

The Late Mr Kanapathipillai Kandiah 1929 - 2013



The Late Mr Kanapathipillai Kandiah was born in Puloly South (Puttalai), Point Pedro on 2nd July 1929. He is the son of The Late Vinayakar and Valipillai. He is the brother of late Vinasithamby & The Late Veerakathipillai.

He studied at Puttalai Maha Vidyalayam and Nellyadi Central College and then worked as Medical Laboratory Technologist in various Government Hospitals and finally as a Senior Medical Laboratory Technologist in the Batticaloa Base Hospital until his retirement in 1989. He was fluent in all three languages - English, Tamil and Sinhala. He was married to Sathiyabamah from Puloly West, Point Pedro in 1957. He migrated to Australia with his wife in 1991 and spent all these years with his children and their families, which was his favourite passion.

He leaves behind his wife, five children - Arulventhan, Arulthevan, Arulnangai, Arulananthu & Punithini; Sons-in-laws Ramakrishnan, Sritharan & Mayutharan; Daughters-in-laws Revathy & Ranjini; Brothers-in-laws Kathiravelupillai, Nadarajah; Sisters-in-laws Ruckmini, Savithiri & The Late Visalachi and twelve grandchildren Thushanthu, Jason, Deepa, Annitha, Myuran, Kiieren, Delaney, Gajan, Jody, Aaron, Tulassi & Thanish.

He enjoyed being with the grand children reading them story books, taking them to park, preschool, school holiday programs and primary school. Mr Kandiah was a straightforward & polite man, who demanded little from those around him. He was a friendly and warm person helping all his family and friends.

After a brief period of illness, Mr Kandiah passed away peacefully on 5th November 2013 at Westmead Hospital at the age of 84. He will be missed by his family and friends whom he helped and inspired.

His lifetime of dedication and self-sacrifice serve as a monument to the exemplary man he was. The Tamil Senior Citizen's Association and Benevolent Society deeply grieve his death and pray that his soul rests in peace.