

# In Memoriam



**Kuala Lumpur Bar**  
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# In memory of ...

*Ng Fook Loy*

*Henry Lee Yee Lian*

*Mohd Alakhir Bin Brahim*

*Mohd Zahid Bin Abd Hamid*

*Lim Choon Wee*

*Augustine Christopher Nathan*



## **Ng Fook Loy**

**5 March 1947 - 27 November 2011**

On 5 March 1947, Mr. Ng Kon Moy and Madam Chong Jin Fah rejoiced in the birth of their first born and named him Ng Fook Loy. He is our dad. Always a loving and dutiful son; respectful and grateful to his parents. He showered them with love and attention into their winter years. This virtue we witnessed and will emulate.

Dad was a student at Pasar Road Primary School followed by 7 years with “the boys” at Victoria Institution Kuala Lumpur. He credited his school masters, teachers and schoolmates for all the positive influences. He remained in contact with many of them and their friendships lasted his lifetime. He had the privilege to serve in one of the committees of the Victoria Institution Old Boys Foundation.

Tertiary education was an adventure for dad. It began when he boarded a French cargo ship sailing from Singapore to Marseilles (France) with ports of call at Madras, Bombay, via the Red Sea and Suez Canal into the Mediterranean Sea, landing at Marseille; then continuing on land across France and the English Channel to England; the target destination being to read law at Lincoln’s Inn. A detour through London casinos, “socialist” rallies fashionable at that time and other social distractions took him longer than most students but finally was admitted as a Barrister-at-Law by the Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn in 1977. Some would term that period of his life as his lost years, but he considered them valuable years and humbling lessons in the University of Life. Dad related all these events with gusto made more vivid with supporting photographs. He introduced to us many of his friends: the likes of Zhou Enlai, Winston Churchill, Lord Denning, Mother Teresa, poets and philosophers; friendships developed through his avid reading habit of myriad history and literature books and biographies.

He read in the chambers of Allen & Gledhill Kuala Lumpur. Called to the Bar in October 1978, his professional career as a legal assistant began at Zain and Co, continued in Abdul Aziz Ong & Co, and Aziz & Mazlan, before establishing his own practice under the name of F.L. Ng Dan Rakan-Rakan and later renamed F.L. Ng & Jailany. During his lifetime of practice, passion with the rule of law and justice was evident. He also had the opportunity to serve in the Disciplinary Committee for the Advocates & Solicitors Disciplinary Board.

Dad often remarked that his journey through life had been enriched by many humbling experiences; punctuated by tricky challenges but always grateful for the support of loving parents, siblings, wife and children and so many caring schoolmates and friends. He hoped he had reciprocated with enough love for each and everyone he had encountered. Always a loyal and reliable friend, integrity and gratefulness were the cornerstones of his life.

To those who have met him or know him well, we thank you all for being a part of his life. We know it meant a lot to him because he told us so.

In year 2000, dad invited Lord Jesus Christ into his life, and on 27 November 2011 an angel came and called dad's name, took him by the hand and led him into His warm embrace; blessed be the name of our Lord.

We will always remember dad for his affection and devotion to our mother, his conscientious dedication to his role as our loving father; his hearty laugh, his quiet smiles and reassuring voice "work hard and play hard", "go seize the moment" and the "world your oyster".

He has set the example of what a good son, husband, father and friend should be.

Shared by: All 3 children of Ng Fook Loy (Thomas)

*There is so much we didn't get to say,  
But we know you are never far away.  
Today and tomorrow our whole life through,  
We will always love and cherish you.*



**Henry Lee Yee Lian**  
9 May 1947 - 16 April 2012

The late Henry Lee was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in the early 1970s. He graduated from Lincoln's Inn. He married Madam Liew Mey Eng in 1974 and they have 3 children.

Henry was in practice for 38 years; his former partner was Mr Ling Fook Hing who had passed away in 1976. In his early practice in the 1970s, Henry was involved in litigation matters but towards the later part he had concentrated on conveyancing matters.

Henry had stood as a candidate in the general election on 3 occasions in the 1980s under the DAP but was unsuccessful.

Apart from his legal practice, Henry was a legal adviser and consultant for the construction industries and several Chinese Associations for many years.

Henry was also a keen guitarist and in fact had his own band of musicians. He just loved to play the guitar and had a good collection of guitars too. It was his hobby and at times he would hold a guitar even in his sleep.

Henry worked until his last breath on 16 April 2012 when he suffered a fatal heart attack and passed away at the age of 65.

