

We are poorer by one more!
With very warm regards,
RAMA, transmitting the message from Angeline Ong

RIP Cheah Wai Nam (58059) 17-4-2017

Another demise; another loss.

Last night, Angeline Ong (58-59) rang me to convey the sad news that Cheah Wai Nam had passed on. He was my Senior in college. I had never met him after that. Unfortunately, I did not have his address and contact numbers. That was the reason he was never contacted for any of our gatherings.

Since I did not have any news of him, I asked Angeline to provide me with the details. She obliged today with an email that reads:

“Peng Yoong and I went to pay our respects to Wai Nam this evening. His wife, Agatha Leong, who was a teacher in the Convent, Sungai Petani spoke to us. In fact, 2 weeks ago when we saw her in church she had told us that Wai Nam was just waiting for his time. Their son, Lincoln was present. So he filled us in on what happened.

On Friday, 13th January 2017 Wai Nam was working in his garden when he fell. It was a stroke and it affected his speech. He could move but his speech was slurred. He was admitted to Sultan Abdul Halim Hospital, Sg. Petani. They gave him 2 CT Scans. The second one showed that he had advanced lung cancer. A tumour was detected. The doctors felt that due to his age he would not go through chemo. He stayed for a week and was discharged.

He stayed at home and was well looked after by his wife, Aggie who said that his appetite was good. But dementia was slowly setting in. He also had difficulty saying what he wanted. He did not want visitors so we had to respect his wishes and did not see him. He became weaker as time went by and his son even had to carry him. Yesterday afternoon, he passed away peacefully with his wife beside him.

The funeral is tomorrow according to Buddhist rites. He will be cremated and his ashes interred in Pokok Assam, Taiping where many members of his family are.

Those who wish to offer condolences may do so at the following address:

19, Jalan Kolam Air, 08000 Sungai Petani, Kedah.
Hdp: 016-470 3996 (Agatha Leong, Mrs Cheah)

Cheah Wai Nam was from my batch: 1958 -1959. He was in the Art and Craft Option.

Yours in sorrow,
Angeline Ong

N.B. With Wai Nam's demise, we have lost 10 Kirkbyites since January.

