

TEARS FOR RAMA

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TWO days before Rama passed on, I spoke with him for a couple of minutes.

He told me he will call me later. True to his words he texted asking if he could call.

As I was busy I did not reply. Now I regret I did not accept his call invitation.

Days later I received a message informing of Rama's passing. I was shocked and I burst out in tears.

My mind went back to the 1971 SEAP Games in Kuala Lumpur. He was 18 and I was two years older.

Though he did not play in the first eleven, we got on well. We built a great brotherly friendship which somehow got disconnected.

Then one day in 2017 I called him and we reconnected.

Twice a year when I visit Kuala Lumpur, I will catch up with Rama and this made up for all the years we got separated.

What a generous guy he was. He'll always advise me on health issues and it was so nostalgic being able to renew our friendship.

