



Kulanayagam Saverimuttu

18.7.1934 – 15.7.2019

Kulanayagam Saverimuttu (Sam), past Committee Member of the Melbourne OBA, St Patrick's College Jaffna, passed away peacefully on 15 July 2019 at the age of 84.

Kulanayagam was born in Vasavilan, Sri Lanka on 18 July 1934 and was educated at St Patricks College, Jaffna. He was a London qualified Radiographer and worked in many Sri Lankan hospitals from the 1950's to the late 1970's. In 1979, he migrated to Kuwait with his family and worked there as a Radiographer until 1989. He brought his family to Australia in 1990 and continued to work as a Radiographer in a number of hospitals in Melbourne and Brisbane. His wife Margaret died in 1991 and after her death, he dedicated his entire life to furthering his education and improving his knowledge that he shared with everyone he came across. He taught those who were under-privileged and believed that everyone deserved an education, no matter where they came from. He spent a lot of his time teaching and provided free tuition classes to refugee children in Melbourne.

Kulanayagam was an active and supportive member of the OBA and served on the Committee. He enjoyed conversing with people from all walks of life on just about any topic from politics to economics to science. He used to love writing letters to various politicians around the world. He really wanted to make a difference in this world, and quietly wrote many letters with suggestions on how to improve various community issues. He was also a talented singer. He used to love singing Tamil and Hindi songs and had a great voice.

Kulanayagam Saverimuttu passed away on July 15, 2019 and his interment took place on 27 July at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery following a Requiem Mass at St. Paul Apostle Catholic Church, Endeavour Hills. "His passing was a shock to us all as he was in a reasonably good health," lamented his son Tyrone. "We will miss Kulanayagam, his encouraging words and his dedication to his ongoing learning."

Contributed by Maureen Benedict, Kulanayagam's eldest daughter.