*Liew Mey Eng*

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## **Mohd Alakhir Bin Brahim**

11 August 1976 - 5 May 2012

Allahyarham Mohd Alakhir Bin Brahim berasal dari Melaka dan merupakan anak bongsu daripada tujuh orang adik-beradik. Beliau mendapat pendidikan awal di Sekolah Kebangsaan Peringgit Melaka, pendidikan menengah di Sekolah Muzaffar Syah Melaka, program A Level di Kolej MARA Banting, program Diploma Pentadbiran Awam di Universiti Teknologi MARA Melaka dan seterusnya program Ijazah Sarjana Muda Undang-Undang dengan Kepujian di Universiti Teknologi MARA Shah Alam. Kehilangan bapanya ketika berusia dua tahun, ibunyalah yang menjadi tulang belakang menyara kehidupan dan membesarkan beliau adik-beradik, yang pada ketika itu masih belajar, dengan pendapatan sebagai pembantu rumah. Malang sekali, ibu yang dicintai pula pergi dijemput Ilahi ketika beliau masih menuntut ilmu untuk mengejar impian sebagai seorang peguam dan tidak sempat meraikan kejayaan beliau ketika menerima segulung ijazah.

Tanpa kedua ibubapa disisi, beliau mendidik dirinya menjadi cekal dan bersemangat kental untuk menjalani hidup sendirian. Berbekalkan prinsip "*Stand and Fight*", beliau telah menempuh segala cabaran, mencapai kejayaan, menghadapi kegagalan, jatuh dan bangun semula sehingga berjaya. Lualan yang beliau tempuhi penuh dengan cabaran dan dugaan. Namun begitu, kesusahan yang dihadapi tidak pernah melemahkan semangat beliau. Sebaliknya, beliau menjadi semakin tabah, cekal dan berani untuk menghadapi masa depan.

Beliau percaya sesungguhnya untuk berjaya dalam apa jua bidang yang diceburi, seseorang itu harus bersikap positif, mempunyai semangat yang tinggi untuk berjaya, berani mencuba apa sahaja tugas yang diberi dengan bersungguh-sungguh, bersedia menerima teguran dan kritikan secara positif dan yang paling utama, meyakini kemampuan diri sendiri. Memiliki sikap merendah diri, baik-hati dan menghormati orang lain, beliau amat disenangi bukan sahaja oleh kaum keluarga, saudara-mara, sahabat-handai malahan orang yang tidak dikenali begitu mudah menerima dan menyayangi beliau.

Memulakan langkah pertama dalam bidang guaman, beliau menjalani latihan di Dennis Nik & Wong pada tahun 2005 di bawah penyeliaan Master Wong Rhen Yen. Sepanjang tempoh latihan tersebut, beliau telah menerima ilmu pengetahuan, tunjuk ajar, nasihat serta pendedahan yang amat luas dan berharga untuk beliau mengorak langkah lebih jauh dalam bidang guaman. Pada tahun 2006 beliau diterima masuk dan didaftarkan sebagai seorang Peguambela dan Peguamcara Mahkamah Tinggi Malaya. Dengan berbekalkan iltizam dan integriti, beliau bersedia menghadapi cabaran untuk mencapai banyak lagi cita-citanya yang lain untuk menyumbangkan bakti kepada masyarakat dan negara.

Pada penghujung tahun 2010 beliau melangkah setapak lagi dengan menjadi rakan kongsi apabila menyertai firma guaman Ong Ma & Partners.

Malangnya beliau tidak sempat menyempurnakan semua cita-citanya kerana jatuh sakit ketika kerjaya beliau baru mula berkembang. Dalam waktu yang singkat beliau telah kembali ke rahmatullah pada 5 Mei 2012, tiga bulan sebelum usia beliau mencecah 36 tahun. Kehilangan beliau menjadi kejutan dan sangat dirasai kerana

walaupun masih baru di dalam bidang guaman tetapi beliau seorang yang berpotensi untuk melangkah lebih jauh lagi sebagai seorang peguam yang berjaya.

Merenung sejenak petikan kata-kata hikmah yang menjadi pegangan dan kekuatan diri beliau:-

“When the going gets tough, the tough gets going. The path to success is never easy. Sometimes in order to succeed, it matters not what others think and believe, but what matters most is your own thought and belief in yourself. Look at yourself from the outside and know yourself inside out, you will eventually find the one, whole and unbreakable you. Be strong, cling to your faith, never falter in what you believe and keep pressing on steadfastly. You will eventually make it through”.

Beliau pergi meninggalkan adik-beradik dan rakan-rakan karib yang sangat menyayanginya. Apa yang pasti, kami tidak akan pernah berhenti merindui beliau.

Semoga rohnya dicucuri rahmat. Amin.

*Sajiniah Bte Brahim*

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### **Mohd Zahid Bin Abd Hamid**

**8 October 1966 - 30 August 2012**

Allahyarham Mohd Zahid Bin Abd Hamid was born on 8 October 1966, in Seremban.

