

**Noel Shearing (Shez)**  
**16<sup>th</sup> December 1974 – 8 November 2009**

On 19 September 2009 Noel Shearing (known as Shez) married his partner of five years, Emma Hamill.

Their beautiful wedding was held at the Fortress Hotel in Galle, giving many guests the opportunity to visit Sri Lanka for the first time. The ceremony featured a number of local wedding traditions and was a true reflection of Emma and Shez.

Anyone who knew Shez would say that he had met his match and soulmate in Emma. He had a very close relationship with his father Michael, a retired vicar, mother Shakun, a general practitioner also retired, and his adored younger sister Anshu.

**Shez had an extended family in all his friends who he loved dearly - in particular 'the boys' who he called his brothers!**

Shez's love of sport started from a young age, he enjoyed playing rugby and cricket throughout Durham school and university. He loved telling stories about his 'school/uni' days - he had very close friendships with his school, university and rugby mates and their families.

Shez had a successful career in recruitment and absolutely loved to read - he could often be seen during his downtime with a book in hand.

Above all Shez loved to have fun and with Emma he lived life to the full. They learnt how to scuba dive together and planned diving holidays whenever they could.

Travelling the world was important to both, having been born in the United Kingdom - Emma in Ireland and Shez in England - they met in Australia where they lived together before moving to Hong Kong. They took full advantage of their location in Hong Kong, visiting Japan, Sri Lanka and India among other countries.

Sadly, Shez lost his life suddenly in November, just seven weeks after he married his lovely Emma. He was only 34 years old.

Emma knew her husband would want her to try to create something positive out of his death. St Anthony's Boys Home was close to both of their hearts - Shez loved kids and Sri Lanka and would have given anything he could to help others.

Therefore Emma chose to honour the memory of her husband by inviting the many people who loved Shez to donate to St Anthony's and remember him by giving what they could to help the kids who live there.

The amount already raised is just over \$3000 - a big thanks to everyone for their generous contributions. We believe this amount will continue to grow - and Emma is determined that it will - to help the children of St Anthony's in loving memory of Shez.

Kellie Furey