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Subject: Fw: R.I.P. ISMAIL BIN ABDUL KASAH 58-59: 4-2-2018

We are poorer by one more Kirkbyite!

With very warm regards,
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R.I.P. ISMAIL BIN ABDUL KASAH 58-59: 4-2-2018

Today at 12.43 pm T Balasubramaniam (58-59) called to inform me that he received a call from the late Ismail's son that Ismail had passed way. The son couldn't tell the batch that Ismail belonged to.

Later on I went through the master list of Kirkbyites that he was from the 58-59 batch making his Junior in college and Bala and Ismail were fellow collegemates!

I seem to remember Ismail bin Abdul Kasah as a fair Kirkbyite with a fine moustache from my Block 8. I called his wife at 4.20 pm and asked him whether he was fair man with a moustache and to my relief she confirmed that it was him.

Ismail was discovered in 2014 when we organized the Penang Kirkby Reunion and since then I had been in contact with him. His last birthday was on 24-9-2017 when I spoke to him. He was 82 years old.

According to his wife, Wan Fatimah, they have five children – two girls and three boys and nine grandchildren.

I was told that Ismail passed away due to kidney problem.

With his demise, we have lost five Kirkbyites since 1-1-2018 – in a matter of one month and one week! We lost two friends in January and three in February. February deaths are a little unsettling: 4-1-2018 Ismail; 5-2-2018 Chooi Kut Chan & Yawanarajah.

Your calls to Ismail's wife will comfort her that her husband had friends who remembered.

Details for reaching out”

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