

# The Late Dr. Vaitialingam Rasanayagam

1919 - 2013



Vaitialingam Rasanayagam was born on 19 January 1919 in Alaveddy Jaffna, the eldest son of Murugesu Vaitialingam (Retired Chief Shroff Colombo Electric Tramways) of Alaveddy and Meenadchiamma of Kandarodai. His younger brothers are Nadarajah (Sydney) and Thevarajah (Germany). He received his entire Primary and Secondary education at St. Joseph's College, Colombo. Having passed the London Matriculation Examination of June 1936 he entered the Ceylon University College in 1937 and passed the Pre Medical Examination in June 1938 obtaining First Class, was placed First in Order of Merit and was awarded the University Pre Medical Medal. In September 1943 he passed the MBBS Examination obtaining First Class, was placed First in Order of Merit and was awarded Distinctions in Medicine, Surgery, Midwifery, Sir Andrew Caldecott Gold medal, The Rockwood Gold Medal for Surgery, Manekbai Dadabhoy Gold Medal for Midwifery and Naomi Thiagarajah Memorial Prize for Midwifery. He served the next 2 ½ years as House Officer at the General Hospital Colombo, De Soysa Lying in Home and The Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital. He married Jeyalakshmy the eldest daughter of Nagalingam Sivaguru (Ceylon Customs) of Tellipalai and Valliammal of Vannarponnai on 20 August 1945. They have 3 children 2 daughters Malathy and Myurathy and son Shivaraj.

On 01 April 1946 he was appointed District Medical Assistant Karawanella Hospital, off Avissawella in the Ruwanwella Electorate. Having served there for 18 months, he was appointed on 01 October 1947 Demonstrator in Anatomy Faculty of Medicine, Colombo. He passed the Primary FRCS examination held in Colombo in December 1948. The Department of Health granted him a 3 ½ year UK Scholarship to specialise in Ear Nose and Throat diseases. For this purpose he left for the UK in December 1949. He passed the DLO (Lond.) Diploma in Laryngology and Otology in June 1950 and passed the FRCS (Eng) Examination in November 1950 specialising in Ear Nose & Throat diseases. After completing his training he returned to Ceylon in January 1951 and was appointed ENT Surgeon Kurunagala Hospital where he served 4 ½ years. On 01 July 1955 he was appointed ENT Surgeon General Hospital Colombo which post he held until he retired in 1972. After retirement he went into Private Practice.

In December 1983 he migrated to Australia with his wife to join their children.

After a brief illness he passed away on 27 December 2013. He leaves behind his wife Jeyam, their 2 daughters Malathy and Myurathy, son Shivaraj, sons-in-law Dr.S.Nirmalananda ENT Surgeon, Dr. K. Nadanachandran Neuro Surgeon and Daughter In Law Shamani, grandchildren Dr Arjuna Nirmalananda, Anandhi, Logan, Shankari, Dr Narendran Nadanachandran, Shivani, and 12 great grandchildren.

The Tamil Senior Citizens' Association and the Benevolent Society deeply grieve the death of Dr. Vaitialingam Rasanayagam and pray that his soul Rests In Peace