



# *In Memory of*

*Balamurrughan A/l Pachiyappan*

*Harpajan Singh A/L Rajinder Singh*

*Dato' Mohamad Bustaman Bin Abdullah*

*S Thaivasingamony A/L R Seller*

*Selayamany A/L Muniandy*

*Siti Rubiah Binti Mustafa Bamadhaj*

*Yeak Chin Sing*

## **BALAMURRUGHAN A/L PACHIYAPPAN**

**(30<sup>th</sup> December 1969 – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015)**



Balamurrughan was born in India on 30th December 1969 and came to the shores of Malaysia with his family at the tender age of 2. The family settled in Johor Bharu where he completed his primary and secondary education earning accolades in Tamil and Bahasa Malaysia.

Even until his untimely demise at the tender age of 45 on 2nd December 2015, he was regularly consulted by senior practitioners to draft excellent pleadings in our national language.

After school and despite many hardships, he pursued his love of the law and obtained a law degree from the prestigious University of London. He then completed his CLP at University Malaya and proceeded to chamber at the firm of Chan Moosdeen & Co. One of his proudest moments remains his being called to the Bar in 1997 by the illustrious Haji Sulaiman Abdullah.

Bala was an idealist since college days when I read law with him and a greater defender of justice does not exist. I have fond memories of yesteryears of his stubborn sense of right and wrong, his unbending principles and his compulsion to do what is right. He was loved and respected by all who knew him for his gentleness, his honesty and above all for his unfailing sense of caring for all who sought his help.

During the course of his study, he was nevertheless hardworking and took on part time jobs. But he had a love for teaching and taught secondary school children and after completing his law, he taught the law to students of Anglia University even being invited to be an examiner of the prestigious University. But the calling of the law was strong in him and in due course he commenced practice; eventually opening his own firm Balamurrughan & Associates.

Many of his closest friends have told him that he was too good for this sometime harsh and unfriendly profession. But Bala transcended the daily rigours of the profession by keeping a firm eye on achieving justice. He sincerely cared for his clients and their predicament and would work into the wee hours of the morning to help his clients regardless of fees. He always felt that doing right was its' own just reward.

Bala was always humble and respectful to his elders, staunchly religious and even gained a reputation for his knowledge of the voluminous religious texts of the Bhagavad-Gita and numerology. He was always reading, filling his house with thousands of books much to his wife's consternation. It was a testament of his knowledge that it was often that his friends and family

called him for advice whether professional or personal. To me, a greater friend did not exist and never will. He would give up his last dollar to help a friend, even when he was facing hardship. He never turned away anyone who came to him for help.

Bala leaves behind his wife Mayhalla and 2 sons Adhityaa and Anandha Lakshman aged 4 and 2 respectively, whom he loved more than life itself. It was an interesting alliance him being an ardent Liverpool fan whereas his wife was a fierce supporter of Manchester United. I assume his charming personality won her over. He always considered his wife his closest friend and ally and the pillar of his strength. Their love and unity built a loving home for their sons. If this reference does nothing else, I fervently hope and pray that it stands as a testament and a message to his 2 sons to be as sincere, honest, and principled and as god fearing as their father. He would have wanted that. I have always considered him more of a brother than a friend having shared an almost 30 year friendship with him. A greater loss I cannot imagine. He also leaves behind 2 sisters Santhanalakshmi and Saraswathi who were more his friends than sisters, his nieces Karismitha and Rashmika whom he adored and his confidante Sasidran who was his brother in law .

He has left a legacy of having stood unbowed in a career steeped in honour and integrity. He gave his life in the service of the law. An unsung hero, a gentleman, a doting son, a caring brother, a loving husband and father. An old school gentleman of the highest calibre whom the legal profession is proud to be associated with.

I am honoured to speak for him at these august proceedings and extend my sincerest gratitude to this Honourable Court and members of the legal fraternity for bestowing this honour upon Balamurrugan; a gentleman of the law.

