



**Prof. Charles Southwick and Prof. Yahya in Rocky Mountain National Park,
U. S. A. (2003)**

**SAD DEMISE OF PROF. CHARLES SOUTHWICK – A WORLD
RENOWNED PRIMATOLOGIST AND TEACHER IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF ZOOLOGY, A. M. U. ALIGARH**

An Obituary

The sad demise of Prof. Charles Southwick in last week of July 2015 is indeed a great loss to the family, friends and to the entire fraternity of nature, more particularly mammal's conservationist throughout the world. I knew Prof. Southwick for over three decades and although he was very senior to me, we maintained a very cordial friendship all through. He was a super human, always ready to help others with best of his advices and hospitality. When he evaluated the thesis of my student Iqbal Imam on Ecology and Behavior of Rhesus Monkey he was very appreciative of our efforts.

His hospitality can be gauged by the fact that during 2003 when I was residing in New Jersey he kindly invited me to his Department in Colorado University at Boulder to deliver a lecture, arranged my accommodation, took me to Rocky Mountain National Park. Not only these, next day he invited me to his home and to make it

more harmonious occasion he also invited an Indian couple friendly to him to the dinner. He always remembered his days when he had taught for about four years in the Department of Zoology as a Fulbright Fellow. His pioneering research on Rhesus monkey of the area became a landmark for primate research in India and motivated many to undertake studies on primates.

I always looked forward for his advices and most recently I had requested him to write a Foreword for my forthcoming book but due to his knee operation and other ailments he could not do so. I knew that he was not keeping active for quite some time but never thought that the end will come so soon and sudden. His death is a great personal loss to entire Zoology fraternity. He and his wife always remembered their stay in Aligarh with great delight. I attach one of the photographs with Prof. S Charles Southwick, which he also liked, as a token of memory.

Death is inevitable. We all have to leave this world sooner or later but losing a personality like Prof. Southwick is the loss to entire humanity. I heartily pray to God to provide him the best place in the paradise and long lasting consolation to the grieved family : his wife Madam Heather and son Kren Southwick.

With profound grief

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