Former Perlis Speaker dies at age 89

KANGAR: Former Perlis Speaker Datuk Indera Jaya Mahmud Hashim passed away at 11.45pm on Wednesday night at his house in Kampung Darat, Beseri, near here.

The 89-year-old died of old age and nerve complications.

He leaves behind wife Datin Argon Saad, 84, and three children – Hakimi, a Public Works Department draftsman, Zurina, a lecturer at Universiti Teknologi Mara Perlis and Zurida, an architect.

Indera Jaya also leaves behind 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

According to Hakimi, his father had been suffering from the nerve complications for about seven years.

Despite receiving treatment at the Tuanku Fauziah Hospital here and the Kedah Medical Centre in Alor Setar, Indera Jaya was bedridden for about four years before his demise.

Argon, adopted son Abdul Manaf Kasa, 49, and Abdul Manaf’s wife Siti Jamaliah Zaini, 46, were by his side when Indera Jaya died.

After retiring as a teacher in the early 1970s, Indera Jaya was actively involved in politics and won the Paya state assembly seat in 1974. He defended the seat for a second term in 1978 before being appointed Speaker from 1978 to 1982.

He was buried at the Kampung Tunjong Muslim Cemetery at 1.45pm yesterday.

Raja Perlis Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Md Isa Sabu, past and present state exco members and heads of departments were among those who paid their last respects.

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