Last but not least I extend my sincerest condolences to his family and remind them that Bala will always be in our memories and will always be an important part of our lives.

Kumaresan Thurairaj

**HARPAJAN SINGH A/L RAJINDER SINGH**

(22<sup>nd</sup> May 1964 – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015)



Harpajan Singh Khaulsay was born in Ipoh on 22.5.1964. He was the second son of Dr Rajinder Singh and Madam Gurdeep Kaur.

He received his primary education at Sekolah Rendah Hutchings in Penang and secondary education at Westlands School, Penang and Sekolah Menengah Laki-Laki Methodist KL.

He obtained his LL.B (Honours) from the University of Warwick on 14.7.1989 and subsequently his Certificate of Legal Practice on 16.12.1995. The late Mr Harpajan commenced pupillage under Dato' Sivaloganathan s/o Yoganathan in the legal firm of Siva, Thurai, Mariany & Co. and was called to the Malaysian Bar on 15.11.1996. He subsequently obtained his Master of Laws from the University of Malaya on 4.9.2002.

The late Harpajan Singh Khaulsay practiced in Cheang & Ariff and Karpal Singh & Co. before starting his own legal practice of Harpajan S. Khaulsay.

His heart's desire was to help those in need without any acknowledgement, expectations or recognition. He always wanted to make a difference in people's lives and in choosing this profession, he made it his life's work.

The late Mr Harpajan passed away on 28.6.2015 leaving behind his beloved mother, Gurdeep Kaur, brother, Sarjit Singh Khaulsay, sister-in-law, Harjit Kaur Khaulsay and niece, Jasvinderjit Kaur Khaulsay.

## **DATO' MOHAMAD BUSTAMAN ABDULLAH**

**(21<sup>st</sup> April 1957 – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015)**



Dato' Mohamad Bustaman Abdullah practiced law in the law firm Messrs Bustaman.

Dato' Mohamad Bustaman Abdullah received his commission from Sandhurst, the prestigious Royal Military Academy in England, and returned to serve the Malaysian Armed Forces for 15 years before diverting to legal practice more than 20 years ago, specializing in intellectual property, technology, sports, media and entertainment law.

He was knowledgeable in both the legal and commercial aspects of IP, technology, media, entertainment and sports law. His areas of expertise includes: research collaboration and IP strategic agreements, IP audit and due diligence, IP licensing and technology transfer agreements, sports dispute and governance, sponsorship, endorsement, merchandising, franchising and broadcasting rights. As a senior counsel, he attended court proceedings in IP and sports litigation cases.

In sports law, he was responsible in the incorporation of Sukom Berhad and registration of the 1998 Commonwealth Games trade marks. He sat as an adviser on International Games Hosting Agreements. He also sat as the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee for the Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC) and member of Disciplinary Board of the Malaysian Football Association (FAM). He was the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee as well.

Bustaman was member of various IP NGOs such as the Asian Patent Attorney Association (APAA), Licensing Executive Society International (LESI), Federation of International Intellectual Property Counsels (FICPI), International Trade Marks Association (INTA) and the Australia New Zealand Sports Law Association (ANZSLA).



