

REMEMBERING RICHARD VELU

FUNNY AND WITTY

RVELU was a man with deep intellect. But unlike some of those with such qualities who like to dominate conversations and give their opinions on almost any subject, Velu kept most of his opinion to himself.

But he certainly did not hold back when he wrote his stories. That was when he really let his intellect flow. As a colleague at the NST and later at Sports Mirror in the late 70s and early 80s, I always looked forward to reading his stories.

His articles on sports personalities were what I enjoyed most. To put it simply, Velu lifted sportswriting to another level. I've not seen another sportswriter in Malaysia quite like him.

I also remember him as a very kind and generous person. He was always there to lend a helping hand where help was

needed. And he never hesitated when money was needed to help the less fortunate.

As a person, Velu kept to himself most of the time. But if you were lucky enough to catch him at his favourite joint The Pines in Brickfields, enjoying his favourite tippie alone, that was

when you could really listen to him talk.

I had those private moments with him on more than a few occasions. How I really enjoyed them. He can be very funny and witty too...

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