

Mrs. Poomany Mahendran 1941-2013



The Late Mrs. Poomany Mahendran was born to Sellamma and Thambiah Ramanathar on 17 January 1941, in Chulipuram.

Mrs. Mahendran had her primary education at American Mission School in Chulipuram. On her successful completion of the scholarship entrance examination she continued her secondary education at the boarding school Stanley College in Jaffna. Apart from her school education she actively took part in many extracurricular activities.

She married The Late Mr. Vettivel Mahendran and had five children; Mr. Sakkthivel (Sydney), Mr. Vettivel (France), Mr. Shenthilvel (U.K), Mr. Jeyavel (France) and Mrs. Vani Jeyaseelan (Sydney).

After her husband passed away in 1983 in Malaysia, she raised her children herself. She invested heavily on education sending her children to popular schools in Jaffna; Mahajana College, Jaffna Hindu College, Vambadi Girls College, Jaffna College Vaddukodai and Victoria College Chulipuram.

She ran an English tuition centre at her home and educated many kids who were from the lower socio-economic backgrounds. All of her students are now doing well throughout the world.

Mrs. Mahendran moved to Sydney from Jaffna in 1996 to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Even after she left Jaffna, Mrs. Mahendran continued to help the schools that educated her. She donated funds to buy a playground for American Mission School.

Her children have planned to set up a Trust in her memory to provide scholarships to students who hail from lower socio-economic backgrounds studying at the American Mission Primary School Chulipuram and the Victoria College at Chulipuram and at Stanley College Jaffna.

Mrs. Mahendran joined the Tamil Senior Citizen's Association and the Benevolent Society soon after her arrival in Sydney.

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

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