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And it was a terribly serious sickness, because

Tribute to Ivan Anandanayagam Pedropillai

A Humble Philanthropist helping the Poor was his guiding Principle

Ivan Anandanayagam Pedropillai a devout Catholic and a great philanthropist passed away peacefully after a brief illness on 28th March 2020 in London. Born on 2nd October 1937 in Jaffna to Catholic parents Father Pedropillai and Mother Emily as eldest son with four sisters of whom two of them pre-diseased him.

When his beloved late sister Dr. Indra Swampillai was working at De Soyza Maternity ward General Hospital Colombo she was of great assistance took personnel interest when our three children were born at De Soyza Maternity Hospital Colombo. Uncle Pedroillai was a close relative of my father T.B. Soosaipillai, Karamon. "LITTLE VATICAN". Ivan joined St Patrick's College for his studies in the primary section and thereafter joined St Joseph College Colombo for secondary education from there entered University to pursue higher studies. In the University he found his beloved partner Indra and married and they were blessed with son Ajith and daughter Corinne. Ivan and Indra were an inseparable, affectionate couple lived as guardian and companion to each other, respected and admired by relatives and friends God of Mercy found Ivan's inability to live separated from his beloved wife summoned him within three months to join Indra in the land inherited in heaven by their virtue and chastity.

Ivan lived an exemplary life with admirable noble qualities as a devoted husband an affectionate father, loving grandfather and supportive father-in-law. He carried out all his responsibilities with much love and commitment. He brought up his children to revere God and instilled noble qualities in them. Ivan had a golden generous heart helping the poor was his guiding principle.

He was a faithful friend in times of need, especially for those in monetary difficulties. Many were privileged to have moved with him closely and have enjoyed his love and wisdom. Ivan helped many Sri Lankans who migrated to London due to ethnic violence in 1983, and also financially helped many displaced orphans in Sri Lanka. He was very popular and respected person among the elite and the poor. He was a virtuous Catholic with a

deep devotion to Blessed Mother Mary. With dynamic bravery he would spell out his conviction without fear of the Government even to the Religious Hierarchy for any injustice committed against innocent victims while his politics and policies appreciated.

Ivan having obtained many Academic Professional qualifications, held several Executive lucrative positions in Sri Lanka and abroad, achieved International awards and rose to the pinnacle of repute.

Like scripture says "as gentle as a dove and as wise as a serpent." While patient and calm he was firm in executing his decisions and dealings with authority.

In his retirement he was an author and editor of the Tamil Writers Guild and an advocate for Sri Lankan Tamils who were in distress living in London. A genuine crusader of the Tamils and dedicated his life to all those who sought his help and counsel.

Ivan having fulfilled his obligation towards his family and relatives cherished his fruitful life and has entered into eternal glory. Ivan's legacy will live on through generations for all the great works he did for the Tamil community.

May the Lord of mercy and love receive him into Heavenly Kingdom and grant him Eternal Bliss enjoying with the Angeles singing and praising God Almighty.

"From the greatest to the smallest, we all return to our Creator. When HIS purpose is fulfilled we shall be called back to HIS fold."

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

"The wise man delights in the truth,
And follows the law of the awakened,
When he sees the good he has done,
For great is the harvest in this world,
And greater still in the next."

S.B. David

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father