

Late Mr. Muttiah Maharatnam



8 June 1924 – 7 June 2014

Mr. Maharatnam was born in 1924 on the 8th of June.

His parents were late Mr. Vythilingam Muttiah and Mrs. Mrs. Meenachipillai Muttiah. Their native place Kantharmadam within the city of Jaffna was walking distance to the famous Nallur Murugan Temple. There were seven children in the family of Mr and Mrs. Muttiah consisting of three girls and four boys. Maharatnam was the third child but the eldest male child in that family.

Maharatnam had his early education at The Jaffna Hindu College when Mr. A. Cumarasamy was the principal of that leading college. From there he finished his matriculation examination and joined the Ceylon Government Technical College at Maradana in Colombo.

After finishing the courses at the Technical College he joined the Ceylon Electricity Department as a Technical assistant in the year 1952. While being in the service as a Technical Assistant he followed the British AMIE course and completed the examination after some years. Later he was posted as an Electrical Engineer in an executive capacity. He served in many parts of the country. He had the opportunity to work at the Luxapana Hydro- electricity scheme at the Norton Bridge and later worked at Anuradhapura, Jaffna, and Chunnakam.

During the later part of 1980s he was appointed as Competent Authority of the Ceylon Electricity Board by the President of Sri Lanka. This appointment was given to him to investigate and collect all the dues from the various local administrative bodies which he held till his retirement. After his retirement he left to Australia and joined his daughter and son in law. He has a son living in England.