

Mohamed "Hef" Badr

March 21, 1952 - May 31, 2023

Mohamed elHefni "Hef" Badr passed away unexpectedly on May 31st, 2023 at the age of 71 in his home in Mooresville, NC.

Hef was born March 21st, 1952 in Alexandria, Egypt to Fatima and Gamal Badr. At the age of eleven, he went to England for his education, where he attended The Friends School at Great Ayton from 1968-1970, and met his first wife Helen Bowker. Hef joined his parents in Long Island, NY in 1970, to attend the State University of New York at Stony Brook, graduating with degrees in French and Economics.

After getting his MBA from Hofstra University, Hef worked for a few years in business before pursuing his lifelong passions for automotive mechanics and not working for other people. He opened The Shade Tree Garage in Locust Valley, Long Island in the early 1980s where he was a fixture in the community for twenty years until moving to Mooresville, North Carolina. After a brief attempt at "retirement", Hef began a second career at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, where he dedicated himself to teaching auto mechanics for over a decade.

Hef had a boundless curiosity and endless need to tinker and fix things. His sense of humor and generosity were effortless. When he wasn't working one of his many toys in the garage, Hef loved solving crossword puzzles, playing

with his grandkids, going on trips with his wife and friends, and making sure everyone around him had a good time. He was a car nut. An educator. A raconteur. And the loudest laugh in every room he was in.

He is survived by his loving wife Celeste, his son Kareem, his daughter Deena and her husband Kyle, his grandchildren Nadia and Nathan, his step-daughter, Emily Green, his brother Hussein, his Factory Five MK4 Roadster, and too many friends to count.

Hef is preceded in death by his first wife Helen Badr, his parents Gamal and Fatima Badr, and his parents-in-law Margaret and Kenneth Bowker.

Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of his life on July 7th, 2023. The service will be held at 5pm EST, followed by a toast at 6pm to kick off an evening of celebration and remembrance befitting the man who truly was the life of the party.

The service will be streamed online for anyone unable to attend. We invite all of Hef's friends and family, wherever you may be, to raise a glass and join us for the toast at 6pm EST.

For those unable to attend the celebration of life please use the following link to view the service: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY4NTk4ODUyNzI1NDkzOCZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Please help us make this party special by sharing a favorite song, photo, or Hef-ism using the following form: <https://shorturl.at/frzMW>

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made to The Rotary Beds for Children Project. <http://www.bedsforchildrenmooreville.com/> or to Buhinga School in Uganda through Universal Chance <https://www.justgiv>

ing.com/universalchance.

Celebration of Life Details:

When: July 7th, 2023 5pm

Where:

Cavin-Cook Heritage House

494 E. Plaza Drive

Mooresville, NC 28115

Attire:

Formal attire is not required. Be comfortable and ready to party.

(Hef would hate it if we all showed up in "monkey suits" on his account)

Full meal and drinks will be served.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mohamed "Hef" Badr*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - June 05, 2023 at 10:12 AM

DC

“ *Shared family events provided us with memories and joy in getting to know Hef. He always had a smile on his face and was willing to chat about anything. He will be missed at Cassady gatherings. Condolences and hugs to the family. A donation was made in his honor to the Rotary Beds for Children Project: <http://www.bedsforchildrenmooreville.com> What a fitting memorial of shared stories, music, and Hef's 5 rules!! With all our love, Don, Zoe, & Kieran*

Donald J Cassady - July 07, 2023 at 06:35 PM

BC

“ *Always a wealth of knowledge and a smile that could light up anybody's day. I will cherish all the conversations ,words of wisdom and your funny sense of humor. Thank you Hef, you were one of a kind.*



