

OBITUARY

Maj Gen (Retd) M.A.R. Khan



Born at Bareilly (UP-India) on 10th September 1922, Dr. Khan obtained his early educations at Mission School Bareilly and Islamia High School Badaun (UP-India). After his premedical studies in Christian College, Lucknow, he graduated from the Lucknow Medical College in 1944. He did his Diploma in Anaesthesia (DA) in 1952 and got his fellowship in anaesthesia from London in 1953. In 1965, he was awarded honorary FCPS (Pakistan).

He joined the Indian Military Service in 1944 and was seconded to Indian Army Medical Corps. This appointment led him to serve in Singapore and Malaya during the Second World War.

He migrated to Pakistan after partition, and after successive appointments, he got the rank of Major General in April 1978, in which capacity he was appointed as commandant of Armed Forces Medical College. His meritorious services earned him Tamgha-i-Imtiaz (M) in 1965, and Hilal-i-Imtiaz in 1979. Dr. Khan's professional contributions in the field of anaesthesia in Pakistan hold an eminent position. He is befittingly known as "Baba-i-Anaesthesia" (Father of Anaesthesia) in Pakistan.

After 38 years of distinguished service he was relieved from service in September 1982. His dedication was such that he remained actively associated with the Armed Forces Postgraduate Medical Institute as a teacher till his health allowed him.

Despite his professional commitments Dr. Khan led full life with interests as diverse as fishing, farming and shooting. Alongside his pleasant disposition, he possessed a subtle sense of humour that endeared him to all who knew him and found him an aristocrat among gentlemen.

Dr. Khan breathed his last on 15 March, 2006 in CMH, Rawalpindi after a protracted episode of illness. He was buried in Okara. May Allah Almighty rest his soul in peace, Amin! His legacy will remain alive in the minds of all those who ever had a chance to encounter with him for however brief period it might be.

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