



Dr. Keshav Raj Bhattarai

Dr. Keshav Raj Bhattarai, life member of Nepal Ophthalmic Society was born on 3rd February 1939. He passed away on 13th May 2021 at the age of 91.

He did his MBBS from Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Vikram University, Indore, India on 17th July 1963. He got the certificate of full registration as a Medical Practitioner from the General Medical Council (GMC), London on 20th January 1972. He completed a Diploma in Ophthalmology from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ireland, Dublin on 19th January 1973. He also did a Diploma in Ophthalmology from Royal College of the Physicians and Surgeons of England on 26th April 1973. As a part of its Technical Assistance Program, under the British Government, he completed a course of instruction in Ophthalmology in January 1976. He did an observership in Ophthalmology in the United States Air Force Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas in April 1983 and underwent Aviation Medicine Course from Air Force, India in 1969.

He served in the Nepal Army from 2021 Bikram Sambat (B.S.) to 2053 B.S. He was the Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of Birendra Army Hospital, Chhauni and later served as the Director of the Army Medical Services in the Army Headquarter, Bhadrakali. As per my uncle Brig Gen Dr. Madan M Malla's advice, I went to Tri-Chandra Army Hospital, Mahankal, Kathmandu to see him and got my first glass prescription from him. I was in Class 1 at the time and was not able to see the stage performance at school. My first glass prescription was -3.00 Dsph in both eyes. At the same time, my younger brother Pankaj Joshi also had an eye checkup though he did not have any ocular complaints and was diagnosed with anisometropic amblyopia in the left eye for which he underwent amblyopia therapy - patching of the right eye.

After retirement from the Army, he practiced Ophthalmology in Chhetrapati Nishulka Chikitsalaya from 2053 B.S. till 2077 B.S. He was instrumental in developing and strengthening the Ophthalmology Department



and also starting the Medical College in the Army Hospital.

He has been awarded Prabal Gorakha Dakshinbahu, Suprabal Gorakha Dakhsinbahu, Third SAARC Sewa Smriti Padak, Shuvarajyabhisek Padak and Dirgha Sewa Padak.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Sarita Bhattarai, two sons (Mr. Satish Raj Bhattarai and Mr. Ajay Raj Bhattarai), and five grandchildren. This information was provided by Mr. Satish Raj Bhattarai.



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