

## **SIDNEY ANANDA IS NO MORE: 27-3-2017**

Punithavathy (53-55) called me this morning at 8.30 to inform me of the sad news. Sidney Ananda is no more. He passed away this morning.

I contacted Sidney's wife, Irene, and found out that Sidney passed away very early in the morning at 12.45. Irene informed me that Sidney's remains will be brought home tomorrow. There will be a wake at their home at 8 pm. The funeral will take place at 3 pm on Wednesday.

Keep a look out for the Obituary tomorrow. I suggested it would be a good thing if below Sidney's name if the words "Kirkby Trained Teacher" could be added in brackets. She replied that she would discuss with her son.

Their two children from overseas are with them and they are waiting for their grandchildren to arrive.

According to Puni, she had visited Sidney a couple of months ago and he was able to carry on a conversation with her. Puni had known him even before he got married.

Yesterday Selva from Sidney's batch called me after visiting Sidney and shared with me that Sidney might not last more than two or three days. He had read Sidney's condition correctly.

When I informed Shanmuganathan (59-60) of Sidney's amputation, he had called up some Kirkby friends in Seremban and made arrangements to visit him today. Well, now they can only attend his wake and funeral.

Sidney was such an out-going person, very active and an avid golfer. He was also once the manager of the Seremban Golf Club. His illness crushed his spirits and, I suspect, that he never fought back to recover.

With his demise, we have lost 7 Kirkbyites within three months in 2017. I wonder how many more will be gone before the year is out.

We are come with an expiry date. It is a matter of time for all of us.

Let's keep in touch, reach out and preserve our Kirkby family bond.

Yours in sorrow,  
RAMA