## **S THAIVASIGAMONY A/L R SELLER**

**(29<sup>th</sup> November 1929– 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014)**

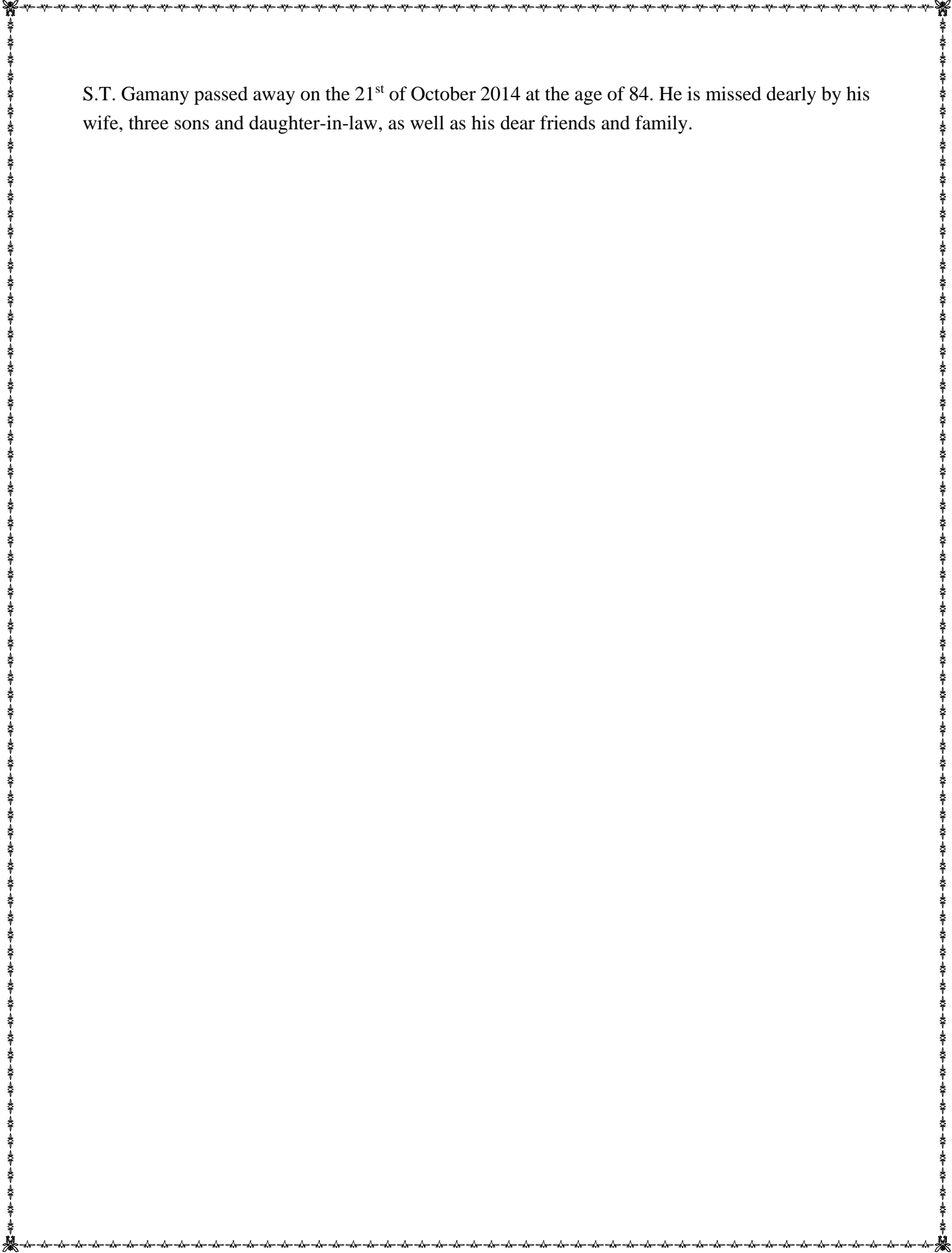


Mr. S Thaivaigamony s/o R Seller was born in Taiping, Perak on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1929. He was a simple man. He had his early education in King Edward VII in Taiping and later became a teacher at the school. It was through this experience that he became involved with the unions, in particular the transport workers union. It was his passion to help the workers advance their cause that resulted in him furthering his studies in England.

He joined the legal fraternity relatively late in his life, at the age of 34. He was called to the bar in 1963 at the Honourable Society of Middle Temple. When he returned to Kuala Lumpur he completed his chambering with Messrs Braddel & Ramany. In 1969 he went on to co-found the firm Messrs Daim & Gamany with Tun Daim Zainuddin. Tun Daim left the firm shortly after that to go into business. Daim & Gamany became one of the first law firms to represent Internal Security Act detainees being held in detention camps across Malaysia regardless of race, creed or political affiliations.

