

## Vaithilingam Gunaratnam – Profile



Date of birth: 8-11-1929

Place: Earlai south Chunnakam Sri Lanka

Admitted to Union High School: 16-1-1940

(After one year the School was renamed – Union College – in 1941.)

1947 December left Union College.

Appointed teacher with a graduate degree – Dip-in.Ed on 1-1-1955, taught mainly English, Tamil, History and Civics (Religion). Appointed House Master of Ward House till his transfer to Vasavilan M.M.V with effect from 1-1-1964 with the retirement of Mr. Krishnapillai from Mahajana College Tellipalai took over as the new Principal of Union College.

After serving in Batticaloa – Shivananda Vidyalaya (Ramakrishna Mission) for six years returned to Union College for the second time on 1-1-1976. Served as assistant teacher for two years and was promoted as Deputy Principal 1-1-1978. Served in that capacity for two years and retired with effect from 1-1-1980 in view of better prospects.

Joined the Ministry of Higher Education and was appointed at the Open University as Lecturer English doing part-time work at Poly Technical Institute Jaffna for the Diploma in English course students. Having finished the contract with the Open University, joined the Theological seminary Maruthanandam as English Lecturer and served there till 1989 and retired. Left Jaffna for Colombo in 1991 and stayed in Colombo till November 1995 and immigrated to Australia. While in Colombo, conducted English tuition classes for Law students with the knowledge of Latin gained while at Union College.