Prasad Family were always admired and treasured. One final point. The sentiments and emotions contained in my poems are very personal and at times would be difficult to decode, understand and appreciate as was intended.

14th March, 2014





INTRODUCTION

I made this decision to publish this presentation because I wanted the fond and golden memories of my beloved wife Saroj Kumari Devi to be treasured somewhere safer to be read and appreciated by my children, grand children and other relatives and friends. I wanted to express my dedication to My Saroj.

I do not know for sure if this will be read and appreciated by my people with the same interest and enthusiasm that I took to create these but we all live in this world with hope. That is what I am doing. I am hoping that all the deeper feelings of love and emotions contained in this publication will provide some interest, lessons, information and knowledge to the readers.

My Saroj, the Pretty Lotus, was not an ordinary woman. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a very pleasant grandmother, a fine friend, a dutiful daughter, a super sister, a brilliant student, a dedicated educator, a candid community worker and above all

she had a very kind, calm and controlled personality.

She was an angel of the Prasad Family and if we did not create these memorable presentations then we would not be rightfully celebrating all the goodness, truth and beauty that this lady displayed and represented in her almost 73 years of useful existence.

I was extremely fortunate and proud to have her company for fifty five years. She tamed me, she loved me, she looked after me and she bestowed me with a family that celebrates all of her glory and fame.

She will be in our hearts and minds forever and we are certain that she has reached her complete Nirvana, her mukti, her salvation and her Atma is one with her Parmatma. Her karma, her words, deeds, thoughts, character, habits and dedication have made her attain life in heaven and not reincarnate in this sinful world.

May she rest in peace and I look forward to joining her to complete my life as a loyal husband. Each and every poem and article that I have composed is an epitome of my deep love for this unique lady in my life- a lamp, a light and bright star. I love you Darling. You are my Angel, my Pretty Lotus. I salute you.

The Pretty Lotus

I have observed and admired the lotus flower all my life because the flower always looked so clean and pure in any pond that I visited. However, the lotus that bloomed in our pond came to be associated with purity, piety and beauty of one unique and rare individual of the Prasad Family whose name **Saroj** means lotus.

Her parents gave her this beautiful and spiritual name

because they were told by the astrologers that this pretty baby was destined to become a great personality as she grew up and matured. So she did, and when she completed her education she was decorated with many medals, certificates and meritorious accolades. Saroj became a brilliant teacher and served the community for over half a century as a dedicated worker in Fiji and Australia.

One of the most fortunate individuals was Ram Lakhan Prasad, who fell in love with her and married her and then

they together nurtured a wonderful family called the Prasad Family of Bellbowrie. Saroj and Lakhan enjoyed their blissful married life for almost fifty years and would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 19th January 2014 but the pretty lotus left this world leaving the family of four grown up married children and ten grand children forever mourning her unexpected departure. Such is life.

Throughout many cultures over time, the lotus has been a powerful image and a spiritual

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