

## **Late Dr. (Mrs) Meera Villavarayar,**

I came to know Dr Meera Villavarayar twenty years ago when I was serving as the Director of Aesthetic Education Dept of National Institute of Education

I would like to remind the past. She dedicated herself in the preparation of teacher's guides which helped in teaching Carnatic music successfully in the schools island wide. Also she made a great effort in organizing training programs for the teachers with the intension of improving the quality of Aesthetic Education in all schools, Sri Lanka

I noticed that she rendered her service honestly and accurately. She always expected others too to follow her in rendering their services.

It is my belief that she thought of extending her service to popularize Carnatic music not only in Sri Lanka but also among Tamil children who lived in other countries. A number of books were written in relation to the subject by her, sharing her knowledge. These books are now being used by students interested in learning Carnatic music in Sri Lanka as well as other countries such as Great Britain, USA, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Australia and India.

She also rendered her service to the Dept of Examination as an evaluation officer. She conducted many educational programs via electronic media such as television and Radio for the benefit of both teachers and students.

Her service was not confined to the field of education only. She was a grade 1 singer in the Radio Ceylon and conducted many Educational Programmes in television. She obtained her first Degree in Classical music in India. Later she got her Phd in India. After gaining the Doctorate she thought of sacrificing her service for the improvement of the music sector in Sri Lanka. But unfortunately her destiny didn't allow her to do so.

She only just passed the 52<sup>nd</sup> mile post of her life. We never imagined her deserting us uncertainty of life once again reminds us the departing of loved ones that creates sorrow.

She won the hearts and mind of everyone with her beauty and kindness which helped her much in moving with others in a friendly manner.

Her Daughter Ms. Vanthy and husband Mr. Gowreesan treated her well and paid their utmost attention in caring her in the last days of her life. We highly appreciate their love and affection towards her.

She loved her daughter very much, gave her a good education and gave her in marriage to a good mannered husband. She performed her duties towards daughter as an exemplary mother.

We wish her to be with us again and continue her mission towards the education of music.

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