



## Obituary

### Dr. HAJI SIR KAMIL MOHAMED ARIFF

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THE eleventh day of August, 1960 was an extremely sad day for me. Together with another old friend and colleague, Dr. N. K. Menon, we had the very unpleasant duty of watching another very old friend and colleague, Haji Sir Kamil Mohamed Ariff, breathe his last. It was a sudden and unexpected end, albeit very peaceful as Kamil himself might have wished. To me he was "Shorty". He was only short in stature but he was a veritable giant as all those who came into contact with him knew. He was a founder member, Hon. Secretary and Ex-President of the Penang Medical Practitioners' Society. He was extremely popular with all his colleagues and no meeting or dinner was complete without his jovial and genial presence. He had a very broad sense of humour

and plenty of patience and was always ready to see the other fellow's point of view. The best tribute I can pay my old friend is for me to say that with his passing away, the Medical Practitioners' Society and the Public have suffered an irreparable loss. He was a born leader of men and commanded the respect and love of all those who had the good fortune to be his friends.

The late Sir Kamil was born on 9th July, 1893. He was educated at the St. Xavier's Institution, Penang and graduated from King Edward VII College of Medicine in 1917. He was in private practice from 1918 till the day of his death.

He was very active in public affairs and in his life-time he held the following main appointments and others too numerous to mention:

Federal Legislative Councillor, Settlement Councillor, Municipal Commissioner, Chairman of the Muslim Advisory Board, Chairman of the Muslim Orphanage, Founder Member and Ex-President of the Rotary Club, Penang and Founder Member and Ex-President of the Penang Medical Practitioners' Society. He was created a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1951 and was knighted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1956.

DR. YEOH CHEANG HOE.