After his secondary school, Allahyarham read law and graduated with LL.B (Hons) from UITM in 1990. Allahyarham was called to the Bar in 1992.

From 1992 to 1997, Allahyarham was attached as a Legal Assistant, firstly with Messrs Andrew TS Goh in Melaka and then with Messrs Adlan YP Cheong & Leong in Kuala Lumpur. In 1998, Allahyarham set up and was a partner in the legal firm of Messrs Syed Barakbah & Co. in Kuala Lumpur.

Allahyarham was a regular figure in the Courts at Kuala Lumpur and Shah Alam and practised mainly in Civil and Commercial Litigation.

Allahyarham was married to Razinah Mohd Zalman, a fellow member of the Bar, and they are blessed with seven lovely children, six boys and the youngest being a “princess” (in the words of Allahyarham). All the children are still school going.

For those of us who have known Allahyarham, we would remember him as a man with not many words but with a lot of warmth and wisdom; and never a person not to extend a helping hand when his assistance is needed or to extend his ears to listen to anyone’s problems, however minor they may be. Allahyarham had always looked at things positively.

In the words of his wife, Razinah, she has lost a “friend for fighting” who will always allow her to win the “fights” eventually.

For me personally, I can never forget the smart ‘pony tail’ that Allahyarham always had hidden under the collars of his shirt whenever he appeared in the corridors of the Courts.

True to the character and principles of Allahyarham, Razinah has requested me to seek forgiveness for Allahyarham from those who had known him, if in the slightest event Allahyarham had caused any hurt or done any wrong to anyone.

May ALLAH bestow Rahmat to Allahyarham’s soul.

AL FATIHAH

*Haji Mohamed Haniff Khatri Abdulla*

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**Lim Choon Wee**  
5 March 1971 - 31 October 2012

Lim Choon Wee was born on 5 March 1971 and the eldest child of Mr Lim Ching Seong and Madam Chen Kim Yan. He started his education at Sekolah Rendah Kebangsaan Brickfields primary school before proceeding to complete his secondary education at Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur. In 1991, he completed his A-Levels at Prime College Kuala Lumpur.

After his pre-university studies, he enrolled in a twinning programme at Inti College to study law and obtained his Diploma in Law from the said college. In 1993, he left for the United Kingdom to complete his Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) at Cardiff Law School. There, he obtained his LL.B Second Class Upper Honours in 1995.

Upon his return to Malaysia in 1996, he undertook the Certificate in Legal Practice (CLP) studies at University Malaya and passed the CLP examination in the same year. He was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1997 after completing his pupillage at Paul Ong & Associates.

He had several short stints in a number of law firms from 1997 to 2001 before joining Paul Cheah & Associates in 2002. In this legal firm, he worked for over 10 years before his sudden demise on 31 October 2012.

Choon Wee had led a short but meaningful life. He is greatly missed by family members and friends.

*Lim Choon Kiat*

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## **Augustine Christopher Nathan**

**25 June 1963 - 15 December 2012**

Augustine was born on 25 June 1963. We were classmates in University Malaya, in the batch that commenced in 1983.

In our student days, he was our resource person. Let me explain this. He was the person whom his fellow classmates would turn to borrow lecture notes when we were not able to make it for classes. We also borrowed his summary of case notes (which he industriously summarised after reading the full report), when we could not find the time or were plain lazy.

There was something about the quality of his notes which struck me. They showcased a brilliant and a focus mind, a person who loved and understood the law well and a well organised person. I might also add he was a discipline and determined person to be able to complete time and again the endless list of authorities we were required to read after each lecture.

Augustine would lend his notes to everyone cheerfully. Incidentally, amongst those who borrowed his notes are currently professors in the university. We are grateful to him for helping us through law school!

We continued to keep in touch after law school. Later when he started legal practice, those qualities of Augustine that I mentioned above have never diminished. Of course by then, we ceased borrowing his summary of case notes.

He was a one man firm. He chambered in Paul Chong & Kraal, which later became Paul Chong & Nathan, when Charles Kraal passed away. He became a partner in 1999.

His love and knowledge of the law, his honesty, integrity, his discipline and right temperament, made him, in my respectful view - a judge material. However, as he was such an unassuming person, I felt his qualities were not fully appreciated. He loved his family dearly. He adored his parents. They were the most important persons in his life.

His famous verse which appears below his name in each email that he sends out is, "*The best sermons are lived; not preached.*". This is a reflection of his character. To those who are blessed to be his friends, we can testify that he has lived up to this verse.

He is a person I would trust with my life. Augustine passed away on 15 December 2012.

He is irreplaceable.

*Benjamin John Dawson*

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# He is Gone

*David Harkin*

You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.





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