



Ahmet Recai Akman

October 10, 1925 - January 21, 2018

Ahmet Recai Akman (Babacigim), our sweet gentle soul, age 92, died on January 21, 2018 in Florida. He was born in Pelitköy-Burhaniye, Turkey on October 10, 1925, son of Rahmi and Medine Akman. Ahmet immigrated from Turkey to the United States in 1955 and lived in Farmington Hills, Michigan since 1971. Ahmet is survived by his beloved wife, Sevil Akman, beloved son, Emre Ibrahim Akman, beloved daughter, Lale Akman, beloved son-in-law, Ortwin Kairies, and beloved brothers, Rusuhi, Rana (R.I.P), Ruhi (R.I.P), and Renda Akman.

Ahmet received a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Prior to this program, he received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Yildiz Technical University in Istanbul. For over 30 years, he was a very loyal, hard-working, and valued employee of Ford Motor Company as a Mechanical Engineer.

Ahmet's greatest joys in life were his (1) immediate family, Ibrahim (his best friend forever), Sevil, Lale/Ortwin where he was adored more than life for his enormous kind and giving heart (2) his families in Turkey where he was an adoring father figure to his brothers (and their children) and adoring uncle to the Savas and Eroglu families; and (3) his Turkish families in Michigan. His favorite music was Benny Goodman, favorite team was Chicago Bulls, and favorite show was the Animal Channel.

Babacigim always had a drive to look towards the future. He never gave up on anything and worked hard to achieve so many things that were not easy for him to accomplish. He was forever unselfish and never had a bad thing to say about anyone. His unbelievable drive, determination (including using the BlackBerry for the last 10 + years to communicate), independence, and enormous heart defined his sweet gentle soul. He will be forever missed.

The Akman family will receive guests at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington, on Monday, January 29th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Eulogy will begin at 11:00 a.m. The funeral ceremony will immediately follow and take place at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, 17840 Middlebelt Road in Livonia.

Local arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ahmet Recai Akman*

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