Bryan Collins - July 07, 2023 at 09:49 AM

MR

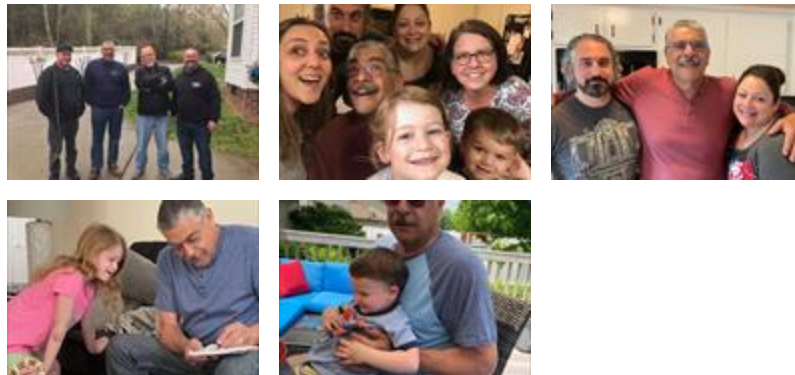
“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Roberts - July 06, 2023 at 04:34 PM

CE

“ 10 files added to the album Photos of Hef



Celeste - July 06, 2023 at 08:28 AM

DS

“ Hef, Helen, Kareem and Deena were ever present in my parents house.

As my Brother Eric's partner and friend we spent many a holiday meal at the house in Syosset. I will always remember his smile, humor and great size. Rest in peace Hefni. You brought great joy to the Drost house with every visit. Hope you meet up with Eric and Randy over the rainbow bridge. It will be a great reunion. Love from Dorlene, Gary and our two children Amanda and Bradley. Stevens

Dorlene Drost Stevens - July 03, 2023 at 09:29 PM

MH

“ Mary-louise H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mohamed "Hef" Badr.

Mary-louise H. - June 30, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mohamed "Hef" Badr.



June 28, 2023 at 09:16 AM

EE

“ So sorry to hear about Hef. I lived in Harris Village over 20 years and enjoyed seeing him drive thru the community with the many different cars. Thoughts are with the family
Eloise Ennis

Eloise Ennis - June 21, 2023 at 02:26 PM

DZ

“ I will always remember Hef's greeting "How ya doin" and it always made me laugh. Deborah Z.

Deborah Zucker-Gibson - June 21, 2023 at 12:18 PM

CB

“ Celeste, our deepest condolences. Hef was a great friend and human being. He will be greatly missed.

Cecilia and Joe Borders - June 11, 2023 at 01:02 PM

BO

“ *My deepest sympathies are extended to you Celeste. May God hold you and give you peace and understanding*
Barb O'Reilly

Barbara O'Reilly - June 09, 2023 at 12:42 PM

JA

“ *Celeste I am so sorry to hear the news. My sincere condolences to you and your family. I will put you in my prayers My peace be with you now Janet Visser*

Janet - June 09, 2023 at 09:23 AM

JF

“ *May the beautiful memories of your life together sustain you.*

jeanie Frye - June 08, 2023 at 09:15 AM

RB

“ For more than 50 years, Hef has been a “brother from another mother “. Since first making friends with my brother, Bill at Stony Brook college on Long Island, Hef was a frequent visitor to our home in Westbury. And boy did my folks get a kick out of him with his contagious laughter and upbeat personality. I have such fun memories of him. I actually used to cut his hair in the backyard and would joke that it was like shearing a sheep, and any mistakes could be easily disguised. Through the years, when Bill was in a band, Hef would be my dance partner, and I can so clearly envision exactly how he danced, and the joy it brought him. His favorite song I believe was Honky Tonk Woman by the Rolling Stones. I once knitted him a winter scarf that was probably about 8 feet long, which he accepted with gratitude and just wound around his neck a few times. As years went on, and I had my own family and three sons, Hef was always the auto consultant for us all and I’m sure taught the boys more than a few things about cars. It is with heartfelt sadness that we mourn his passing. We wish to thank Celeste for the years of joy she brought him and send our most sincere condolences to his family. With love, Roberta and Bob Burger.

roberta burger - June 05, 2023 at 11:29 AM

DZ

“ Deborah Z. purchased the Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift for the family of Mohamed "Hef" Badr.



Deborah Z. - June 05, 2023 at 11:00 AM

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