



Elias George Sayegh

November 24, 1947 - August 7, 2016

Elias George Sayegh “Elouse”, 68, of Orlando, Florida, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at approximately 9:36 P.M. on Sunday, August 7, 2016 in the care of Cornerstone Hospice at the Orlando Regional Medical Center. Born on November 24, 1947 in Beirut, Lebanon to Janet Tawil and George Sayegh. He was predeceased by his parents, brother, Tony Sayegh, loving wife, Sonia Susan Sayegh, who died on February 9, 2010 after a painful battle with pancreatic cancer, and his son, Tony Gregory Sayegh, who tragically died on April 27, 2015. He is survived by his three daughters, Nancy, Mirta and Joanna, his son, George as well as numerous family members, friends, relatives and loving grandchildren. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Hector Acevedo for his dedicated support and Cornerstone Hospice Center of ORMC for their care and comfort for our father in his final stages of life.

Elias was born in Lebanon where he lived most of his young adult life, embracing his Middle Eastern culture, Christian beliefs, and traditions. He attended University in Beirut and upon completion of his studies, and to escape the Lebanese Civil War, he embarked on his journey to Argentina where he would learn his knack and passion for business. As a young, talented and ever-so eager business man, Elias worked his way to the top, leading one of Argentina’s top shoe-making companies of the 1970s. He enjoyed his ability to travel all around the world, engaging with manufacturing

companies from Panama, to Hong Kong and Macau, China. Elias adapted to the foreign cultures and expanded on his communication skills. At the age of 30, he became fluent in Spanish, English, Arabic, French and Turkish. Elias was also the first business man in the import/export industry to introduce the color television to South American countries.

Elias later made his way to the United States of America, Specifically, Paterson, New Jersey, where he would gain the title and nickname as the “Land Lord of Passaic County”. Investing in multi-family homes, high-rise business offices, and free standing commercial properties. It was then where he would reunite with the love of his life, Sonia, in which resulted in the birth of their adored children, Nancy, Mirta “Mary”, George “JJ”, Tony and Georgette “Joanna”. Elias, made headlines and front page news as the first 24-hour operating gas station in the state of New Jersey. He loved to travel with his family to all parts of the world, especially, tropical destinations, such as Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire and several others.

After several years, they decided to relocate to central Florida to settle and raise their children. Elias once again made a name for himself in the sunshine state after the grand opening of the first Middle Eastern deli/supermarket combo in the Disney area, Sonia’s Middle Eastern Deli and Supermarket. His customers would travel from all parts of Florida to shop and visit. Later, Elias would expand on his business ventures, with the opening of Lite Bite Buffet and also Burgers & Kabobs at the Osceola Square Mall. These fast-food based businesses in the food-court of the local, and once upon a time “happening” mall were the highlight of his life, as his children were able to learn and partake in his passion. This resulted in the ability and flexibility for Elias to further his business skills outside the states. Elias had then reestablished his international business relationships and was once again traveling to all parts of South America for his import/export business.

Due to health and medical issues for both Elias and his wife, they decided to dissolve their businesses and retired in Orlando, FL. His interests then included gardening, cooking, buying/selling of trades on the stock market, politics and renovating their home. Up until the death of his son, Tony in early 2015 and his final stage of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Elias would visit his wife's plot, water and plant her fresh flowers.

In short, Elias was a bold, intelligent, courageous and adventurous man. There was nothing that he could not do, could not make or could not conquer. All who knew him, would seek his advice and wisdom. His family takes comfort in knowing that one day they will once again be reunited with their loved ones who are in the arms of the heavenly Lord. If you've taken the time to read this, then you were once a part of his Elias's life. Please be sure to say a prayer for him and his grieving family as they celebrate his life and proceed with his final wishes for what remains of him on this earth.

We thank God for the gift and blessing of the time we spent with him in the final moments of his life. A memorial service honoring his life will take place on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. by Father John McCormick at the St. James Cathedral Catholic Church located at 215 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. Followed by the Burial which will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, 1603 Greenwood Street, Orlando, FL 32801. A Community Funeral Home is caring for the arrangements.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Cathedral
215 North Orange Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801

Tribute Wall



“ *He was a good man*

Cook Guy - September 16, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ *Cook Guy lit a candle in memory of Elias George Sayegh*



Cook Guy - September 16, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Joanna Sayegh - August 07, 2017 at 11:30 AM



Dear Joanna, sorry for your loss. If you really want for Elias to Rest In Peace I believe his earthly debts should be repaid. -Souheil Ghosn

Souheil Ghosn - September 16, 2018 at 07:31 AM

LA

“ I'm so very sorry my friend 😞 You are such a kind gentle man that so many took advantage of. May you rest in eternal peace.



