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Azmi Khalid's wife passes away

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Datin Yasmin Abdullah (picture), wife of Home Affairs Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid, died today.

Yasmin, 62, was diagnosed two years ago with leukaemia, for which she had sought treatment here and abroad.

She was admitted to the Subang Jaya Medical Centre on March 2 and died today at 9.38am.

An inconsolable Azmi, met at their house in Jalan Conlay, said close relatives had been by Yasmin's side during her last moments.

"She was my best friend. She helped with everything for the past 38 years. She was like my right arm.

"Even when she was ill, she made wedding arrangements for our youngest son Ilhan Salimee. Exactly a month from today, he will tie the knot.

"She had hoped to be there. The wedding will go on as planned, but on a smaller scale."

Yasmin leaves four children - Soraya, Johan Mohriz, Ida Mariana and Ilhan Salimee - and one grandchild.

She was buried at the Mont Kiara Muslim cemetery in Taman Tun Dr Ismail after Asar prayers.

Among those who paid their last respects were the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, his deputy Datuk Seri Najib Razak and former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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