He cared for many but always made sure to put his family first. S.T. Gamany was defined by more than his profession. He was a beloved husband and loving father of three sons. Disciplined and punctual, he was the first to arrive at work and always home by 5pm. Regardless of work commitments, he spent every weekend with his family.

S.T. Gamany was always kind and generous towards others. In The Star newspaper, Tun Daim Zainuddin stated, “I have lost a dear friend who struggled to make a living from legal practice, not because he couldn’t but because he was a softie at heart and one who kept to his ideals. Gamany during his lifetime fought for the dignity of men against exploitation of labour and was at the forefront against injustice. He would defend those he believed were fighting for their legal rights and would give his services for free if they could not afford counsel. He was gentle but a man of steel when it involved principles, a rare breed these days. The country may not have recognized his contributions but the Malaysia that was born then was also shaped by people like him, with their push for a more egalitarian society. In his unassuming way he was a giant of a man and I will miss him.”



S.T. Gamany passed away on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2014 at the age of 84. He is missed dearly by his wife, three sons and daughter-in-law, as well as his dear friends and family.

## **SITI RUBIAH MUSTAFA BAMADHAJ**

**(5<sup>th</sup> May 1963 – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015)**



Born on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1963 in Singapore and the only child to Mustafa Bamadhaj and Mariam binti Abdullah.

She was raised in Johor Baru and got her early education at Sultan Ibrahim Girls School or better known as SIGS. Upon completion of SPM in 1980 with flying colours she was accepted by the National University Of Singapore to further her studies. However, due to some problems she switched to do Veterinary Science at the University Pertanian Malaysia (UPM), Serdang. Again, it must have been written in Heaven that she was destined to be a lawyer, she

again switched to do law by registering herself at the Law School of ITM, Shah Alam in 1985. And that the rest became history.

She excelled in her law studies at the Diploma level and continued to do Advanced Diploma In Law (ADIL) in 1987. She did her pupillage with Messrs Ngeow & Maurice Gomes and was called to the Bar on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1990.

Her journey in her law career had its ups & down just like any other ordinary person. Sit, as we called her during her lifetime was always a positive person and took every assignment given to her with passion and integrity.