Lana - November 23, 2016 at 02:56 PM

SC

“ He helped darlie routier and her son who has just went through hell. What a compassionate man.. Thats what he will be remembered for. Jesus said to the compassionate thief dying next to him. "Truly. I tell you today, you will be with me in paradise ".

Suzy cyr - November 12, 2016 at 08:48 AM

BR

“ *Elias was a good man, his heart was in the right place but for the wrong people. I have shared many talks with him even though we were on opposing sides of a particular matter. Elias KNEW he was being used and Says so, he was used for his wallet and his kind heart regarding the case of Darlie Lynn Routier..to read what Darlie kee has written below sickens me. They took his money they allowed him to embarrass himself making ridiculous claims about a murderous woman. I have about two hours of phone calls where he talks about darlie kee using him and Gia leone using him and Stephanie Hopkins hinting around to have him pay her rent. When Tony dies he didnt reach out to YOU folks he reached out to ME..I was the first to call him.... they used his condition to get into his wallet and he was well aware of it I have the recorded conversations Brysanutt@gmail.com..... the posts you see below from Darlie Routier supporters are a JOKE.... Rest in peace Lou... hopefully it doesnt surprise you when devon and damon tell you the truth they will forgive you*

Bryan - September 12, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ *Christine Fougere lit a candle in memory of Elias George Sayegh*



Christine Fougere - September 10, 2016 at 09:20 PM

CF

“ *Dear Elias, may you rest in peace with your beloved Sonia and Tony. I will miss our chats and our friendship. I loved you very much. My thoughts and prayers are with your children now.*

*Christine Fougere
Nova Scotia, Canada*

Christine Fougere - September 10, 2016 at 09:17 PM

PC

“ *Rest in perfect peace, my friend.*



Pam Collins - September 10, 2016 at 06:46 PM

KT

“ *You will be missed by Darlie's friends and fighters for her future. Thank you for your tireless works. We will miss you! Kristy*

kristy turnbow - September 09, 2016 at 02:27 PM

TS

“ Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
He maketh me lie down in Green Pastures,
he leads me beside Quiet Waters,
he restores my soul.
He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and Love Will Follow
Me
All the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the
LORD
Forever.*



Elias...

My mentor, my best friend, I cannot believe that you are gone. Who am I going to argue with now on Sunday mornings? You have taught me so many things. You taught me how to open my eyes to reality. You taught me how to be a kinder, caring person. You taught me how to be strong. You taught me to stand firm in what I believe. I am so glad that I was able to know you for the seven years that I have. We may have had our arguments we may have had our disagreements but one thing that we had that can never be taken away is our friendship. You may be gone my friend but you will never be forgotten. Go rest now and be with your family. Always in my heart my thoughts and my prayers. I will continue the fight that

*you and I started years ago. I am so sorry that you will not be here to see darlie Lynn walk through those Gates and come home. But I know you will be watching from up above. I will miss you my friend. With all my heart felt love,
Tammy Lewis Sterzinger.*

Tammy Lewis Sterzinger - September 09, 2016 at 08:52 AM

BR

Thats not what you said in private messages about him Tammy

Bryan - September 12, 2016 at 11:28 AM



“ *kama tabda rihlatuk , 'iilyas , 'aerif 'annak In tudie min qibal alkathirin alladhin ja'uu I 'ahabbik , wanadeu lakum sadiq ealaa madaa hadhih alssanawat almadia . qad lak alrrahat 'iilaa al'abad fi salam , 'iilyas aleaziz washukraan lak ealaa makanik fi alkifah min ajl hayat Darlie .*

qad yakun alssalam ealaykum , ya sdiqi.

