



SOMBRE MOMENT: (from left) Aishah and sons Dzuwairi and Dzulhilmi pouring rose water on Dr Ahmad Fawzi's grave at the Rahmat Muslim Cemetery in Jitra, Kedah, yesterday.

Don 'wanted to help Malays develop'

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JITRA: The late Prof Datuk Dr Ahmad Fawzi Mohd Basri was a thinker who wanted to improve the lives of Malays, said Rural Development Minister Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin.

In his tribute to the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) vice-chancellor who died on Monday, Abdul Aziz said they had known each other since the 1970s.

"He was passionate about the development of Malays, especially the youths.

"He was hardworking and wanted Malay youths to get a good education," Abdul Aziz said at the Rahmat Muslim Cemetery here yesterday.

Ahmad Fawzi, who died of blood poisoning at the Selayang Hospital, was buried at the cemetery yesterday.

He leaves behind wife Datin

Aishah Ibrahim, 56, and four children.

The Sultan of Kedah, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, and his daughter Datuk Seri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz were among those who paid their last respects yesterday.

Ahmad Fawzi was appointed UUM vice-chancellor in 2001.

He was appointed the National Service Council chairman in 2003.