

R.I.P. Maureen Seet (60-61) – 19-2-2018

I was in Sungai Petani attending a wedding tonight when Su Jee Hor called me at 8.05 pm to convey the sad news of the passing of Maureen Seet. He received this sad news from Fook Wah, Maureen's husband from the same batch.

Later he sent me a sms at 8.40 pm which read:

“Sad news from FW in London that his wife MAUREEN SEET has passed away in Hasting, England sometime this morning or last night (local time). Doctor has pronounced that she died of heart attack. Fook Wah's UK hp no. +44 7961332526. But he requested not to send White Gold or 'Ba Gin' Fook Wah is still recovering from asthma attack n rather sick.”

Then at 8.44 pm, he sent me another sms which read:

“Rama, Wah requests u to email message to Kirkby friends MAUREEN SEET also a Kirkbyite 60/61 batch. Tks.”

I dashed off this message to Fook Wah:

“I am terribly shocked and saddened over the passing of our dear Maureen. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Take care my dear friend.”

Poh Yuk also received this sad news from Kee Lee Chang as well as from Lim Sui Loong.

Then at 11.31 pm Lean Aing conveyed this news by sms.

Maureen Seet and Tang Fook Wah were from the last batch of Kirkbyites. Maureen hailed from Malacca whereas Fook Wah came from Sitiawan, Perak. On their return after college they married. Sometime after completing their contract they moved to London and taught for some years. They are British subjects and have been residing in UK for many decades.

When Poh Yuk and I visited London in 2005 together with my son and family, Fook Wah fetched us from the airport and housed us in his apartment in London. That saved us a huge sum in accommodation.

Unfortunately we could not meet up with Maureen Seet who was staying in Hastings and looking after her ailing father. But we managed to speak to her over the phone.

Maureen was so devoted to her father that she was not able to attend any of our Reunions. Her father passed away at the age of 93 on 11-7-2013.

I remember Maureen as tall and pretty at college but never got to meet her after college.

Any passing of a Kirkbyite is a sad reminder that our family is dwindling. With her demise, we have lost 7 Kirkbyites in less than 2 months in 2018.

Yours in sorrow,

RAMA