*dayimaan
trisi bulan*

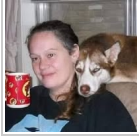
(Tracy Bullen)

Tracy Bullen - September 08, 2016 at 08:14 PM

AD

“ *I Knew him only through Facebook and an occasional call. He was a very kind man with a passion for social injustice. He loved his family and his wife very much as he would often share his memories of her with his friends. My prayers to his children and family.*

Audrey Dotson - September 08, 2016 at 08:04 PM



“ *Rest in Peace friend. Thank you for fighting for Darlie Lynn and the wrongful imprisoned.*

Stephanie Hopkins - September 08, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ *Elias and I were close friends for many years. He fought for my daughters life because she was innocent. The courage and zest in Elias life the last four years was incredible. I will miss you my friend and I will never stop fighting for justice. May peace and the love of your family surround you with joy and love in heaven. I will see you there my friend. I hope you know I love you and your heart for justice. Until I see you there, love from Darlie Kee and family.*



Darlie Kee - September 08, 2016 at 07:49 PM



this make me want to Barf...you were only interested in what money he sent to Darlie and her defense fund...HE didnt think you were his freind thats a FACT...this man has passed away and all you can think of is what he did for Darlie...she is GUILTY and Thank GOD Now Elias Knows the Truth.He fought for your daughters life because he was being fed BULLnoogies by you folks in order to get into his wallet HE Knew it too

Bryan - September 12, 2016 at 11:32 AM



the rabid animals who know nothing of the case,, who believe lies and make up more lies ,, entertaining themselves on the torture of the innocent

Suzy Cyr - January 08, 2019 at 05:19 PM



,The chief investigator first on the scene,,believed his son was involved....he had all week in the house after the murders,, where a blonde hair was planted in the window,, turned out to be one of their blonde officers,, they told everyone the screen was cut from the inside on the first TV documentary, but was later found out in court to be false.....

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]“So let me get this right? They can run prints on a suspect (pipe bombs currently found), within a 48 hr period, but they can't run print 85 J to find out who else was in the house on that dreadful night. Now, I'm glad they found the suspect in this case, but come on. It's so obvious they are in no rush to help Darlie.”],,,,Doug Kuchek October 26, 2018]

Suzy Cyr - January 08, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ My family would like to send sincere condolences to the Sayegh family for the loss of you dear loved one. May you find comfort and hope from the bible promise at Isaiah 25:8. Pray constantly, avoid isolation,and lean on God as you cope during this most difficult time.

Richardson Family - August 12, 2016 at 05:25 PM

NS

“ *Psalm 22*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my dropping spirt. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort, you have prepared a banquet for me in sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Glory be.

RIP Dad

Nancy Sayegh - August 09, 2016 at 08:13 PM



Nancy, are you still active here?

Cook Guy - September 16, 2024 at 06:22 PM

FR

“ *Frankie lit a candle in memory of Elias George Sayegh*



Frankie - August 09, 2016 at 07:48 PM

FR

“ Frankie sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias George Sayegh



Frankie - August 09, 2016 at 07:48 PM

EL

“ Eliana sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias George Sayegh



Eliana - August 09, 2016 at 07:17 PM

EL

“ Eliana lit a candle in memory of Elias George Sayegh



Eliana - August 09, 2016 at 07:17 PM

EL

“ Eli sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias George Sayegh



Eli - August 09, 2016 at 07:16 PM

EL

“ *Eli lit a candle in memory of Elias George Sayegh*



Eli - August 09, 2016 at 07:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elias George Sayegh.*



August 09, 2016 at 04:51 PM

MS

“ *I love you Amo*



Michael Sayegh - August 09, 2016 at 04:32 PM

NM

“ *Naoly Mathison lit a candle in memory of Elias George Sayegh*



Naoly Mathison - August 09, 2016 at 01:01 PM

JS

“ Joanna Sayegh lit a candle in memory of Elias George Sayegh



Joanna Sayegh - August 09, 2016 at 11:13 AM

JS

“ Joanna Sayegh sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias George Sayegh



Joanna Sayegh - August 09, 2016 at 11:12 AM

JS

“ Joanna Sayegh sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias George Sayegh



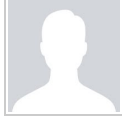
Joanna Sayegh - August 09, 2016 at 11:12 AM

NS

“ Nancy Sayegh lit a candle in memory of Elias George Sayegh



Nancy Sayegh - August 09, 2016 at 07:57 AM



Hello do you still respond?

Cook Guy - September 16, 2024 at 06:19 PM