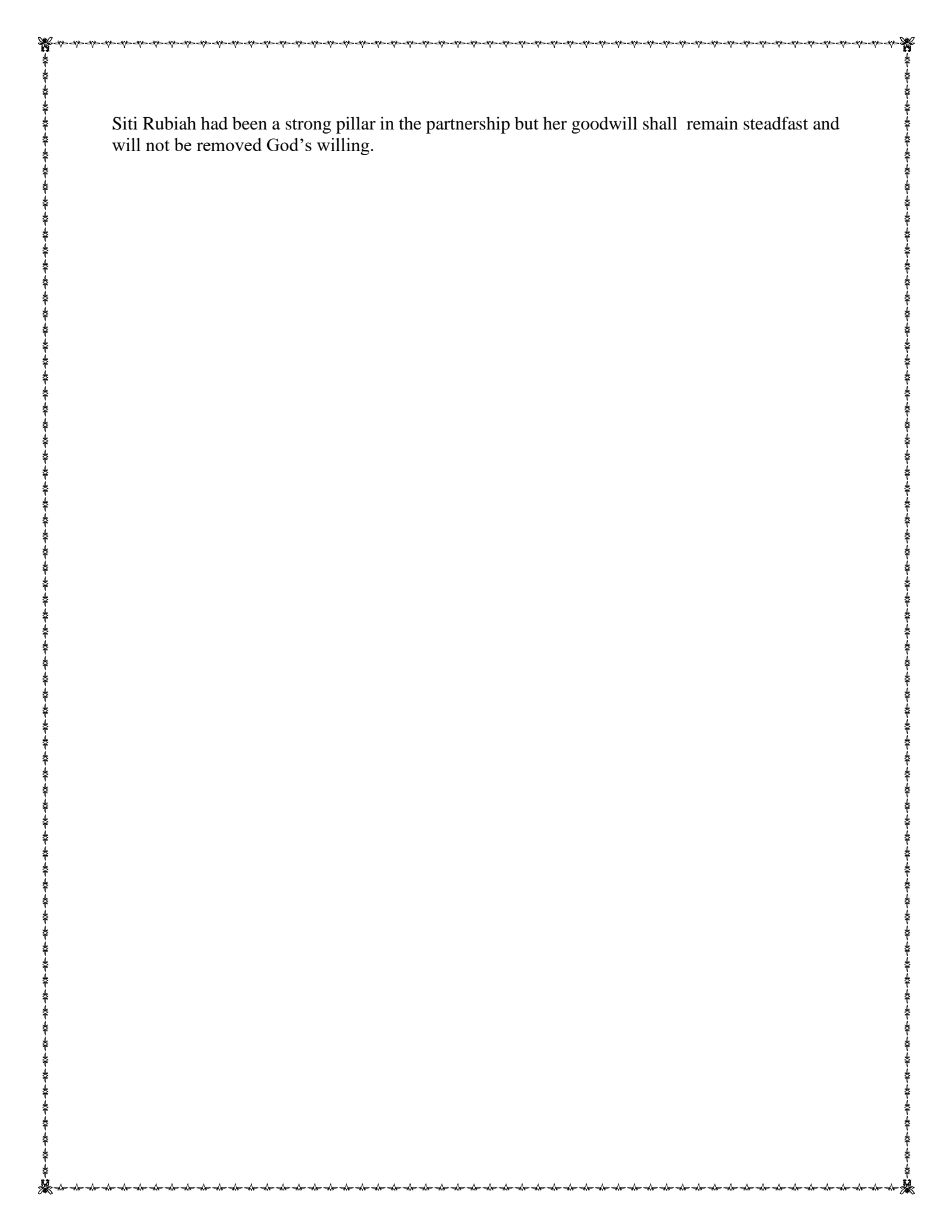
When I finally met her after such a long break since we left UITM, I offered her to join me as a partner not knowing that this partnership will be her last partnership in her career as a lawyer. We formed the partnership, Rozlina & Associates with effective from 1<sup>st</sup>. June, 2010 and we struggled like any other new partnerships to build contacts and panels to continue with our dreams. There were three of us, the late Rubiah, Raihan and yours truly.

When she was 1<sup>st</sup> diagnosed with 4<sup>th</sup> stage lungs cancer on her 50<sup>th</sup> b'day, we gave her the encouragement to stay focus and fight for it. Even throughout the 18 months that she was fighting for life, she never stopped assisting us with the files that needed her attention. In June, 2014, upon her request and agreed by all three of us, we applied to the Bar Council for the firm to be called "ROZLINA RUBIAH RAIHAN" (the" three Rs") .

In the early months of 2015, she thought she would make a come back to the office after getting her self admitted and discharged from the hospital prior to that . However, Allah has His plans for her. She struggled very hard but never once complained of her condition except to continue apologising for not being able to assist us in the business/partnership.

Allah has his plans well...he took her away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ramadhan, a holy month for the Muslims. He took away a cheerful & intelligent partner from ROZLINA RUBIAH RAIHAN, a doting mother from 3 young men and a loving & caring wife from Ahmad Bongsu.





Siti Rubiah had been a strong pillar in the partnership but her goodwill shall remain steadfast and will not be removed God's willing.

*Deeply Missed &  
Forever In Our  
Hearts*

*'May Their Souls  
Rest In Peace'*



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