

Remembering "Guna"

FLORIDA **A&M** UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCES

Memorial Service

For

Gunasegaran "Guna" Chelliah

Beloved husband to Saishree
Father to Saiprassad and Sai

CAFS Teleconference Center
2010 Pinder Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32307

February 16, 2017
1:00 p.m.



College of Agriculture and Food Sciences
217 Perry-Paige Bldg S
Tallahassee, FL 32307



**SERVICE IN MEMORY OF
GUNASEGARAN CHELLIAH**

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| Greetings | Lambert Kanga, Ph.D. Program Chair - Entomology |
| Moment of Silence | Muthuswamy Subbuswamy, Ph.D. Father-in-Law |
| Remarks | Robert W. Taylor, Ph.D., Dean College of Agriculture and Food Sciences Dr. Lambert Kanga Xavier Price, President Entomology Club (FAMU) |
| Tributes | Faculty Students Colleagues |
| Presentations | |
| Closing Remarks | Dr. Lambert Kanga |

Reception immediately following the program

A memorial fund (account number 8980 8697 5659) has been established at the Bank of America.

Please make checks payable to Saishree Muthuswamy



Gunasegaran "Guna" Chelliah

enrolled in the Department of Animal Science, at the University of Florida (UF). In 2006, he graduated with a Master of Science degree in Animal Science. While at UF, he worked under the supervision of Robert Myer, Ph.D. and Lee McDowell, Ph.D.

Guna, as he was affectionately called, was born in Malaysia. He attended Madras Veterinary College, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (India), where he earned a Bachelor of Veterinary Science in 1988.

Given his strong science and veterinary background, he went on to work as a farm veterinarian and technical coordinator for a Malaysian broiler-breeder operation, later as a quality control veterinarian, and then as an Executive Director in a food and beverage manufacturing company. While in Malaysia he was also responsible for training students in management and farm techniques.

After 14 years in Malaysia he

joined the Entomology Program at Florida A&M University (FAMU) in 2010 as a student in the Cooperative Ph.D. Program with UF. At the time of his passing Guna had completed all his required course work and was working on the final stage of his research. His dissertation project dealt with the health of honey bees, the most important pollinator of agricultural crops. His dissertation was titled "Assessing the impact of pests and pesticides on honey bee health."

He will be remembered by his friends and colleagues at FAMU for his pleasing personality, humor, devotion to family, and the desire he had to expand knowledge.