

where he grew up was instilled in me from a young age. After university, I looked into various worldwide opportunities, but for some reason I wasn't brave enough like Daddy to follow them through.

Daddy took us to Sri-Lanka, where Mummy was born for Darlo Appa's and Darlo Amma's (Mummy's parents) Golden Wedding celebration in 1999. Darlo Appa and Darlo Amma had a marriage made in heaven and Daddy and Mummy, were able to follow in their footsteps and celebrate their Golden wedding in 2023 and Daddy took Mummy on a Cruise and they finally had the honeymoon they never had. On the day of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Mathurisha was in the park and noticed that the ice cream van was advertising Mickey Mouse's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and she said she wanted to take a picture for 'Grandpa and Ammamma'.



As Daddy had taken us to where Mummy was born, he also wanted to make sure he took us to us to where he was born and we made a trip to Penang in Malaysia in 2002 and then to the little village in Sungai Pattani where Daddy lived and seeing the house where he lived and the gutter where he threw his milk as a little boy. We later we had a mini pooja at the on-site village temple. Daddy was proud of his Malaysian heritage especially the cuisine, which after Sri Lankan was his favourite.

To me, Daddy was a career guidance adviser, financial adviser, Tax accountant, property developer, exterior and interior designer and motivator. At first, he didn't understand why I had taken a 'squiggly' career and jumped from wanting to be teacher to financial adviser to accountant but when I started at Aviva and became a Data Analyst and achieved my Postgraduate qualification in Applied Data Analytics, he understood that this was part of my career journey in order to move into the computing and maths industry that he advised after completing my degree. .