

R.I.P. ZAINOL ABIDIN MOHAMED (56-58) 21-7-2016

This evening (22-7-2016) I received an email from Mahaya Menon (60-61) informing me that her cousin, Zainol Abidin Mohamed (56-58) had passed away on 21-7-2016 at 6.00 pm.

I was devastated by this sudden sad news. Only two days ago I was thinking of Zainol and decided that I should write to fellow Kirkbyites asking them to drop him a note. I regret that I did not call him then.

But I had been in touch with him off and on, the last time about two-three months ago. He had then completed half the course of his chemo treatment. He sounded weak but seemed strong in spirit.

I only got to know of him at the 2012 Port Dickson Kirkby Reunion. Since then we have been in touch.

He was then the Treasurer of the Kirkby Alumni but subsequently relinquished his post when he fell ill.

Zainol would have been 79 years old on 23-8-2016.

I am attaching his background information contained in his birthday announcement last year.

Those wishing to convey your condolences to his wife, Wan Fatimah, will find this information useful:

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Yours in sorrow,

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Zainol was from the sixth batch of Kirkbyites.

His Option was P. E. He stayed in Block 11 which was next to Block 10.

On his return from College, he was posted to Sekolah Rendah Kodiang in Kedah. Later this school was renamed as Sekolah Tunku Bendahara.

He was later seconded to Brunei and was attached to the SOAS College Bandar Brunei as Senior Assistant from 1964 – 1968.

He was appointed as Headmaster (68/69) at Sekolah Menengah Baling, Kedah.

Sometime during this period he joined the Australian National University, Canberra, to study History and Asian Civilisation for three years. He was on half pay.

On completion of his studies, he continued to serve as Head Master at Sek Menengah Darulaman, Alor Star for seven years.

He went on a three-month course at University Quzon on a SEAMO scholarship.

Later he was posted to the Kedah Education Department as Setia Usaha Peperiksaan.

In August 1983, together with the Kedah Pengarah Pelajaran, appointed as task force members to start work on Universiti Utara. In 1984 the university took off with the first intake of students at the temporary campus Sekolah Menengah Halim, Jitra.

Later Zainol was appointed Deputy Registra at the UUM. In 1991 he was promoted as the Registrar and finally retired in 1992.

He was married to Kirkbyite Wan Khadijah (58-59) who passed away in February 2007. He is presently married to Wan Fatimah who is an architect.

He has 5 children and 19 grandchildren!

He is the Treasurer of the Kirkby Alumni.

He attended the Port Dickson Kirkby Reunion in 2012.