



... with Neetu Kapoor

Rishi's wife **Neetu Kapoor** shared the post that read, "Our dear Rishi Kapoor passed away peacefully at 8.45 am IST in hospital today after a two-year battle with leukaemia. The doctors and medical staff said he kept them entertained to the last.

He remained jovial and determined to live to the fullest right through two years of treatment across two continents. Family, friends, food and films remained his focus and everyone who met him during this time was amazed at how he did not let his illness get the better of him.

He was grateful for the love of his fans that poured in from the world over. In his passing, they would all understand that he would like to be remembered with a smile and not with tears.

In this hour of personal loss, we also recognise the world is going through a very difficult and troubled time. There are numerous restrictions around movement and gathering in public. We would like to request all his fans and well-wishers and friends of the family to please respect the laws that are in force.

He would not have it any other way."



... with Lata Mangeshkar

Lata Mangeshkar posted a picture of Rishi and wrote, "Kuch samay pehle Rishi ji ne mujhe unki aur meri ye tasveer bheji thi. wo sab din, sab baatein yaad aarahi hain. Main shabdheen hogayi hun."



... with Riddhima Kapoor Sahni

Riddhima Kapoor Sahni posted "Papa I love you I will always love you - RIP my strongest warrior I will miss you everyday I will miss your FaceTime calls everyday! I wish I could be there to say goodbye to you! Until we meet again papa I love you - your Mushk forever."



Rishi Kapoor

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City First pays a tribute to Rishi Kapoor, who left for his heavenly abode on Thursday morning. From his movies, songs, to his eclectic presence in the past few years on the social media, Chintu will be missed for everything

One of the finest actors of the country, Rishi Kapoor passed away on Thursday morning at the age of 67. Known for his great contribution to the Indian cinema, the veteran actor died after a two-year-long battle with cancer. The actor was admitted at the H N Reliance hospital, where he took his last breath. The news was confirmed by his brother Randhir Kapoor: "He is no more. He has passed away," he told one of the news wires. Not only his family, or the entertainment industry, but the whole nation is grief-stricken by this sad news.

Born on 4 September 1952, the star was born in one of the most prestigious families, the Kapoor family. Being the second son of the ace actor-film director Raj Kapoor and grandson of actor Prithviraj Kapoor, Rishi had acting skills in his blood. The actor has a large Punjabi family with most members including, son Ranbir Kapoor, wife Neetu Kapoor, his brothers, Randhir Kapoor, paternal uncles, Shashi Kapoor and Shammi Kapoor working in the film industry.

He landed his first-ever role in his father Raj Kapoor's movie Shree 420 at the age of 3 and first actual role in 1970, again in one of his father's blockbuster flicks, Mera Naam Joker. While all these were under the shadow of his father, Rishi was cast as the main lead opposite Dimple Kapadia in Bobby in the year 1973 which was a block-



The extended Kapoor family

buster. While most of us know him as the star, who delivered several chartbuster movies, the truth is he gave around 40 flop films out of 51 films in which he was the solo lead hero. He also battled depression due to the flops. The list of his hit

flicks includes his debut film Bobby, Laila Majnu, Rafoo Chakkar, Sargam, Karz, Prem Rog, Nagina, Honeymoon, Chandni, Heena etc.

Chintu Ji made even the supporting roles look like the main character. There are many super hit films that couldn't have been turned out to be a great success as it is without his powerful supporting character. He switched from playing the lead character to supporting somewhere around the 2000s. He was reunited on-screen with his wife Neetu Kapoor in the film Do Dooni Chaar in 2010. He was also seen playing some powerful negative roles. His role as Rauf Lala in Agneepath remains a classic. 102 Not Out, a comedy-drama film directed by Umesh Shukla, turned out to be his last film.

The chocolate boy of the Indian cinema was con-



Rishi Kapoor with Neetu, Ranbir, Riddhima and Samara

ferred with several awards during his long Bollywood career. One of the biggest achievements of his career was receiving the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.

Rishi Kapoor tied the knot with actress Neetu Singh in 1980 by throwing a grand wedding at the prestigious Bombay Presidency Golf Club in Chembur on January 22. The couple, have two children Riddhima Kapoor and Ranbir Kapoor. This duo was a celebrated Bollywood couple considering that the love and passion of Rishi and Neetu was as good on screen as was off it.

They both worked together in around 15 films, including Kabhi Kabhie,

Amar Akbar Anthony, Doosra Aadmi, and many other projects. The veteran actor and Neetu Singh's love story dates back to 1974 when they were cast opposite each other for the first time in Puttanna Kanagal's Zehreela Insaan. Rishi and Neetu did not have a fairy tale marriage and worked hard at it, He agreed once in an interview that he used to be Male Chauvinist and was rather over fond of his drinks. Rishi and his son Ranbir also share a turbulent but loving relationship. The bond between them only improved after the veteran fell sick and was diagnosed with cancer. Sources reveal that Rishi called Ranbir to his bedside on Wednesday night during his last conscious moments.

