

It is with sorrow that I forward this message.

With very warm regards,  
RAMA

## R.I.P. AMRIT KAUR 59-60 – 15-7-2018

Two weeks after the passing of Dolly Unnithan on 1 July 2018, another Kirkbyite has left us. Amrit Kaur from my batch passed away on Sunday 15 July 2018 at 3 pm.

Amrit has been ailing for some time now and during the last few weeks her health condition became critical. I thank my lucky stars that I visited Amrit on 4 July 2018 – 11 days before her demise. I owe this privilege to Vimala (59-60) who very kindly provided transport for Poh Yuk and me to visit Amrit.

What impressed me most about Amrit was that she knew what she was suffering from but she said she was not afraid. She had lived a full life, travelled quite a bit, she was blessed with the company of a loving husband, wonderful children, beautiful grand children and many friends and relatives.

The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living, said Marcus Tullius Cicero.

Indeed that is true. Many friends and relatives remember her fondly.

Vimala and Adeline have been in constant contact with Amrit visiting her very often when she was in the hospital. Others too had visited Amrit at the hospital: Bala (58-59) & his wife Saras, Esther Soh, Thila, both from Amrit's batch, Saraswathy (55-57) and her daughter Sumi. Probably others too would have visited her but I don't have any other names to report.

Last November, after her surgery, Amrit was house-bound and wanted a break. She wanted to go out and came together with the Dream Girls who have been performing at the Kirkby Reunions since

2010 when Vimala invited them for the Deepavali do. Amrit enjoyed herself thoroughly. After two hours, she decided to go back as she was too tired. After this occasion, she was mostly in hospital.

Last week on Thursday, 5 July 2018, Vimala took Kam Moon and Anna to visit Amrit. Later when Ruby visited her 12 July 2018 she was not responsive.

On Sunday, 15 July, Vimala and Raneer, Amrit's classmate visited Amrit between 10.30 and 11.40 am. Raneer asked the family whether they could pray with her and they consented. They prayed together reciting the mantras after which, according to Vimala, Amrit heaved a very big sigh and seemed peaceful. A Rotary friend of Amrit's remarked, "Your prayers are powerful"

After they left, sometime later Adeline and Lim Swee Ee, both from Amrit's batch, visited her and they were present when Amrit breathed her last. All her children, grandchildren, husband, relatives and friends were present when Amrit passed on.

The funeral took place on Monday 16 July. Vimala mentioned that Amrit looked very beautiful, dressed in sari with the sari draped over her head like a bride.

She was cremated at the Nirvana Memorial Park, Shah Alam.

Many Kirkbyites were at Amrit's place for the funeral: Vimala, Adeline, Chew Hing, Ling Suan, Thila, Cynthia, Amy, and her husband Martin Spykerman (60-61) Vincent Lowe – all from Amrit's batch. Shan (59-60) and Surjit (58-59) came all the way from Port Dickson and Seremban. Hong Chong and his wife Siew Hoon both Amrit's Seniors in college were also present. The Kirkby Alumni was represented by Dato Kanadan (55-57)

Guruji – G Ramalingam 56-58 - and wife went to the crematorium

We will miss Amrit who will always be remembered as a bubbly and a friendly person.

When she was healthy I had spoken to her many times but from last year it was not possible to speak to her. When she celebrated her 78<sup>th</sup> birthday on 5-1-2018 I called her but there was no response.

Her last email to me was in 2016:

Amrit Gill <adhanoa57@gmail.com>

To:rama1938@yahoo.com

Jan 4, 2016 at 9:15 PM

Sorry Rama for not letting u know about my new email address. Anyway I'll give u the answers that u wanted. I was in block 6 all the while. I was in the Needlework option. On my return from the UK I was posted to the Marian Convent in Setapak, KL. My husband was posted to Seremban in 1970 n I taught at a boys' school- St Paul's Institution till Dec 1974. On return to K L, I taught at the Assunta Convent till I took optional retirement in 1988. I have 4 chn - 3girls and a boy. One daughter is in Belfast UK n another in Sydney. The other two chn are in KL. Thank God for that. I have 5 grandchildren- 3girls n 2 boys. The eldest is 18+ n he has finished his HSC n waiting for admission to the Uni. I hope dear Rama I have given u all the information that u want. Keep in touch.

Sent from my iPhonehe

May her soul rest in peace.

Yours in sorrow,

RAMA