

MRS MARY HAYMAN

Mrs Mary Hayman, wife of the late Dr R.L. Hayman passed away in a private nursing home in her home county of Worcestershire on Saturday the 17th November. The funeral has been arranged for Tuesday the 27th November at 10.30 hours G.M.T.

Guru Old Boys of the years 1948 to 1963 will remember her with affection and gratitude as a Sick room Matron par excellence. She also spent her time seeing that the campus of 35 acres was kept spick and span and maintained the highest standards of conservation.

She was soft spoken and kind but brooked no nonsense from *mala fide* miscreants. She was a source of great strength and support to Dr . Hayman as Head master and as the head of the community that was Gurutalawa.

She enjoyed keeping in touch with the school and the old boys after her retirement and made five memorable visits back to Sri Lanka and the School, the last two of which was after Dr Hayman's death in 1983 ; the first being to open the Canon R.S.De Saram memorial Library in 1987 at Gurutalawa and finally as Chief Guest at the 50th Anniversary dinner in 1992.

She spent her retirement as was Characteristic of her in visiting and ministering to the needy elders at Bournemouth. She was also persuaded to be the President of the Joint UK O.B.A. Branch till her health precluded her from making the Journey as required to London for the meetings.

The College at Guru will remember her at a special service on the 27th itself and there will also be a special Memorial and Thanksgiving service for her life, at S.T.C Mount Lavinia in the Chapel of the Transfiguration, as will be noticed .

Mrs Hayman started her stint in Ceylon as it was then known as a nurse in the Military Hospital at the College premises in Mount which was requisitioned for the Purpose (Thus Gurutalawa) and returned to serve the Main School as sickroom Matron in the years 1946/1947, when Dr Hayman was recalled By Warden De Saram after the War was over to assist in the Rehabilitation of the College.

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