

No leader of the past to match him (1993, August 01). *The Sunday Observer*.

Remembering President Ranasinghe Premadasa



He died three months ago today

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The Name of the late President Ranasinghe Premadasa will always be cherished in our memory and will remain immortal as a man who climbed up the social ladder in a democratic society to the height of the Presidency that one could aspire to with a background of very humble beginnings. He was a man who came from the grassroots and remained intact while dedicating his life in the service of the people for whose sake he sought power.

He proved that he was truly a son of the people, by working tirelessly with vigour, energy, effort and dedication. He had a plan of action and had trusted on his own knowledge and ability to strive hard to achieve what he had for his people in mind. He proved beyond doubt that there was no power in parameters of family bandyism and wealth. He set an irrevocable example by his dedication to the entire community to work for the good of the country.

We cannot measure the amount of work he did within his lifetime. He loved immensely his coun-



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try, religion and the race and worked for the benefit

of every segment of society. He made use of new ideas and concepts and did what he could for the progress and the development of one and all. Monuments that stand all along the villages, temples, Udagamas and roadways speak volumes of the man who loved immensely his people and the country. These will remain for long years to come.

It is my belief that there has never been a leader to match the late President Ranasinghe Premadasa and there will never be one such in our country.