

## Albert Arasaratnam Nicholas



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Albert Arasaratnam Nicholas passed away peacefully on 13 April 2015.

Daddy, Your Departure, Heavenly Arranged. You will be lovingly missed but we will converse again. Your life bears testimony to a man who has fulfilled his mission of greatness.

It was your loving Papa, your hero, Bastianpillai Paul Nicholas, who on 31 December 1936 founded the Bank of Malaya. The only ethnic Tamil ever to acquire a banking license in Malaya. A pioneering Global Banker who passionately loved Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur.

Dad your legacy is outstanding. For 33 years as Director/Manager you successfully ran the first branch of The Oriental Bank of Malaya Ltd in Klang. For 29 years you dedicated your life to your cherished society, St. Vincent de Paul. Your bank customers purchased hamper tickets to assist disbursements at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Klang.

Dad, kudos and thank you for our late devoted Mummy, Jeyamani Theresa Nicholas. Her nurturing was par excellence. We are deeply grateful.

Your desire was to see your grandchildren impacting society. The name Nicholas paraphrased the message that one can override the mundaneness of mediocrity. When your grandchildren graduated from noted institutions, including Cambridge University, this sealed your abiding vision.

Oh dear Daddy, the nostalgia of our Klang morning walks will always linger on. What a delightful soundscape to hear the dawn chorus of the zebra doves (Burung Merbok) whistling their melodious tones. The memory is sealed with the dark silhouette of the 'birds of paradise' (Burung Cenderawasih) waving farewell. Bye for now, Dad.

Please google "The Story of the Oriental Bank of Malaya" which you will find an absorbing read.

Meditation: "I thought I was too old to be going anywhere. And then Our Lord, Christ Jesus reminded me, 'You can go round the world in prayer.'"

Dearly missed and forever remembered by beloved: Rosalind, Joseph, Anton, Justin, Geraldine, Shanthi Emmanuel, Sylvester and Fintan, Sons-in-law, Daughters-in-Law, 12 Grandchildren and 2 Great-Grandchildren.