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SEREMBAN: Boy genius Chiang Ti Ming, who died on Saturday, was buried yesterday at the Jalan Sikamat Christian Cemetery.

The cause of his death is unknown and family members were tight-lipped at the funeral.

Chiang made the headlines in 1989 when, as a 12-year-old, he was accepted into the prestigious California Institute of Technology (Caltech) to study physics.

He went on to pursue a doctorate in the field of "Super String Theory" in 1992 at Cornell University, an Ivy League institution.

Not much was known about Chiang after his initial "fame", though in 1993, he suffered a personal tragedy when his four-year-old sister Eei Wern drowned at the swimming pool of the Seremban International Golf Club.

In 2002, it was reported that he was admitted to a hospital in Kuala Lumpur after suffering from depression.

Dr Lee Fah Onn, the president of INTI International University College, said Chiang was a student at INTI, which arranged and prepared him for admission to Caltech in 1989.

He said Chiang was a very special student as he had the ability to understand abstract ideas.