

M. PRABHAKARAN

The eldest son of M. Kunjukutty Amma and Govinda Panikker, was born on 12th August, 1932. Passed his S.S.L.C. from A.V. High School, Ponnani in the year 1948. Started his service career with Directorate of Marine Engineering and Training at Calcutta in 1952 and later joined their Bombay office as Superintendent in 1977. After serving for 31 years, he left the concern and joined Ministry of Surface Transport as Personal Secretary to the Chairman, National Shipping Board and retired on 31st August, 1990.

During 1950 and 1960 he used to translate Bengali novels to Malayalam and publish them in Mathrubhumi weekly. Along with that he used to send regular reports on the cultural and social activities of Malayalees in Calcutta to Mathrubhumi. Perhaps the most important phase of his literary career spans 3 decades when he used to write reviews on Bengali films. He has in fact introduced Bengali cinema to the Malayalees. The reviews of films by Minal Sen, Tapan Sinha, Sathyajit Ray and Ritwik Ghatak were his important contribution.

He was actively involved in the Malayalee associations in Calcutta. He was the Jt. Secretary of Calcutta Malayalee Samajam in the 50s and later on President of Calcutta Sahitya Academy.



He married Sundari, daughter of P.M.G. Nair and Janaki Amma on 6th September 1962 and is settled in Hyderabad. They have two daughters, Chitra and Deepa, both of them married.

BRIEF PROFILES OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF M. PRABHAKARAN

C.E. Sundari, wife of M. Prabhakaran was born on 16th June, 1944 and passed her SSLC exam in 1961. She has two sisters Sashikala and Sudha and a brother Gopinathan - all married.

Chitra, eldest daughter of M. Prabhakaran and Sundari, was born on 4th December, 1963. Graduated in Arts From Delhi University in 1984 and married Gopakumar Menon on 10th June, 1984. Their daughter Kanakadurga was born on 10th April, 1992.

Gopakumar, son in law of M. Prabhakaran was born on 16th July, 1953 and graduated in commerce from Vyasa College, Thrissur. He is the Regional Sales Manager, Calcutta of Jagjit Industries India Ltd.

Deepa, younger sister of Chitra was born on 2nd July 1968. She graduated in Arts with Honours in Economics from Venkateshwara College under Delhi University. She also passed the Montessory training course from International Montessory Academy (London) in 1991.

K. Sreekumar, the second son in law of M. Prabhakaran was born on 16th June, 1961 and graduated in commerce in 1984 from Kottarakkara. He is a businessman having sole distributorship of Star Diamond Tools at Hyderabad.