

## The Late Mrs. Sornammah Sivasubramaniam (Miss Kumarasamy, a dedicated Math Teacher)

It is with profound sense of respect, I write this humble tribute to Mrs. Sornammah Sivasubramaniam, who was a talented Math Teacher at Velanai Central College.

She was born in Saravanai and completed her primary education at Saravanai Nageswary Vidyasalai and continued her intermediate education at Velanai Central College and then graduated as a trained teacher from the Palaly Teachers Training College. She joined as a Math teacher at our school in the mid-seventies and served up to mid-eighties.

Three decades had elapsed since she passed away. She did not want to leave us; we did not want to lose her either. I would rather state she was taken, fighting gracefully ... if there is such a phrase.

She was not only an efficient Math teacher who taught for about 8 years in our school but also a dedicated teacher who taught her students even in the weekends for free of charge. She helped innumerable students along their way, from one stepping stone to the next and insisting gently but so firmly on perfecting each step before going on to the test or a major examination. She was a perfectionist as a teacher and a guru who cared for each and every one of us and helped us to climb the ladder for success, without holding any thing back.

Even though she had no children of her own she worked tirelessly for the benefit of so many of her students. I can proudly state that I am one of those students fortunate to be under her guidance and benefitted by her brilliant teaching. While I fervently believe that Kumarasamy teacher was denied the opportunity to finish her life's work, I am gratified by the acts of so many committed to sharing, honoring and preserving her memory, I shall do my own part in this endeavour.

Kumarasamy teacher's demise was an irreparable loss to all the extended family members of VCC. However, her memory shines bright in our hearts and minds.

May the Merciful God bless her soul and grant her eternal rest in peace!!!

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