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**FAREWELL:** MM Lee pays his last respects to Mr Lai. With him are Mrs Lee and Mr Lai's widow, Madam Dorothy Yip (in black).

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MINISTER Mentor Lee Kuan Yew yesterday paid his last respects to the late Mr Lai Kew Chai, the retired High Court judge who presided over several high-profile cases including the Huang Na murder trial.

Mr Lai died of stomach cancer on Monday. He was 65.

Mr Lee was accompanied by his wife, Madam Kwa Geok Choo, who is a founding member of law firm Lee and Lee and with whom Mr Lai had worked from 1966 to 1981.

The Lees expressed their condolences to Mr Lai's widow, Madam Dorothy Yip.

They also spoke for about 20 minutes to Mr Lai's son, Dr Stanley Lai, as well as his daughter, Madam Amy Lai, and her husband, Mr Mark Syn.

"MM Lee comforted us and told us to be strong," said Dr Lai, a 37-year-old lawyer.

Mr Lai, who served on the Bench for 25 years, had been on medical leave since last August and retired earlier this month.

He had been in the Singapore General Hospital since Feb 20.

Others who turned up to pay their last respects yesterday included Deputy Prime Minister and Law Minister S. Jayakumar; Information, Communications and the Arts Minister Lee Boon Yang; and members of the Law Society.

The funeral will be held on Friday at St Andrew's Cathedral.