

## **R.I.P. MANASSEH MANOHARAN (59-60) 3-3-2019**

This morning Kee Lee Chang (60-61) called me to inform me that Manasseh Manoharan had passed away. He mentioned that the obituary was on page 26 of the Star. Soon after at 8.47 am Balasubramaniam called to convey the same sad news.

Manasseh was from the eighth batch of Kirkbyites. He was from Block 8 and he was my neighbor in the Block. I was sandwiched between Manasseh and Chong Cheng Swee (59-60) in the Block. His Option was History and Geography.

Our relationship goes way back. I first met him in mid-1958 when both of us were appointed as temporary teachers at St Marks Primary School, Prai, in Province Wellesley, Penang.

Subsequently we both were selected for Kirkby and we travelled together in the same plane.

After college Manasseh was posted to a small village outside of Kota Bahru, Kelantan and I was posted to KL – Kuala Lipis, Pahang. While in Kelantan, sometime later he was elected as the Assistant Secretary of the Kelantan NUT Branch.

Later, he obtained a posting to Penang and continued to be active in the Penang Branch of the NUT, serving as Committee Member as well as the Editor.

He did a off-campus course at the USM, Penang and graduated.

He was the chairman of the first Penang Kirkby Reunion in 2004.

A few years later, he was appointed as the head of the NUT Cooperative College in Seberang Prai, Penang. After a short spell, he resigned and set up his own centre Maju Cepat.

After this, we drifted apart. He moved to Kuala Lumpur and his whereabouts were unknown. I tried unsuccessfully to trace him through his church in Penang.

Last year, his son Stephen passed away but the obituary did not carry any contact number. That was strange. Shanmuganathan (59-60) also tried to trace him following Manasseh's son's demise. He hit a blank wall.

The wake will be held at 8 pm tonight (Monday 4-3-2019) at Manasseh's residence: No 2, SS3/24, Taman Sentosa, 47300 Petaling Jaya.

The funeral service will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, 5-3-2019 at 12 noon and thereafter the cortege will leave for burial at Subang Lutheran Garden.

The contact number is listed as 012-643 8003.

Yours in sorrow,

RAMA

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