



Vartan S. Proudian

June 29, 1936 - February 10, 2023

Vartan S. Proudian, 86, of Bloomington, passed away on Friday, February 10, 2023. He was born on June 29, 1936, in Alexandria, Egypt; the son of Sarhad and Kayane (Kupelian) Proudian.

Vartan arrived in the United States from Cairo, Egypt in 1958 to attend Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne. It was during his time at the university, Vartan met Mary Towriss and the two married in August, 1963. Vartan completed his degree in Mechanical Engineering that led him to a career as an engineer with RCA – Thomson until his retirement in 1998. He enjoyed watching basketball, antique shopping with his wife, and stamp collecting. Vartan's most treasured time was spent with his grandchildren.

Vartan is survived by his daughter, Kaya Proudian; grandchildren, Anoush, Amelia, Lucas, and Leanna van der Kam.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary T. Proudian; and siblings, Sweetie, Tony, and Alice.

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023, at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Vartan's family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Online

condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at
www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Vartan was my basketball coach in Heliopolis Egypt, at the Homenetmen Sporting Club. He always treated me like an adult and encouraged me during our trainings. Once in Canada, I touched base with Vartan and corresponded with him throughout the years. He informed me about his children living in the Far East and the trips he and Mary were taking to go and spend time with them. Vartan was a gentleman in the true sense of the word and a gentle soul. I will miss him. John and Veron Surmenian of Montreal, Canada

John Surmenian - August 08, 2024 at 11:02 PM

PS

“ So sad to discover the passing of both Vartan and his wife Mary, who was a distant cousin of mine. Mary and I found each other through family history research many years ago and had a memorable day in Epworth in Lincolnshire UK with our husbands, finding our mutual ancestors in the church graveyard! Mary shared all her research with me as we were both descendants of a common Towriss relation. Rest in Peace Mary and Vartan

Pat Stocks - July 04, 2023 at 11:01 AM

BF

“ Bob and Karen Fouch purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.



Bob and Karen Fouch - February 16, 2023 at 10:24 AM

EN

“ Ed, Agatha, and Nicky purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.



Ed, Agatha, and Nicky - February 15, 2023 at 05:29 PM

JC

“ Kaya! In the last several years. I had gotten to know your parents buy them neighboring with Jennifer. I felt like that I always knew them because my grandmother babysat you as a child, and they lived in the same apartment building as she. I thought it very ironic when Jennifer told me the names of her neighbors that lived across the street, I said, I know that name and there's only one name like that in the Bloomington area. Hence, I was correct, it was the same family that I felt like I had always known. I never knew you, but I often saw you as a small child. your parents were so kind to Jennifer and I know that they cherished her friendship and her neighborly participation. Vartan will be sadly missed!

Janet Curry - February 15, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ I met Vartan and Mary at an antique auction here in Bloomington and struck up a conversation with them. I always looked forward to seeing them at the auction and chatting with them both. They had a great eye for the best items at the sales. They were both incredibly kind to me. I am sorry for your loss.
Mary Ann Waggoner

Mary Ann Waggoner - February 15, 2023 at 02:55 PM

BH

“ Kaya - I am so fortunate that I was able to meet and spend time with your parents. They were both welcoming to me and I think of them more than you know. Your dad and I had many discussions about the rich history of your family, and I thank him for that. He was a very kind and interesting person. When I think of your dad, most often I have an image of him with a cup of coffee, a slight smile on his face, sitting in a chair that is perfectly positioned to watch his grandkids play. It was obvious that they meant the world to him. He will be missed.

Barb Henn - February 15, 2023 at 11:50 AM

RE

“ Although our catchups with Vartan were not regular, at each catchup it was always as if we had a relationship that was regular. Always loving, caring, sharing and patient. His pride in Kaya and the grandkids kids was a beautiful thing to hear him chat about. Sorry we aren't able to be there with you Kaya, but we are thinking of you. Lots of love from your cousins in OZ.

robin eynaud - February 14, 2023 at 07:47 PM

TT

“ *Uncle Vartan. A quiet, charming, loving uncle, always with a reassuring and pacifying twinkle and a grin. Just like the picture shown. He was a warm and inviting soul who will be missed on this earthly realm. As a child I was always excited when he, Aunt Mary, and Kaya were coming to Muncie to visit for family gatherings and holidays. Vartan and Mary were quite the complimentary couple too, with Uncle Vartan gladly providing the reliable and subdued backdrop for Aunt Mary's vibrant, lively, and gregarious personality. While I mourn his loss, I know Uncle Vartan is joyously reunited with his one and only partner in life, his beautiful bride Mary, along with many others who've preceded him, and who are welcoming him to what is sure to be one uproarious, celebratory gathering. My condolences to Kaya and the rest. ~ Cousin Ty*



ty towriss - February 14, 2023 at 06:37 PM

TT

“ *Ty & Amy Towriss purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



Ty & Amy Towriss - February 14, 2023 at 06:32 PM

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Ty Towriss - February 14, 2023 at 06:24 PM

AF

“ *Aieda Poladian & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



Aieda Poladian & Family - February 14, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



February 14, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ *Krikor and Mary Ann Yessayan purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



Krikor and Mary Ann Yessayan - February 14, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



February 14, 2023 at 03:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



February 14, 2023 at 01:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



February 13, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



February 13, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ *One of the best gifts in life is friendship. We have been fortunate to know Mary and Vartan over 50 years. We made trips together, enjoyed out time together, supported each other, laughed and cried together. We are very thankful that we have known Vartan and his lovely wife, Mary. Krikor and Mary Ann Yessayan*

Mary Yessayan - February 13, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ *ZachTowriss lit a candle in memory of Vartan Proudian*



ZachTowriss - February 13, 2023 at 09:40 PM

ZT

Vartan's Birth Place. Alexandria Egypt, a documentary I watched which may be of interest to others: https://youtu.be/whtH_Pqkna0

Zach Towriss - February 15, 2023 at 09:20 AM

JF

“ *Jesus and Family lit a candle in memory of Vartan Proudian*



Jesus Escobar and Family - February 13, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



February 13, 2023 at 09:37 PM

FJ

“ *From everyone at WCA - Jakarta purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.*



From everyone at WCA - Jakarta - February 13, 2023 at 09:07 PM

ZE

“ Zach and Jesus Escobar lit a candle in memory of Vartan Proudian



Zach Towriss and Jesus Escobar - February 13, 2023 at 08:47 PM

AP

“ Dear Kaya and Family. My sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you now. No time on earth is long enough to share with those we love or to prepare our hearts for good-bye. RIP dear cousin Vartan. Now you joined your loved ones .Aida Poladian.

Aida Poladian - February 13, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.



February 13, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vartan S. Proudian.



February 13, 2023 at 03:27 PM