

Mr Zuhair Kareem

December 1, 1935 - May 5, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved uncle, Zuhair Kareem, who departed this life peacefully in his home on May 5th, 2025 at the age of 90 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Zuhair was born on December 1, 1935, in Mosul, Iraq. He lived a life marked by kindness, quiet strength, and generosity. Though he never married, he embraced his family with unwavering love and dedication, playing a special role in the lives of his nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Zuhair dedicated much of his professional life to Johns Hopkins University, where he served for many years as a senior medical photographer in the Department of Pathology. He took great pride in his work, which combined his artistic eye with a commitment to advancing medical understanding.

He will be remembered for his gentle spirit, his sense of humor, and his love of gardening, cooking, and photography. His presence brought calm, comfort, and cheer to those around him.

He was the beloved son of the late Saleem Kareem and the late Hayat Hanna; dear brother of Nael and his wife Faeza, and cherished brother of Salwa and Rafida, as well as the late Clementine and the late Zeki. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, along with a wide circle of friends and loved ones who will miss him dearly.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 at 10:00 AM at The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21210. A graveside service will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, located on 233

Homeland Avenue, Baltimore, MD.

Zu will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him...

Amen.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Homeland

233 Homeland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21212

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral Mary Our Queen
5200 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

Tribute Wall

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“ *My good friend for over 40 years. Rest in Peace Zuhair. Love you Rosie Mack Foster*



rosie foster - August 13, 2025 at 08:29 AM

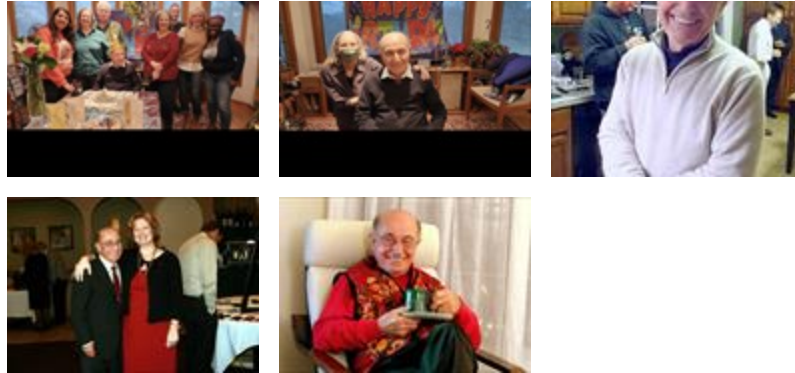
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“ *I'm so sad to see this. I had been trying to reach him to tell him I had moved to NC. I met Zu when I was 25 on Cape Cod. I literally fell in love with his magnetic personality. I'm now 68. I lived in Mass & we would visit each other now & then. He was so much fun. I have many framed Roses that he has sent to me over the years on Christmas. They are on my walls at my home in NC. I will think of Zu every time I look at his amazing Roses. God Bless my beautiful loving friend. Rosie Foster*

rosie foster - August 12, 2025 at 09:00 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Friends*



Donna Lee - May 21, 2025 at 09:07 AM

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“ *Linda White King lit a candle in memory of Zuhair Kareem*



Linda White King - May 17, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Friends*



Linda White King - May 17, 2025 at 03:26 PM

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“ I am so saddened to see that Zu passed away. I tried to call him on March 2, but he was not able to talk. I wanted to see if I could visit. Then I got Covid and was down for a while in April. I was planning time off from work for next week and was hoping I could see him during that time, and I was about to try calling him again to arrange a visit next week. Then I found his obituary. I am so disappointed I did not get to see him again.

I have known Zu for more than 50 years. I met him in 1970 when I went to work for Johns Hopkins University. Then, he was my supervisor when I worked for him in the Biomedical Photography Department. We became good friends. Zu has always been dear to my heart. He was funny, kind, generous, loving, and talented. He mentored me in photography and digital photo editing. He taught me some of his favorite recipes. I have many happy memories of working with him, enjoying his cooking, and just hanging out together. Some of my favorite gifts from Zu have been photos of his beautiful roses!

We kept in touch over the years, even after I was married. Since my husband passed away in 2018, Zu and I have been able to talk and visit a bit more often to reminisce. The last time I saw him was right after his birthday in 2023. I am so sad that I missed his memorial service by 2 days and was unable to see him again. Zu was special and very loved, and he will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

-- Linda White King

Linda White King - May 17, 2025 at 03:24 PM