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Subject: R.I.P. MONICA PHANG (59-60): 11-2-2018

My dear Kirkbyites,

Brace yourselves for more sad news in 2018. We have already losy 8 Kirkbyites so far in 2018!

With very warm regards,
RAMA

R.I.P. MONICA PHANG (59-60): 11-2-2018

My dear Kirkbyites,

Last week on Wednesday (21-2-2018) I was informed that Monica Phang had passed on in Vancouver, Canada. She passed away on 20-2-2018 – we are ahead of their time by 16 hours.

Unfortunately I did not have any background information like:

1. The Block she stayed in.
2. Her Option in college.
3. Where she was posted on returning from college.
4. When did she migrate to Canada.

I contacted some Kirkbyites who have kindly provided me with some information. In this respect, Mimi & Chong Lay had been very helpful in contacting a few Kirkbyites for help.

According to Mimi, when they visited Monica in Vancouver in 2007 she was not quite well. She had to be helped by her husband, Lal Bangah, her daughter and her elder sister, Josephine. Incidentally her sister is married to Kirkbyite Michael Loh Koon Voon of our 1959/1960 batch.

In Mimi's words, "I know that she was in Academic Group A together with Oswald Schokman, Louise Kessler, Chow Siew Hah, Tan Ooi Tee, Rosalyn Chew and others. Not sure what option she was in. I think she was in the Music option but better check with Louise or Rosalyn."

Ruby (59-60) confirms this: "She was in the music option with me."

Ruby recalls that Monica was a lovely vibrant person.

Louis Kessler wrote in to provide this information:

"Yes, Monica was in music option. I'll always remember her as a vivacious person with her ready laughter. When she taught in Muar, she visited me several times in Malacca but we lost contact with each other as we went our separate ways. I believe she married a Singh then migrated to Vancouver, Canada.

"When Cal (Louise's husband), myself and sons went to the States on Cal's Sabathical leave in 1980, we visited Vancouver on his vacation break and while there, I tried looking her up in the telephone directory under Singh, not knowing her husband's name, so sadly failed. Only when returning to the States, I managed to get her phone number as I contacted someone who

knew her married name, so had a wonderful long chat with her. Suggested that we meet up in the States but with her two little children she had then, it proved difficult. Monica's now at rest!!”

Poon Marn Ching (60-61) rang Mimi on 23-2-2018 “telling me that she was teaching with Monica’s husband in Muar. She only knows him by his first name...Lal.”

Monica’s funeral took place on last Tuesday 20-2-2018.

Monica married Lal Bangah and at some point and later they migrated to Canada.

I have never met Monica after college. I have known her brother for many years without knowing that he was Monica’s brother!

There is a time difference of 16 hours. If it is 2 pm Tuesday in Malaysia, it would be 10 pm on Monday night in Canada. It would be convenient if you were to ring between 12 pm and 2 pm when it would be between 8 pm and 10 pm.

Those wishing to convey their condolences can do so by reaching out to Lal Bangah at [001 \(604\) 273 4182](tel:0016042734182) or you can email him at gkbangah@hotmail.com

Their address is: [Unit 11, 7360 Minoru Boulevard, “Ridge Crest”, Richmond \(In Vancouver\) B.C. V6Y 3L4, Canada](#)

With Monica's passing, we have lost 8 Kirkbyites since 1st January 2018.

Yours in sorrow,
RAMA
26-2-2018