



TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR. ANTON SANTHIAPILLAI

I got to know Late Mr. Anton Santhiapillai through his priest brother Late Fr. Kingsley Santhiapillai. When we left Sri Lanka, he told us that his brother is also in Melbourne. In 1992 when we started the association under the patronage of Late Dr E Patrick an eminent Longstanding Medical Practitioner in Carnegie, Mr Anton Santhiapillai was one of our members when Dr Anton Mariampillai was the first President of the association from 1992-1994. In 1994 Mr Anton Santhiapillai was elected as President from 1994-1996.

He was a tower of strength to the association. He helped the association in many ways. Mr Anton Santhiapillai attended nearly all the functions till he fell ill.

This information I gathered from one of his friends in Canada. He excelled in studies when he was at St Patrick's College and joined Government service in 1951 at an early age and was attached to Auditor general Department. While in Service Mr Santhiapillai, attended classes at The Ceylon Technical College and followed a course in accountancy.

He sat for London Cost & works accountancy examination and succeeded in passing parts 1, 2 and 3 and was then offered a post as accountant at Ceylon Cement Corporation head office in Colombo.

Later Mr Santhiapillai secured a job in Zambia as accountant. He worked there for many years and decided to move to Australia and worked in Sydney and Melbourne. Finally he settled down in Melbourne after his retirement. After a short illness, he passed away on 13th August 2014.

He leaves behind his wife Inparani and two daughters Anusha and Tanuja and son-in-law Campbell Wenlock. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his extended family including Fr Florentine Rajaratnam who celebrated the St Patrick's Day mass for the Melbourne OBA in 2009.

"May his soul rest in peace "

Miss Patricia Patrick

(Past Secretary St Patrick's College Jaffna Melbourne OBA and Teacher at the College)

