The Life of Sybil Kathigasu

YEAR 1899

Sybil Daly better known as Sybil Kathigasu was a Eurasian nurse who served during World War II in Malaya. She was born on 3 September 1899 in Medan, Indonesia.

YEAR 1926

She married a doctor. Together, they operated a clinic which quietly supplied medicines and information to the anti-Japanese army.

YEAR 1943

Sybil made a lot of sacrifices for the people of Malaya. When the Japanese knew that she was helping the people who were against them, she was arrested. Despite being tortured for three years, she did not reveal any information.

YEAR 1945

Sybil was a courageous woman. After the Japanese surrendered in 1945, she was flown to England for medical treatment.

YEAR 1948

In 1948, she became the only Malayan woman to receive the George Medal for her courage and bravery. She died several months later due to her injuries. Sybil will always be remembered as a brave freedom fighter who sacrificed her life for the people.

Answer the questions.

1. What was Sybil trained as?
2. How did Sybil and her husband help the anti-Japanese army?
3. Why was she awarded the George Medal?
4. How old was Sybil when she passed away?
5. Why is she remembered as a real life hero?
6. List three adjectives that best describe Sybil Kathigasu.

Drag the numbers to the space provided.

4. She was _____ years old.

6. A) _____
   B) _____
   C) _____

- [ ] It is because she was a freedom fighter and sacrificed her life for people.
- [ ] She trained as a nurse.
- [ ] It is because of her courage and bravery.
- [ ] They supplied medicines and information to anti-Japanese army.