



Dr. Mohammad "Amir" Ali Ghodsi

May 7, 1936 - June 10, 2024

New York, New York

On Monday, June 10, 2024, Dr. Amir (Mohammad Ali) Ghodsi passed peacefully to the other, surrounded by his loved ones. An inspirational educator, author, poet, athlete, and entrepreneur, those who knew him well highlight Amir's dedication to truth, justice and unwavering faith and trust in God. He epitomized humanity in his generosity of spirit, humility, pure heart and kindness. He was blessed with an incredible mind and ability to excel at anything he attempted whether his studies, sports or other pursuits.

Amir was born on May 7, 1936, in Mashad, Iran to Assadolah Ghodsi and Asyeh Deylami. He was the top student in his class at Tehran University (Daneshsara-ye Aali - Institute of Higher Education), receiving his BS in Chemistry. During this time, Amir was a member of the Iranian national volleyball team. He was also an accomplished chess player and managed a draw with world champion Boris Spassky when he visited Iran.

On August 23, 1963, Amir was betrothed to his loving wife, Nasrin Kazerani Ghodsi. Immediately after, they traveled to Paris so that Amir could continue his studies at the Sorbonne University - CNRS. He received his PhD with honors in Macromolecular Chemistry in 1968.

He returned from Paris to Iran following his education to serve his countrymen by taking a teaching post at Ferdowsi University of Mashad, where he was a respected and revered Professor and Dean of Students and later the founder and President of Shabana Ferdowsi University. He taught his students about striving for knowledge and serving their country as he had done. Upon early retirement, Amir, who cherished a love of agrarian pursuits, opened the first dairy farm in Mashad.

In 1978, in anticipation of a coming revolution in Iran, Amir sent his children abroad to England to continue their studies. He sacrificed his love for his country and own life for his love for his family and, in 1982, moved his family from England to the United States, settling in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa.

Amir authored multiple publications in his beloved field of Chemistry, including a two-volume Encyclopedia of Chemistry during 16 years of his retirement dedicated to the children of Iran and to those who believe in knowledge and developing their country, which he presented to the Ferdowsi University of Mashad as a sign of his gratitude and respect for the University.

Amir was a devout believer in and spent many years studying and researching the teachings of Rumi. He frequently visited Konya to be closer to achieving the love that he believed would unite all of us with God. In his final years, he authored a book about the life and teachings of Rumi with the sole purpose of bringing this knowledge to the youth.

Amir loved to show the world to his children. He had a fear of flying, but that did not stop his zeal for travel. He drove extensively to the East from Iran through Afghanistan and Pakistan to India, to the West from Iran on multiple occasions through Turkey and many countries in between to London, from D.C. to California, and from Toronto to Florida. He settled in Maryland in 2001,

but traveled to Puglia, Italy every year despite the flight as he reminisced every day about the similarities between this region and his beloved homeland.

He dedicated his life to the love of his life, Nasrin Kazerani Ghodsi, his faithful companion of 60 years, his children who he often referred to as his biggest jewels, Dr. Abdi Ghodsi (b 1964), Dr. Newsha Ghodsi (b 1969), Tamilla Ghodsi (b 1970) and Dr. Zuleika Ghodsi (b 1972) and their spouses, Manijeh Khalaj, Sassan Safay, Bijan Ayromloo and Dr. Ali Soulati, his wife's siblings who he raised as his own, Ali Reza Kazerani and Nona Kazerani Hunter and their spouses Jodi Kazerani (d 2014) and John Hunter, his sister Shamsi and brother Yahya, and countless others that looked to him as a second father. He is also survived by his grandchildren Reza, Andrew, Keion, Saaman, Shayan, Hanna, Heleah, Maire, Anya, Kianna, Jian, and Arya.

Nasrin and the family would like to thank Dr. John Mascarenhas and the dedicated physicians and nurses of Mt. Sinai Hospitals and Clinics, and Dr. Muhammad Siddique, April Motovidlak, and the caring staff at Bay Hematology Oncology and University of Maryland Shore Medical Center Infusion Center.

