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On Wednesday, 18-12-2019, at 11.13 pm I received the following text from Yong Fui Yoon 55-57”

“In sorrow I wish to inform you that Choo Thye 55/57 batch passed away on Tuesday 17/12/19 at the age of 85. Funeral arrangement to be announced later”.

Though I had spoken to Choo Thye in the past, mainly to alert her to the birthday announcements of Kirkbyites from her batch, I did not have any further information about Choo Thye.

I immediately responded to Fui Yoon:

“My dear Fui Yoon I’m sorry to hear of Choo Thye’s demise. I don’t seem to have any background information to make the announcement. Can you please help me out?”

Very typically, Fui Yoon responded on Thursday morning:

“It’s okay Rama. She is from the 5<sup>th</sup> batch, same as Mohan, Kandan, Kah Yeong, Dr Goh Teow Seng, Joan Wong, Linda Chia Guat Hwa, Koh Yee Too etc and myself.

A few of my year have contacted me to express their sympathies and condolences.

Choo Thye helped raise funds to build the Halfway House in Ipoh. There's where the inmates stay before they return to society.

When she came back to KL, I got her involved in our association – SECITA. We were doing all sorts of fund raising activities. Our own building was finally completed in Dec. 2009.

She was the president of Secita from 2007 – 2012.”

There was a half-page Obituary in Friday's Star. A smiling portrait of Choo Thye with grey hair stood out in the announcement. She was also the recipient of PJK and AMP awards.

A wake was held yesterday, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 from 6pm – 11 pm. The wake today will be from 2 pm to 11 pm (with Special Memorial at 4 pm – 6 pm) at Xiao En Centre, No 1, Jalan Kuari, Cheras, 56100 Kuala Lumpur.

Funeral Ceremony will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 from 9am at the same place and thereafter the cortege will leave for cremation at Cheras Crematorium, Jalan Kuari, Kuala Lumpur.

Choo Thye leaves behind a son, three daughters, six grandsons, two granddaughters and one great grandson.

In sorrow,

RAMA

21-12-2019

