



Dr. Mohamed ElShafie

July 17, 1932 - November 19, 2021

Mohamed El Shafie, M.D. , died peacefully on November 19, 2021. He was born on July 17, 1932 in Egypt where he did his medical training. H went on to advanced studies in pediatric surgery in several prestigious hospitals in England and Scotland. Mohamed moved to the US in 1970 for further study at John's Hopkins, and Philadelphia Children's Hospital with C. Everett Koop, former Surgeon General.

He came to Toledo in 1974 to join Dr. Charles Klippel in his Pediatric Surgery practice at the Medical College of Ohio, where he spent many years in private practice, and was chief of pediatric surgery at The Toledo Hospital.

Mohamed retired in 1998 to pursue his second passion - Egyptology which he read, wrote about, and lectured on extensively. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Susan, a large loving family in Egypt, sister-in-law, Jane, nephews Greg, David and Ahkua.

Per his wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Donations in his memory may be made to The Greater Toledo Community Foundation for education.

Thank you to all the friends who supported us and cared for him so lovingly.

Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Please leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Death is nothing at all. I have slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you. Whatever we were to each other that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name; speak to me in the EASY WAY

which you always used. Put no difference in your tone; wear no forced air of sadness or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed, at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Pray, smile, think of me, and pray for me. Let my name be the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effect, without trace of shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant, it is the same as it ever was, and there is an unbroken continuity. What is death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you for an interval, somewhere very near, Just around the corner.
all is well

canon henry scott holland
a cleric from the church of england

Tribute Wall

CZ

“ Sue I am so sorry for your loss.
I have so many memories and such respect for the wonderful
surgeon and champion for his patients that Shaf was!
Peace and comfort for your heart💕

Cindy Zimmel - November 24, 2021 at 12:27 PM

JH

“ Sue, I am saddened to learn of your loss. Shaf was a brilliant
surgeon and very dedicated to our babies in the NICU. I have great
respect for him as a surgeon and as a person. I learned a great deal
working with him in the NICU. I also loved his sense of adventure
and enjoyed hearing about your travels all over the world. Take care
my friend, and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Jackie
Howe

Jackie Howe - November 23, 2021 at 09:09 AM

KF

“ Sue, Mike & I are saddened that you have lost the love of your life,
but we know what wonderful memories you have from the great
adventure your lives were together. Shaf was an incredible talent in
the OR, and a true advocate for his patients. He had a sincere
compassion for NICU babies and families, and the high standards
he set were appreciated by all. I also remember his kindness away
from work - how he enjoyed taking us to lunch, and even
encouraging us to have our girls' fellowship time. I am thinking of
you, and praying for peace and strength during this difficult time.
Love & miss you, my friend.

Karen Fischer - November 22, 2021 at 03:10 PM

BH

“ Sue, my deepest condolences to you at Shaf’s passing. I have so enjoyed getting to know the two of you over the past couple of years. Thank you for making the GTCF the recipient of donations in his memory. Bridget Brell Holt

Bridget Brell Holt - November 22, 2021 at 08:16 AM

AA

“ Sue, you and Shaf were so much more than colleagues. You were part of my NICU family. Katelyn still has the dolls you brought her from your world travels! Calling you both friends was such a privilege. My thoughts are with you during this time. I’m sending you love Sue and may Shaf rest in peace.

Alison Avendt - November 21, 2021 at 08:58 PM

CZ

Sue I can’t tell you how much respect and awe I had for Shaf!! He truly cared about our NICU babies!
I am so happy you were able to enjoy traveling and he was able to do what he found so much joy in.
Sending you prayers to comfort you and peace for your ❤️

Cindy Zimmel - November 21, 2021 at 11:13 PM

CZ

Sue I’m so sorry to hear about Shaf! I’m so happy I was able to work with him . He was very caring and concerned for our NICU babies. Glad you were able to travel and he was able to do what he loved and enjoyed.
Sending prayers for comfort ❤️

Cindy Zimmel - November 21, 2021 at 11:21 PM

DF

“ Sue,
I was so saddened to read of the loss of Dr. ElShafie this morning. I remember being the recipient of his radiant smile and kidding a few times while working in peds and being your office mate for a few very pleasant years. He was a good surgeon and so well respected. I miss working with you and am sorry for your loss. I would love to see you again sometime! I am thinking of you during this very sad time.

Debbie Fritz

Debbie Fritz - November 21, 2021 at 11:22 AM

KD

“ Sue and Family,
Sorry to read of your loss. I have funny memory of Shaf too. A family member was scrubbing in at the sink one day as he came in and started to scrub in as well. As she started to dry her hands, he said something to the effect that he KNEW she didn't scrub for the prescribed time, etc. She was initially mortified, but then he laughed and told her he was just kidding her. I know his smile and their shared laughter helped her in a tough time when laughs were probably very few for her.

Kathy Douglas

Katherine Douglas - November 21, 2021 at 10:11 AM

JD

“ This obituary is in the paper today and I’m so sad. Dr ElShafie was one of my mentors. He was an amazing surgeon and I had the utmost respect for him, but he had a gruff manner and I never thought he liked me. Then one New Year’s Eve I had a patient that I knew we were missing the diagnosis on. The kid was way sicker than he should have been, just admitted for rehydration, diagnosed with gastroenteritis. I ordered abdominal films and they looked wrong; not much air in the bowels, a hazy area filling the whole right side. It was 11pm when I called him to discuss the patient and tell him I wanted to order a CT scan. At almost midnight, Dr ElShafie came in to see the patient. I was surprised he was there and he said to me, “Jennifer. If you tell me something is wrong with this patient, then something is wrong with this patient.” We ended up diagnosing him with hepatocellular carcinoma, which never ever happens in kids. But he was a fetal alcohol syndrome baby (2 years old) and we think it was from the moms drinking in pregnancy. That interaction was a defining moment of my career. Knowing that Dr ElShafie thought I was a really good doctor meant the world to me. That happened in 1996, and I remember it like yesterday. Sending your family much love in the loss of this amazing and brilliant man.

jennifer Fallon DeLucia - November 21, 2021 at 08:57 AM