

**Thilagavathy A/P Seenivasagam**  
**(Demised – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010)**



Thilagavathy, or fondly known as Thilaga with the family, and Thila to her friends, was born on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1962. *(Another few hours, and she'd been a whole year younger!)*

She was the second child of Mr. & Mrs. Seenivasagam, and sister to Kalai (her elder brother) and two younger siblings, Kala and Ravi. Growing up in Seremban, she had her primary and secondary schooling at the Seremban Convent Holy Infant Jesus (1969 – 1979), followed by her Form 6 education in Saint Paul's Institution, Seremban. She then pursued her degree in law at University Malaya (1982 – 1986).

A jovial, energetic individual who had a zest for life, Thilaga was not only committed to her studies, but was equally, if not more, active in sports and extra-curricular activities. She was the athletics captain for 3<sup>rd</sup> college in UM from 1984 – 1986, she represented UM at the triennial Inter-Varsity games in Hong Kong in 1984 and in 1985, she added another feather in her cap as the University Malaya's athletics captain.

Convocation in August 1986 was a memorable and proud day for her parents – both Thilaga and Kalai graduated from University Malaya.

Following this, Thilaga chambered under Mr. Seeralan of Messrs. Mahadevi Ganeshmurugan in Seremban for two months. Always one not to be complacent, she subsequently moved to KL to experience life in the demanding KL environment.

On 9<sup>th</sup> May 1987, Thilaga was called to the Malaysian Bar – another momentous achievement.

She commenced her practice at Messrs. Philip Choong and she went on to practice with Messrs. Abdul Rahman Saad, Messrs. KH Koh Azhar & Koh and Sham Sunder & Partners among others.

In 2007, she took a big step to set up her own practice before eventually joining a long-time friend in PL Tan & Mah.

In the course of her work - which she was absolutely passionate about - she conducted trials, arbitration hearings, did conveyancing matters, handled a myriad of full trials and appeals –of all this, handling matters in the Appeal Court and Supreme (Federal) Court had always held exciting and thrilling moments for her.

With her petite frame and innocent look, she used to deliver powerful, convincing arguments with such gusto that she was widely admired by many in the legal fraternity.

As a lawyer, she was well-respected and very dedicated to her profession. She didn't suffer fools easily, and was always fighting for a good cause – in short, she always gave a 100% account of herself in all her activities.

As a person – a friend, a sibling, she was the go-to person, always there when you needed a friend, always the nucleus that brought people together. For every important event and function eg. anniversaries, birthdays etc, she would be there to remind the rest. She was the lady who went about organising get-togethers', despite her own busy schedule.

She drew even the most reserved people out of their comfort zone, and paid equal attention to everyone. She kept the family together.

Her zest for life was infectious, and there never was a dull moment with her around.

In July 2007 – the world around all of us came crashing down. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and underwent immediate surgery and subsequently had a few cycles of chemotherapy – throughout 2008. When that failed, she decided to turn to traditional healing, and that gave her a full year (2009) of good health and energy, and she seemed even better than before - positive attitude, radiant and full of energy.

In early 2010, things went terribly wrong and the cancer resurfaced. Despite the constant pain and grim situation, she was still full of life and still putting needs of others ahead of her own. Her benevolence never diminished, in fact only become more evident, and she continued to radiate and touch the lives of those around her.

She was constantly acquiring new talents such as flower arrangements - come any occasion, or just to make someone's day, she would visit her favourite florist in Bangsar, pick up a mix of flowers, get back home, then diligently and carefully, put together some of the most amazing arrangements, complete with the ribbons and coloured papers - and she would have such a lovely heart-warming smile when delivering the finished bouquet.

Another passion of hers was cooking (her cheese cake was simply to die for!) – she indulged her friends and nieces with pizzas, unique jelly creations, carrot cakes, fruit cakes and just about anything new cuisines that she watched on AFC (yes, her favorite food channel).

The fact is, our sister was living her life to the fullest – and she taught us many valuable lessons in life.

Despite her losing battle for the past 3 ½ years, she rarely, if ever, complained, or wallowed in self-pity and was still very focused and concerned about everyone else.

She was a witty, warm, caring, loving soul who has touched the lives of all those around her.

We know our tears cannot bring you back, but we know you are in a better place, waiting for us to join you, and we can continue from where we left off in this lifetime....

We will always love you - we miss you dearly.

**Kalavathy A/P Seenivasagam**