



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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