

R.I.P. AZIZAH BINTI HAJI NASIR 58-59 –20-5-2017

My dear Kirkbyites,

I received this message from Bala on 21 May:

“Dear Rama

I am sad to inform you that this morning Mahani called to inform me that our dear Azizah Nasir who was merrily enjoying herself with us 2 weeks ago in Melaka has suddenly passed away. She is from Batu Pahat”

Bala had also sent out this sad news through his Whatsapp chat group receiving many responses. As it had already been announced, I wanted to do a write up and provide more information. I contacted Azizah’s daughter Ann Rehana for some details but she mentioned they were about to have a ceremony and Ann told me that she would call me later and email me the information that I needed.

(But she must have been too busy. So I have decided to forward whatever information that I am privy to and later will share Ann’s email with you all.)

Then I contacted Mahani (58-59) and had a chat. According to Mahani, though she was not close to Azizah her Junior in college but whenever she visited her brother in Batu Pahat, she got in touch with Azizah. This was how their friendship grew and they remained firm friends.

They shared rooms at the 2016 Kirkby Reunion in KL and later at the Malacca Rendezvous. Three days after the Malacca event, Mahani called Azizah and was pleasantly surprised to learn that Azizah had stopped in Muar to visit her daughter and play with her grandchildren.

Then Mahani called her again on Saturday 20-5-2017 and this time Azizah took a long time to come to the telephone. And when she finally did, she did not sound well at all. She complained that she was feeling giddy – “kepala pening”. Mahani told her to take her medication and rest.

Then at 10.30 pm on Saturday she received a call. It was a late call and she took it with trepidation and to her horror was told that Azizah had passed away. She

could not believe it because they were room-mates in Malacca and departed only 12 days ago and so she called Samsiah (59-60) to contact Azizah's house to confirm the news. Samsiah rang the house at 11.00 pm and the sad news was confirmed.

I met Azizah for the first time after college at the 2016 Kirkby Reunion in KL and even then on the last day after breakfast before our departure. Kok Choy and Yusoff both from 56-58 batch were having a conversation and I joined them. Later Azizah came to say her farewell.

She married on 15-12-1960 and lost her husband on 23-5-2014 after more than 53 years of marriage! She told me that her husband's favourite number was 23:

He was born on 23-9-1936. His grand-daughter was born on 23 March and she became his favourite grandchild. Unfortunately her husband passed away on 23-5-2014.

Azizah has two daughters and one son, 9 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Ambassador Pany (55-57) commented, "Let us remember some of her final days were spent in the company of the Kirkby family. May her soul rest in peace."

And Parameswari (56-58) shared with me that while at the Malacca get-together Azizah sat at her table for the meals. And when the time came to depart, Azizah kissed her on both the cheeks cheerily saying, "bonding...bonding". And when Azizah's daughter came to fetch her mother, Nora too, like her mother, kissed Parameswari!

We will miss Azizah.

With her demise, we have lost 14 Kirkbyites since January 2017!

Those wishing to convey their condolences can contact Ann at **07-433 1519; 013-765 2789** or email her: **reyus_corp@yahoo.com**

Yours in sorrow,
RAMA