

Fawzi buried in hometown

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JITRA, Tues. — National Service Training Council chairman Brig-Jen Prof Datuk Dr Ahmad Fawzi Mohd Basri, who died of heart complications yesterday, was buried at the Rahmat Muslim cemetery in Kampung Hijrah today.

The body of the Universiti Utara Malaysia vice-chancellor arrived at 5.15am from the Selayang Hospital in Selangor.

Fawzi, 56, leaves a wife, Datin Aishah Ibrahim, and four children, Dzulhilmi, 29, Dzuwairi, 27, Noor Ezdiani, 22, and Noor Elyana, 18.

Among those who paid their last respects were the Sultan of Kedah and his daughter Datuk Seri Tunku Puteri Intan Shafinaz.

Others included Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin and National Civils Bureau director-general Datuk Nordin Kardi.

SM Iskandar Shah schoolmate Aziz said Fawzi's death was a great loss as he had contributed much to the academic sector.

"He was responsible for educating many of our children. He ensured they became useful citizens. Although I was older, I always



REST IN PEACE: Fawzi's sons (from right) Dzulhilmi and Dzuwairi and widow Aishah pouring rose water on his grave as they say their final farewell yesterday.

respected his opinions."

Hull University-mate Nordin said he would always remember their time in Britain. "We went through so much hardship together. Sometimes we didn't have enough money to eat, so we shared whatever we had."

Nordin, who knew Fawzi for 30 years and whose families were close, said: "He never hesitated when it came to helping a friend and would go out of his way to help those in need."

Aishah said Fawzi died in

his sleep at 4.15pm.

"He did not say anything during his final hours and I kept whispering to him to think of God."

Dzulhilmi, however, said the death was unexpected as his father was showing signs of recovery from a stroke four months ago.

Prof Azmi Shaari, UUM Social Development Faculty dean, said Fawzi played a major role in shaping the minds of the young through his involvement in the National Service programme.