



Ahmet A. Celayir

January 1, 1929 - October 26, 2023

Ahmet Afif Celayir, 94, gained his wings on October 26, 2023. Ahmet was born in Istanbul, Turkey on January 1, 1929. He later migrated to New York, NY in 1965. He worked for the Turkish Consulate General near Rockefeller Center until he retired then settled in Northern Virginia in 1983.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Zehra Celayir, brother Yuksel Celayir of Istanbul, Turkey, father Abdulgaffar Celayir, and his mother Emine.

Surviving him are his family whom he loved unconditionally: daughter Shula Markland of Edgewater, MD, and daughter Debbie Blanton of Alexandria, VA, and son Gurur Celayir of Istanbul, Turkey, grandchildren Mariah Markland, Julia Markland, Casey Markland, Jonathan Mroz, and Isabelle Blanton, son-in-law Glen Blanton, grand-son-in-law Ryan Lounes, great grandchildren Mason, Alexander, and Autumn, brother Cafer Celayir of Istanbul, Turkey, and his nieces Hulya, and Idil, and nephews Haydar, and Devrim.

Ahmet is remembered most for his happy, joyous, and always positive attitude, love of life, love for the beach, swimming in the ocean, soccer, and good food.

The family will conduct a very small private ceremony.

Please no flowers or gifts, but if you would like to make a donation to the charity of your choice, please do so.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Daddy, I love you so much!! My heart aches today. I am going to miss you so much. Your kind heart, caring ways, strength, courage, wisdom, love, and the list goes on and on. I'll never forget everything you taught me, and especially that you were always there for me whenever I needed you. I hope you are dancing in heaven with mom! Until we meet again.



Shula Markland - October 29, 2023 at 07:07 PM

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“ Nazan Levent lit a candle in memory of Ahmet A. Celayir



Nazan Levent - October 28, 2023 at 01:47 PM

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“ May God make him go to heaven and live in paradise 🙏🙏. May he also give you the strength to push through this. He will never be forgotten. 🙏

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“ *Ahmet Celayir was our beloved uncle whom we will never forget
He was the most joyfull and positive person we have ever met
He really was in love with food
All the times we spent with him were very precious.
May he rest in peace 🙏*

Nazan Levent - October 28, 2023 at 09:28 AM