A family and friends gathering is planned for Saturday June 15, 2024, in Easton, Maryland with funeral services at 4 pm at Oxford Cemetery in Oxford, Maryland (Please email familyghodsi@gmail.com for additional information). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that for those who are able and would like to memorialize Amir make donations to the Amir and Nasrin Ghodsi Family Medical Scholarship at the University of Iowa Medical School (<http://givetoiowa.org/Ghodsi>), the American Red Cross to whom we are grateful for all the blood and platelets that kept Amir alive for the last two years, or any other charity of your choice that supports orphans, who Amir supported throughout

his life.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Oxford Cemetery
Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Tribute Wall

FS

“ Dear Ghodsi family: we cherish the memories and good times we had together with him. We will held those memories forever in our hearts. May God give you strength during difficult time. Memories never die stays in you heart forever. Our deepest sympathies Faramarz& violet Shhsar



Faramarz Shhsar - July 07, 2024 at 10:04 PM

DS

“ I have many fond memories of playing cards with Dr. Ghodsi. He was a very kind man who will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Dari Shirazi - June 15, 2024 at 08:30 AM

SS

“ All my memories of him is about chemistry. He was the greatest mentor , professor for thousands of his students who admire him for their success. If it was not because of his guidance and toughness they wouldn't be where they are today.He loved his job and it shows from thousands of his high position students all over the world. His name and his memories stay with them forever and I am one of them.we all only knew him but since I met his family I know this family are the kindest people on earth. Newsha my savior , Tamilla , Zulieka and Abdi are all the most wonderful people and above all is Nasrin who is God sent to all of us.God gave all of us the best gift and she is the one gets the credit to raise such a successful children and grandchildren.I want her to know she is not alone after losing her beloved husband she has all of us being there for her and love her from bottom of our hearts.

Soraya Ghayourmanesh- Svoronos - June 14, 2024 at 08:20 PM

KW

“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of your father. What an impressive and accomplished life he lived. My thoughts are with your family.* - Kent

Kent Wasson - June 14, 2024 at 07:39 PM

TM

“ *Tamilla, sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

Talva Monroe-Wilds

Talva Monroe-Wilds - June 14, 2024 at 08:39 AM

VB

“ *Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mohammad "Amir" Ali Ghodsi*



Vickie Bildstein - June 13, 2024 at 09:12 PM

MB

“ *I am so sorry for your families loss. Sending my thoughts to you all.* Melissa Barrett



Melissa Barrett - June 13, 2024 at 03:40 PM

BE

“ Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mohammad "Amir" Ali Ghodsi



Bonnie Edwards - June 13, 2024 at 03:27 PM

LS

“ So very sorry for the loss of your Father. May your family find peace in cherishing all of the wonderful memories you had with him.



Lorie and Scott Schreiber - June 13, 2024 at 10:47 AM

EA

“ Eddie Aracena lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mohammad "Amir" Ali Ghodsi



Eddie Aracena - June 13, 2024 at 10:44 AM

EA

“ Tamilla - Extending my deepest sympathies for the loss of your father. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sorrowful time.



Eddie Aracena - June 13, 2024 at 10:44 AM

MC

“ Michelle Clark lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mohammad "Amir" Ali Ghodsi



Michelle Clark - June 13, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JL

“ So very sorry for your loss; may pleasant memories of your father bring you peace.



John & Trudy Leager - June 13, 2024 at 09:00 AM

Mahsa Jafary

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Mahsa Jafary - June 13, 2024 at 08:32 AM

EW

“ Elizabeth Wheat lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mohammad "Amir" Ali Ghodsi



Elizabeth Wheat - June 13, 2024 at 08:19 AM

EW

What a wonderful life and Man! Just extraordinary!! Our sympathies go out to his family. Prayers for you all!

Elizabeth Wheat - June 13, 2024 at 08:23 AM

MC

“ *Tamilla & Family*

I'm so Sorry to hear the passing of your Father. My deepest sympathy goes out to you during this difficult time. Always Cherish the good times and the memories that will help bring you peace through the years!

Michelle Clark

Michelle Clark - June 12, 2024 at 05:27 PM

EG

“ *What an honorable life Dr. Ghodsi lived. Im sure his family have so many loving memories. I will keep all of you in my prayers.
With love, elizabeth glenn*



elizabeth glenn - June 12, 2024 at 05:22 PM

JM

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers tot he Ghodsi family. It is clear from his obituary what a wonderful life Dr. Ghodsi lived and the legacy he leaves behind.*

John and Elizabeth McGuire

John McGuire - June 12, 2024 at 11:39 AM