

## **R.I.P. Morjianah nee Chan Poh Sin 52-53: 19-9-2019**

The sad news of Datin Morjianah's demise was conveyed by her grandson, Amir, through the Kirkby Alumni Chat Group at 2.01 am. Datin passed away at 12.55 am.

Yesterday was Cikgu Baharuddin's birthday. I told myself that sometime later in the day I would call Datin and chat with her – but this old brain forgot about it and will regret for the rest of my life!

Yes, yesterday was Cikgu's birthday. He would have been 94 years old had he lived on making him the oldest Kirkbyite!

Cikgu passed away on 10-1-2016 at the age of 90+ - just 17days before Datin's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. Today she passed away one day after Cikgu's birthday.

I spoke to Amir at 6.45 pm. According to him, Datin had not been well since Hari Raya. She passed away at Asunta Hospital.

I also spoke to her granddaughter, Farah, at 7 pm. When I called her earlier, she was not available but later, she very kindly, returned my call.

When Cigu passed away in 2016, it was his college mate, Dato Sidek Elamdin from his batch who informed

me. Today, it was my turn to inform Dato Sidek of Datin's demise.

Both Cikgu abd Datin were college mates from the pioneering patch (52-53), and fell in love in Kirkby. He was Baharuddin Marji then and she was known as Soh Beng Sim in college. Her subsequent married name was Morjianah Baharuddin Abdullah.

Both of them married on 2-12-1955 and celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 2-12-2015. Just over a month later, Cikgu passed away.

Both of them had the longest association with Kirkby. Apart from the initial two years training, both of them went back to Kirkby when Cikgu was appointed a lecturer to teach Malay. They were in Kirkby from 1-1-1956 up to 31-12-1960.

The 1959-1960 batch was part of their last two years in Kirkby.

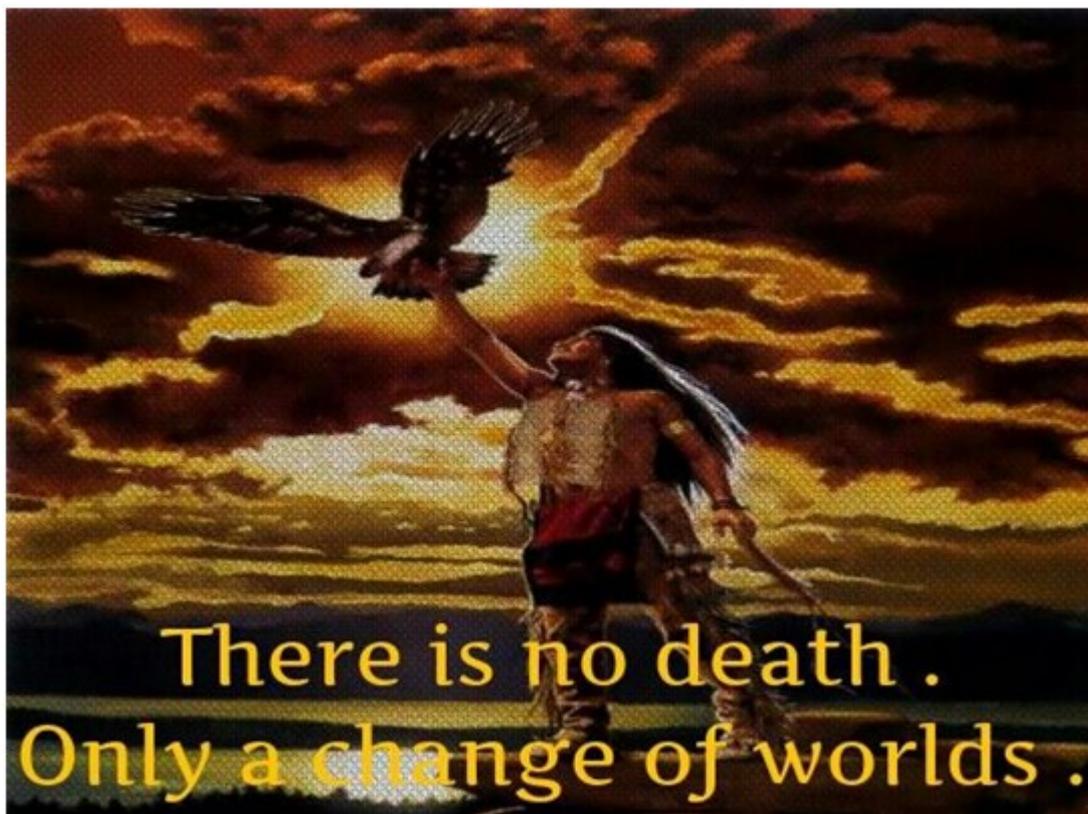
Datin was taken to the Masjid Tun Abdul Aziz at 8.30 am to be bathed and subsequently was buried at the Bukit Kiara Cemetery. The funeral ceremony ended around 12 noon.

Mary Seow (60-61) who attended the burial ceremony mentioned that Datin was buried just below Cikgu's grave, a site she had previously chosen.

Mary also revealed that she is a distant relative of Datin's sister whose daughter-in-law and Mary's daughter-in-law are sisters.

Both Cikgu and Datin had attended the following Kirkby Reunions: 2004 (Penang), 2006 (Ipoh), 2008 (Malacca), 2010 (Penang) and 2012 (Port Dickson).

The Native Americans believe:



This is not uncommon from what we believe:

From God we come, to God we return.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Yours in sorrow,

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