

Claude Fernandes 1928 – 2015



Nicolau Claudio Santimano – known as Claude

It is with sadness we announce the passing away in London on 11 Sept. 2015 of Claude.

Born on 6th December 1928 in Nairobi, educated in India, Claude went back to Nairobi as a young man. He was very much involved with the Goan Institute in Nairobi, where he was treasurer for a while. He had a beautiful voice and sang contemporary songs of the time as well as Goan songs in Konkani.

He started his family in Nairobi and settled in London in 1970's, sacrificing the comfortable standard of living of Nairobi for the hard life in London. He made lots of friends at his place of work, Slade School of Art (University College, London); being artistic by nature, this was a place he loved. He had a beautiful handwriting for which he was chosen to write the Debenture Register of the Goan Association (UK).

In retirement he lived between Goa and London still being involved with the Goan community. Wherever he was in his life, he was renowned for his principles, integrity and determination for the truth.

For those wishing to pay their last respects, the Chapel of Rest is at:

Harrisons Funeral Directors, 736 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, London N21 3RE (tel: 020 8819 3464) on Monday 28th September (9.00 am to 5.00 pm) and Tuesday 29th September (9.00am to 11.30 am).

The Funeral Mass will be held at:

St Monica's Catholic Church, 1 Stonard Road, Palmers Green, London N13 4DJ on 29th September 2015 at 1.00 pm. Non-Christians are welcome.

Burial at:

Strayfield Road Cemetery, which is accessible through Lavender Hill Cemetery, Cedar Road, Enfield EN2 0TH at 2.30 pm.

Wake at: details to be confirmed

Please let us know if you are able to attend and stay for refreshment after the burial on piosantimano@gmail.com or s_santimano@hotmail.com

Instead of floral tributes, please make donations to Dementia UK which can be done with a sealed envelope at the church or web page <http://claudio-santimano.muchloved.com/>

May his soul rest in peace.