

The Late Mrs Sitadevi Vythialingam

1928-2013



The Late Mrs Sitadevi Vythialingam, was born on 12 July 1928 as the eldest daughter of Mr T N Appadurai and Saraswathipillai.

Although she was born in Jaffna, she spent her early childhood in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where her father was working. Sita returned to Sri Lanka when her father retired from his post Chief Postmaster of Kuala Lumpur, and moved the family to Sri Lanka.

Sita continued her education at Ramanathan College in Maruthanamadam, where she completed her London Matriculation. She was extremely proud of being a student of Ramanathan College and maintained her connection with the school even after coming to Sydney through the Old Girls Association. She would never miss an event associated with her school and she continued to maintain her friendship with many of her class mates. One of her oldest friends, Mrs Shanmugalingam, who has been her classmate since Year 6, has been her closest support. Their last meeting was only two days before Sita passed away.

Sita lost her father at the age of 13, and together with her brother, Maheswaran, took charge of the care of their mother and two younger brothers, Sarvananthan and Mahadevan. Since then, she has remained devoted to her mother and to her three brothers.

Sita was married to The Late Justice Vythialingam, in 1950. At the time of their marriage, Mr Vythialingam was a Magistrate, and rose to the position of Judge of the Supreme Court in 1975. They were blessed with three children, eldest being Dr Sathiaseelan, who married Padmini, and currently resides in Chicago, USA. Their second son, Satkunaseelan, married to Shanthi, lives in Ottawa, Canada, and their youngest, daughter Sathialuxmy, lives in Sydney with her husband, Karunakaran.

Her pride and joy were her six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her oldest grandson, Gopi, resides in Singapore with his wife, Nirosha, and two daughters, Amaya and Aisha. Sudharshan, her grandson from her eldest son, lives in the UK, whilst his brother, Janakan, lives in Chicago with their parents. Another grandson, Haran, lives in the UK with his wife, Dimuthu. Sita's oldest granddaughter is Tharmini, who lives with her parents in Sydney whilst her youngest granddaughter, Shivani, lives in Ottawa with her parents.

Sita was the strength, encouragement and support behind all the achievements of her husband, children and grandchildren. Sita was the epitome of a carer and her entire life was dedicated to caring for someone. She started taking care of her own brothers, cousins and extended family. Then came her own family, her husband and her children, followed by her grandchildren, who were her pride and joy. Everyone, who came in contact with her, has been touched by her generosity of her heart and her easy disposition of a bright and cheerful person with a ready smile.

The Tamil Senior Citizens' Association and The Benevolent Society deeply grieve the death of Mrs Sitadevi Vythialingam and pray that her soul rests in peace.