



Mohamed Said Kassem

July 16, 1943 - March 11, 2020

Mohamed Said Kassem, of Sylvania, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at ProMedica Toledo Hospital after a long battle with colon cancer. He was 76. He was surrounded by family and friends, from near and far, in his final days.

Mohamed was born in Egypt to Mohamed Ibrahim and Sakina Kassem on July 16, 1943. Mohamed was born on a Friday, which earned him the nickname “Gomaa” (Arabic for Friday). He later became known to many of his friends as “Happy Friday” as his name Said is Arabic for happy. His childhood environment sparked a lifelong interest in politics, religion, and history.

In 1967, Mohamed followed his brother Sami to Toledo to pursue his education. He graduated from the University of Toledo with Bachelor’s Degrees in Industrial Engineering and Business. Following college, Mohamed worked at Chrysler, while also translating Arabic documents for new immigrants at the International Institute of Toledo. Mohamed worked hard to provide for his family and refused to take shortcuts. He was devoted to ensuring that all of his interactions with others exhibited honesty, fairness, and integrity. Mohamed’s greatest joy in life was being a father to his children. His world revolved around his family. Educating his children was of the utmost importance to Mohamed, and he tirelessly sacrificed to provide his children with educational opportunities. He ensured that all of his children understood the value of an education, and instilled all of the lessons learned from his struggles and experiences in life in his children. Mohamed taught his children the importance of a strong work ethic by the example he set. He was a great father, friend, and teacher to his children.

Mohamed possessed a wealth of knowledge that was apparent to all who met him, even in his final days. He was able to immediately befriend any person he met, regardless of their background. Mohamed would strike up conversations and joke with perfect strangers, and shared a kindness not regularly seen these days.

Some of Mohamed’s simpler pleasures in life included driving to Port Clinton to buy as much fish as humanly possible each spring, laughing to his favorite television show M*A*S*H, and reading about politics, religion, history, and the economy.

Mohamed was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Abdu. Surviving are his wife of over 40 years, Mahasen; sons, Ahmad and Osama; daughters, Laura and Sophia;

brothers, Tawfik and Sami; sister, Suad; and countless nieces and nephews. Mohamed was laid to rest on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Toledo Memorial Park in accordance with Islamic rituals. Condolences can be shared with his family at www.ansberg-west.com.

Cemetery

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street

Sylvania, OH, 43560

Events

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Service

01:30PM

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Masjid Saad Foundation

5225 W. Alexis Road, Sylvania, OH, US, 43560

Comments



“ I remember Said he was in my wedding in 1973.He lived above the Sugarman drug store on dorr street.He was always busy .A note from Charles Baker. Not the Governor of MASS.

Charles - March 23, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Wow, you called my dad Said. So you know Uncle Elias then as he's the only other person I know who called my dad by that name. My dad told me about living with him over the Shugarman place. We grew up with the Shugarman kids in Old Orchard and Ottawa Hills. Well if you have pictures, I'd love to see them. I don't have many photos of my dad from the 1970s. Our duplex had a fire thanks to the college tenants. I've never seen pictures of my dad as a kid either. One of my oldest uncle's exes burned down the family home in Egypt. So I had no way to see earlier items on anyone really.

Laura - March 24, 2020 at 02:47 AM



“ I will look for pictures.

Charles Baker - March 27, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Thank you. My brother actually sent me a scanned photo of my dad in a shirt full of small Nefertiti heads. It had to have been from the late 1960s or early 1970s. He must have found it upstairs in my dad's storage or someone sent it to my brother. I have yet to ask. I'd post it, but my mom wouldn't appreciate it especially online as once on the internet, it remains somewhere in this abyss even if I removed the photo.

Laura - April 04, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Sami I know how difficult it is to lose a brother you and the rest of the family will be in my prayers. Ken Robe

Ken Robie - March 22, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ Thank you. My uncle is 81 and doesn't use computers I think, and he's not good with holding onto cell phones. For now, he's got his wife's phone while back in town. He flew from Phoenix the next day after getting our call that my dad was dying. My other uncle came back from Egypt just about 2 hours before my dad passed away. My dad always was mistaken for Uncle Sami around town. His students weren't paying close enough attention in class I guess.

Laura - March 24, 2020 at 02:56 AM