

Walter Wilfred Abraham
(Demised - 17th August 2008)



Walter Wilfred Abraham was born in Taiping on 30th November 1919. He was the eldest son of Mr & Mrs Jacob Abraham. His father was a government servant. Walter's schooling was in ACS, Teluk Intan. He left in 1938 to study medicine in Hong Kong. However, the war interrupted his ambition to be a doctor. During the Japanese Occupation, he worked as a Japanese Language teacher in Ipoh.

Walter married Grace Sankey in 1943. After the war, he worked as a clerk in the Ipoh Road Transport Department till 1947, and, then, became an officer in the Trade Union Department and was transferred to Malacca in 1949 and worked in this capacity till 1958. He was promoted in January 1959 as Assistant Registrar of Societies and transferred to Johore Bharu, where he served for about 10 years. Whilst he was serving in Johore Bharu, he decided to pursue his law studies, and read for the Bar and did his Part 1 exams whilst still in Johore Bharu. In 1963, he went to England to sit for his Bar finals. He returned from England and continued to remain in Government Service in Johore Bharu. He, in the meantime, was called to the Singapore Bar. In 1969, he came to Kuala Lumpur as Deputy Registrar of Societies, until his retirement in November 1974. He then was appointed as a Magistrate at the courts in Jalan Duta and then at Kajang Magistrates Court where he worked till November 1979, after which he took his second retirement and went into private practice under the name and style of Abraham & Partners and later as a consultant with Abraham Ooi & Partners, until his retirement early in 2008.

Walter Abraham was an avid sportsman and played soccer and hockey and his later passion was golf. He is the proud donor of the Walter Abraham Trophy, which is the challenge trophy members of the Bar vie for each year.

Walter left practice due to ill health and passed away on 17th August 2008, aged 88. His two sons are practicing lawyers as well as his grandson, Sunil.

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