

Memories –

Roses to Smell Forever



Interview by Debbie Watson

General Manager and Vice President Sunit Rikhi explores “what’s next” after retiring from his 31-year career at Intel.

Looking back to 1984, Sunit Rikhi started as a senior engineer in the Corporate CAD group in Santa Clara. He went on to Intel Mask operations before moving to PTD in 1994 and bringing his family to Oregon. He was made an Intel Vice President in 2006 and, in 2008, Sunit started the Intel Custom Foundry from scratch to provide leading edge custom silicon manufacturing services to fables design companies. At the time he retired from Intel in May of 2015, the business was on a path to ramping volume to over a billion dollars of revenue run rate.



Sunit holding the newest addition to the family, Ruchi's daughter Jaya who was born earlier this year. She is Sunit's first and only grandchild!



The whole family, including the 4-legged members. From left to right: Anay Shah (son-in-law); Sunit Rikhi; Ruchi Rikhi (daughter holding Chotu); Sunita Rikhi (Sunit's wife); Rishi Rikhi (son holding Ruchi's dog Tobias).

Sunit lives with his wife Sunita and his Norfolk terrier Chotu in the Portland metropolitan area. His daughter Ruchi is a mother herself (baby Jaya) and lives in London, England with her husband Anay Shah and her dog Tobias. His son Rishi is a medical student in Florida.

Sunit didn't want his next step to be a planned transition to a new career; he wanted the experience to be the first step in exploring life beyond his first career. He's captured some of his thoughts and his management philosophy in a blog and management development website at <http://www.reachforinfinity.com/2015/07/beyond-first-career/>.