

## The Late Mr Sangarapillay Visvanatha Mudaliyar



**1921 - 2014**

The late Mr. Sangarapillay Visvanatha Mudaliyar was born in Jaffna on 19 Feb 1921 as the second of three sons to his parents, late A. Sangarapillai and late Nannippillai. Both his siblings, Arumugam and Kathirithamby pre-deceased him.

Mr Mudaliyar had his entire schooling in Ananda College, Colombo. From his early days, he had a mechanical inclination and such a natural aptitude led him to join the Ceylon Government Railways (CGR). He underwent an arduous training course, the rigors of which he often talked of, in his younger days. He was a very diligent and conscientious worker which traits helped him gain quick promotions. He served in several locations - Bandarawela, Mannar, Kankesanthurai and finally at Maradana. He retired as Assistant Transportation Superintendent.

He had a passion for languages and after retirement, studied Hindi at the Indian High Commission in Colombo. He could speak other languages, including Sinhalese and Malay.

He married Rajarajeswary, the second daughter S. Swaminathan and Poothaththaipillai of Myliddy on 04 Feb 1949. The couple was blessed with three daughters - Bhaskari, Baghirathi and Bavanie. They took up studies in law, medicine and accounting and qualified as professionals with distinction. Bhaskari married Sivagnanasundaram and Dr. Baghirathi married Thangavel, both engineers. Sivagnanasundaram and Bhaskari migrated to Australia with their children and they were followed by other members of the family. Mr and Mrs Mudaliyar migrated to Australia in 1997. They continued their social life in Sydney and enjoyed family and friendly gatherings.

Mr and Mrs Mudaliyar led a happy and contented retired life in Australia and celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary and beyond. After his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, Mr Mudaliyar underwent a hip operation but succumbed to some complications that followed. He died on 27 Mar 2014 leaving behind his wife, three daughters, two sons-in-law and two grandsons, Mayooran and Matheepan.

The Tamil Senior Citizens' Association and the Benevolent Society deeply grieve his death and pray that his soul Rests in Peace.