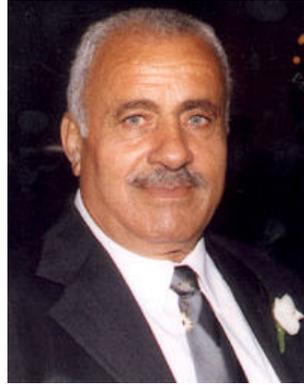


Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



In Loving Memory of
Assad Mouawad

14 February 1936 – 24 September 1999

There comes a time for all of us when we must say goodbye, but memories of those we love live on and never die. How many sufferings do you feel! How many pains! Always we will remember, the beauty of his heart breaking through his smile. Let us think on this brief earthly life which offered to all who were dear to him. Now he is gone from our touch, leaving our hearts with deep emptiness in our souls, a profound desire to see him again. Lord, let him rest within the gaze of your infinite love with your angels and saints. Amen.

I have a father who was graced with the gifts of the spirit:

The gift of intellect, the gift of strength, the gift of knowledge

The gift of mercy unto others, the gift of good counselling

The gift of knowing and understanding God's will

Without knowing how to read and write, he was our teacher. His stature and bearing was one of strength – but his strength came from within and from that we drew our own strength which enable us to face life's challenges and obstacles. His knowledge was our guide, like a blind man, he showed us the way, giving us shortcuts and direct us to the better and righteous path.

His mercy was an example to all. In times of sickness and suffering he would run to our side. He was always there when we need him and his innate compassion towards others made us realize he was a rare individual. His advice was endless and was always sought by others. He counselled us when we were confused and misguided. And just when we thought all hope was gone, he gave us hope by his wisdom and courage.

He always said, "It's the will of God". We will do what "God" wills us to do. That our destiny was mapped out before the beginning of time. That God is our Alpha and our Omega – and through him we will we will have our reward in heaven. This man was not only our father, he was the father for all who loved and respected him. And whilst he is dearly missed, we can be comforted that he is resting in God's kingdom.

Always in our hearts, your loving wife Saide,
Your children, Simon, Salena, Jackie, George, Eva, John
Your daughter-in-law Tamara and your grandson, Assad