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Muhammad Zahid Hafeez, 67, beloved father and husband, passed away on Friday, December 3, 2021. Zahid was born on July 15th, 1954 to the parents of Mohammad Abdul Hafeez and Aziz Begum in Lahore Pakistan. His memory lives on through his wife, Sitara Zahid and his four children: Mustafa Hafeez, Saba Hafeez, Faisal Hafeez, and Huma Hafeez. Zahid lived a full and beautiful life.

After completing his Doctor of Veterinary at the University of Agriculture in Lahore, Pakistan in 1974, he served in the Pakistani Army before coming to the United States to further his studies at Boston University School of Public Health. There in Boston, he received his Master of Healthcare Administration in 1986 from Framingham State College. While finishing his Masters degree, he was approved for citizenship in the United States in 1985.

In 1987, while working as a lab technician for Winthrop Hospital, Zahid was commissioned as a U.S. Navy officer. He was commissioned as a lieutenant junior grade with a speciality in Hospital Administration in the Medical Service Corps. In 1990, Zahid married Sabohi Inam and soon after, had four children. In 2001, Zahid started working at the USDA Department of Agriculture as a Lead Supervisor in Sioux City, Iowa and then transferred to Amarillo, Texas in 2009 where he remarried to Sitara Zahid Hafeez.

His loved ones will always remember his strength, energy and faith. Despite the hardships he faced - he always had a smile on his face and was a light in the lives of his loved ones. He was driven by his love for his children and his mission was to give his children the best life he could. He accomplished this goal. He left knowing his kids were stable in their careers and saw his oldest two children become engaged to partners he adored. He truly lived a full life and enjoyed simple pleasures such as dinner with family, wearing his favorite baseball caps and taking naps in the sun.

His faith was inspiring and helped us contend with his departure. We are thankful for all of the memories he left with us and all of his wisdom he shared with us. Inna Lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un. Indeed, to Allah we belong and to Allah we shall return.



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JM

Jennifer Beasley-Mckean posted:

Dr. Hafeez was a wonderful and valued supervisor and veterinarian in the Dallas District, USDA FSIS. Dr. Hafeez was always so loyal and so positive. He was happy to do anything that FSIS asked of him. I always enjoyed my conversations and visits with Dr. Hafeez. I miss you Dr. Hafeez! Our meetings will not be the same without you! May God bless your family and bring them comfort during this sorrowful time.

December 20 at 5:21 AM

SW

Sue Wilson posted:

I worked with him in Amarillo the last week he was always smiling and happy even though he was in pain, He always thanked me for any help I gave him. It was an honor to work with him he will be gratly missedSue Wilson

December 13 at 6:39 AM

GD

Gary Davis posted:

My heartfelt condolences extend to Muhammad's children and spouse. Although Muhammad was a direct report supervisor, I considered a friend, and close colleague. He was a humble, kind, gentlemen. He managed his circuit with an occasional sternness, but the sternness was deliberative and needed to handle the situation. When I visited Amarillo and toured his circuit with him, he always talked about his children. His conversations expressed love, joy, happiness, and pride. He was proud of his children and their accomplishments. He talked about each one with exuberance and pride. God Bless Muhammad and his family. Prayerfully, Dr. Gary Davis

December 11 at 3:27 AM

MC

Marina A. Coronado lit a candle in honor of Muhammad.

I never met Dr. Hafeez in person, but I knew him by emails. He was soon to be my Front Line Supervisor in Amarillo, TX. I was looking forward to meet him next month. He was such a pleasant person and I am forever grateful that he had faith in me. I'm truly sorry to hear this news and I am praying for his family. Marina Coronado-USDA



December 10 at 9:57 AM



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NK

Naveed Khalid posted:

Bring my father's younger brother, I remember uncle Zahid as a person of integrity, faith and in blatant disregard to critics. He always stood out for his extended family members. As a young teenager back in 80's , he used to visit us in Pakistan sometimes to meet his folks or attend marriage ceremonies and wear his US Navy uniform which made stand out in the crowd. Uncle Zahid was always proud of his accomplishments and resilience in face of adversity. My last memory of uncle Zahid goes back to 2001 when he picked me up in Chicago on his way to Detroit to meet uncle Abid. A fun trip with lots of giggles! May he RIP and Allah grant him with the best of best in heavens. You will always be missed.

December 9 at 7:22 PM

HH

Huma Hafeez posted:

My sweet Abu I will always be your little humi. Thank you for all the constant unconditional love and support. My heart is at peace knowing you are no longer in pain but I will miss you dearly. I will miss everything about you and now that I can't hug you breaks me but knowing you you will always be a part of me will keep me going. I love you forever my sweet Abu.

December 9 at 11:32 AM



Naveed Khalid December 9 at 8:15 PM

We will miss u a lot zahid.May Allah grant u a high rank in Janah.Ur elder brother Khalid Hafeez remembers u from the childhood and prays for ur family.



Mahima Khan December 9 at 1:10 PM

May Allah grant him highest place in heaven. Ameen!



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DN

Dr. Ronald W. Nida posted:

I moved to Dallas in 2012 and Dr. Hafeez was one of the first Supervisors in the field with whom I worked. I always enjoyed my trips to Amarillo to travel with him. He had such great responsibilities there over seeing and supervising the important work of a huge number FSIS veterinarians and inspectors in the Amarillo circuit. He met all his challenges head-on and worked hard for the best outcome. I also remember his bout with his blood cancer and my wife, Kathy, a stem cell survivor, giving Dr. Hafeez encouragement for which he showed extreme gratitude during and after those times. I am heart broken for his family and friends and many acquaintances. Kathy and I send our sympathy and prayers. Sincerely Dr. Ronald Nida, retired USDA FSIS Deputy District Manager

December 9 at 11:13 AM



Naveed Khalid December 9 at 8:27 PM

Here I am Ghazala ur elder brother Khalid Hafeez's wife. We both are missing u Zahid and pray for ur family at a big loss for the whole family. U done best for the family and Allah will give the highest ranks in Jannah. Ameen

SH

Saba Hafeez posted:

Abu, you were my biggest cheerleader. You truly believed that I could do anything I wanted to do in my life and you always supported and pushed me. You never had any doubts when it came to pursuing my dreams. I am so lucky and blessed to have had a father like you. I will always remember looking into your eyes and feeling your love and knowing that I am part of you forever and always. Thank you for everything.

December 9 at 10:43 AM

MP

Marcus Patranella posted:

I met Dr. Hafeez in Dallas around the time he moved to Amarillo. Dr. Hafeez was always in a good mood, pleasant to talk with, and had a great personality. Dr. Hafeez had a big heart, he always tried to help with problems I had at work and would occasionally share wise thoughts about issues away from work. Dr. Hafeez was a good colleague, and I will miss his company. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.

December 9 at 9:01 AM



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