



**Ryan Pateña, the only son of veteran performer Carmen Pateña, died of brain cancer on Nov. 2 at Compassionate Care Hospice in Jersey City, N.J. He was 34.**

**Born in Manila on Oct. 13, 1976, he was a graduate of Humanities High School in New York.**

**“Ryan’s a very loving son, very compassionate,” says his mother, known as Asia’s Ambassador of Songs. “He never gave me a problem. I will surely miss him.”**

**Ms. Pateña, a former New Yorker who returned to the Philippines a few years ago to**

**resume her singing career, cancelled all her engagements back home to be on her son's bedside.**

**She flew to New Jersey on Oct. 21 — 12 days before he passed away.**

**The remains was cremated on Nov. 8.**

**Aside from Ms. Pateña, Ryan is survived by his uncle, the Rev. David Pateña, and closest friends Marilou Geling, and Dave and Matti Cameron of Raritan, N.J.**

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