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R.I.P. SURJIT SINGH 58-59: 23-10-2019

This morning, Surjit's sons, Raviinder Singh and Sanjipal Singh, announced Surjit Singh's demise.

It didn't come as a surprise; it didn't come as a shock. It was expected; it was a matter of time. Sadly since last week, it became a matter of time.

All the same, it was so sad. It was sad because he was one of us. It was sad because his demise reduced our numbers. It was sad because our Kirkby family was diminishing.

Nonetheless, let's remember Surjit as a wonderful teacher.

Surjit was trained to be a teacher. He stayed on as a teacher to the end. He became an extraordinary teacher touching the lives of thousands of students who had benefitted from his dedication and devotion to the teaching profession.

He made Kirkby proud of him. He made the teaching profession a respectable institution.

He had inspired many students who remember him to this day very fondly. He was their mentor and tutor and a friend. He was a good human being.

Surjit has been very modest about himself in spite of the high esteem he enjoyed. He was someone well-loved and respected by his former students. There have been some impressive articles in the press. In one of the articles it was mentioned that he helped a poor student stay at his house and continue his studies.

Recently I learned that his former students wanted to sponsor him for a world tour but he declined this very generous offer and opted to go to Australia to visit his daughter!

He has been actively involved in scouting. His students bonded well with him when they went camping in PD.

On 4 April 2019, Surjit was 81 years old. I wished him well and told him that in another 19 years he would reach a full century and encouraged him to keep going. But it was not to be so. In six months and seventeen days he was gone.

Surjit used to be very active in emailing, sending jokes and articles and useful information. His first email to me was on 23-2-2006 about the demerit system when motorists were booked for offences. His last email was on the eve of his 78th birthday on 3-4-2016 when he sent me his details on my request for his birthday announcement. After that there was no more email.

Shanmuganathan (59-60) informed me that Surjit and Shan were classmates in PD and that off and on Surjit used to stay with Shan.

Surjit was my Senior in Kirkby. He was famous for his song "Susie, My Darling" which he sang at the 50th Anniversary Kirkby Reunion at Concord Hotel, KL, on 15 September 2001.

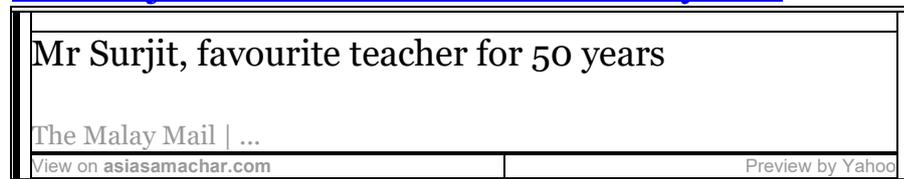
Surjit attended the 2010 Penang Kirkby Reunion and helped to organise the 2012 PD Kirkby Reunion.

We will miss him dearly.

This article which was published by Malay Mail in August 2015 will give you a good picture of Surjit:

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[Mr Surjit, favourite teacher for 50 years](#)



The funeral takes place on 24-10-2019.

The cortege will leave their residence at 254, Jalan Limau Emas, 1 Taman Emas, Rasah, Seremban to the Hindu Crematorium at Jalan Templer.

You may contact his sons to convey your condolences:

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Yours in sorrow,

RAMA

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