



Suleyman Kurkcu

July 1, 1920 - January 2, 2020

Suleyman Kurkcu, 99, died January 2, 2020, of natural causes in Dublin, Ohio with his sons by his bedside. He is survived by his three sons, Oner, Cengiz and Metin, two daughters-in-law, Julie and Karen, four grandchildren, Alicia, Ayla, Trent and Trevor, and three great-grandchildren, Ellie, Avery, and Thomas. He is predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Sadiye Kurkcu (Avsar).

Mr. Kurkcu was born on July 1, 1920, in Mustafakemalpasa, Turkey to Fatma and Mustafa Kurkcu. He graduated from the esteemed Robert College high school in Istanbul, Turkey and earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from The Turkish Military Academy in 1948. During his tenure as an officer with the Turkish Army, he was promoted to Major or 'binbasi' (chief of a thousand).

In 1952, he relocated to the United States with his wife and oldest son to study and earn a master's degree from The University of Iowa (Mechanical Engineering 1955) and returned to Turkey upon graduation. In 1961, he permanently immigrated to Ohio with his wife and two sons, two years before the birth of his youngest son. He became a U.S. citizen in 1969. He worked as an engineer at Marion Power Shovel until his retirement in 1985. Suleyman, also known to many as 'Sully', was a devoted husband and father. He was an expert backgammon player until the end of his life and enjoyed studying and debating Turkish and American politics, and watching sports, especially soccer. His personality was infectious, attracting many American and Turkish friends.

A funeral service is scheduled for this Saturday at 10 a.m. at Rutherford Funeral Home, 2382 North High Street in Columbus, near the Ohio State campus. He will be laid to rest at the Union Cemetery next to his wife. Any donations may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association of Central Ohio (<http://www.alz.org/centralohio>) in his honor.

Cemetery

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH, 43202

Events

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Service

10:00AM

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Rutherford Funeral Home-University

2383 North High Street, Columbus, OH, US, 43202