

KAVIYARASU KANNADASAN

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Kannadasan (1927-1981)

Kaviyarasu Kannadasan (Ref- Wikipedia)

- Born : As Muthiah on June 24, 1927 in Sirukudalpatti, Karaikudi
- Died: Oct 17, 1981 in Chicago
- Born as 8th child for his parents. He had ten siblings.
- He was adopted for Rs 7000. Studied up to 8th standard when growing up with his adoptive mother
- A man of abundant common sense. Studied Tamil literature with passion. Developed writing skills. Looked at the world and life philosophically. Fun lover. Prolific writer. Wrote songs for movies, poems, screen plays and novels. He was an actor, director, producer and philanthropist.
- Wrote 5000 songs; 6000 poems and 232 books.
- His friendship with music director MS Viswanathan resulted in great songs.
- He was an atheist for some time. After studying Andal's devotional literature, he reverted back to Hinduism. He wrote beautiful songs on Krishna and a popular book on Hinduism, Arthamulla Indhu Matham. He was given the Sahitya Academy award for one of his novels.
- He was with DMK party for sometime and then joined Congress and actively campaigned for the Congress party led by Mr. Kamaraj.
- Kannadasan had three wives and fourteen children
- Died in Chicago when he came to attend the World Tamil Conference
- Government of Tamilnadu erected a memorial in his honor at Karaikudi
- Songs with simple words, authentic emotions and philosophical message have become a hallmark and legacy of Kannadasan. He will remain the genius of Tamil cinema.



Kannadasan Manimandapam, Karaikudi

Following links give my selection of songs (140) from 1949- 1981.

Four files- Love I and Variety I, 30 each; Love II and Variety II, 40 each

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3zQHDKYurf1yG8C0ehte80y>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3xBfiZxkiv1S1s7uBI4BU7I>

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<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3wOT0ocJxwFZGJ9w1jXx47a>