



Mr. Janaki Pradhan
Our Founding Father and Honorary Member of NAFCA

We are deeply sorry to announce that our Founding Father and Honorary Member of NAFCA, **Janaki Pradhan**, passed away on June 22, 2009. He is a great soul, with a kind and loving heart who will be greatly missed by all of us. He will always be remembered as we all share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant to all of us. Words can't make our sorrow any easier to bear, but NAFCA family can show how deeply we all sympathize and care. Our deepest condolences, respect and sympathy go out to his wife, Bidya Pradhan, their son, Anup Pradhan, and rest of his family. Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. You are all in our thoughts now, and in the days to come.

Words seem inadequate to express the sadness NAFCA family and friends feel about the loss of our Founding Father, Janaki Pradhan. And, we want our Honorable Janaki Pradhan to know that wherever you may go, No matter where you are, NAFCA will never be far away. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory of all the bright things you have brought to NAFCA, it will help comfort NAFCA Family to become even bigger and brighter tomorrow through your spirit.

The Inception of NAFCA:

In 1998, as the number of Nepalis and friends began to increase substantially in Davis, CA, the idea of forming a Nepali cultural organization began to take shape. The very first general meeting was held on January 31, 1998 at the residence of **Mr. and Mrs. Janaki Pradhan**. The meeting was called to discuss the need, purpose, objective, and goals of the proposed organization. The chairman Mr. Pradhan congratulated the hardworking honorable members of AdHoc committee of all those who worked very hard on preparation of the constitution of the Association in his letter written on August 26, 1998 (Click to view [Mr. Janaki Pradhan's letter](#)). On September 5, 1998, Nepalis and Friends Cultural Association (NAFCA) officially registered as a nonprofit and nonpolitical organization which was established under the chairmanship of Mr. Pradhan in Davis, California, USA on September 5, 1998.