

THIRAVIARATNAM (BALA) NAVARATNAM

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1929 - 2010

Mr Thiraviaratnam Navaratnam, better known to all as Bala, was the eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs S.T. Navaratnam of Araly North. He was the only brother of B.S (Chindha) Navaratnam.

Mr Navaratnam was educated at St John's College, Jaffna and also at Jaffna College. He then studied Mechanical Engineering at the Technical College Colombo.

He married **Chandraleela** (nee Buell) in June 1959. They were blessed with a daughter Priyadarshini and a son Rohan.

He worked at Ceylon Government Railways till 1972 and then at the Agriculture Department till 1977. He then left for Zambia where he was employed by Zambia Railways in Kabwe till 1979. He subsequently joined the University of Zambia, Lusaka Campus where he worked as a Mechanical Engineer till he retired in 1995.

Bala and Chandra have lived in Sydney, Australia since 1995. In his retirement Bala had dedicated his life to church activities, and volunteer work which has included service to "Meals-on- Wheels" for 15 years and part-time service to the Learning Recording Institute at Castle Hill.

His other interests included reading, gardening and visiting railway museums.

Mr Navaratnam leaves behind his wife Chandra, daughter Priyadarshini, son Rohan, son-in-law Umesh Rajakariar, daughter-in-law Charmina (nee Abeynayake) and grandchildren Tamara, Samantha, Jessica, Andrea, Michaela, Gerard, Katrina, Larissa, Natalya, Aaron and Kaitlin.

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