



Emil J. Shihadeh

June 17, 1935 - February 1, 2014

Emil J. Shihadeh died at his home Saturday, February 1, 2014. He was 78. Mr. Shihadeh was a lifelong resident of Ardmore. He was born in Bryn Mawr Hospital, the youngest of three boys, to Jacob Harris Shihadeh and Fadwa Atallah Shihadeh, both immigrants from Palestine. Mr. Shihadeh attended Wynnewood Road Elementary School and Ardmore Junior High School. He graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1955. He was known for his prowess as a wrestler, winning titles in the lighter weights in both junior high and high school. After his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, where he served overseas and stateside repairing airplanes and fabricating metal parts. When he was honorably released from active duty in 1959, he took his skill in metal fabrication into his work as a salesman and instructor with R. S. McCracken and Sons, Inc., a welding supply company. He continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves until 1961. In 1973, Mr. Shihadeh felt the call to become a teacher. He taught metal

fabrication in several high schools and adult education classes. In 1977, he began to teach at Marple Vocational Technical School where he set up their first metal fabrication shop and curriculum. He taught there for 14 years, devoting great personalized and individualized attention to his students, who achieved the highest proficiency ratings in industry measures. He introduced advanced and emerging techniques, using new metals and machinery, until the school closed in 1990. Mr. Shihadeh also enjoyed teaching at Delaware County Community College. He was especially proud of his students' successes and enjoyed visits from them. His family recalls Mr. Shihadeh being particularly pleased with tales of well paid underwater welding adventures.

While Mr. Shihadeh was an instructor, he attended Temple University in the evenings to receive his teaching degree in 1975, and subsequent certificates and masters equivalencies in 1979 and 1981.

Mr. Shihadeh married his beautiful Irish bride Grace Marie Rodgers in 1960, and settled into their home on Simpson Road. There they raised three children, Karen, Sandra and Edward. Mr. Shihadeh relished life surrounded by family with his mother, Fadwa, living in the family home until her death in 1999. His brother Fred H. Shihadeh and Fred's wife Elke, both bookbinders of rare manuscripts and other publications, were neighbors until Fred's death in

2004 and Elke's

recent death in January of this year.

Mr. Shihadeh was a lover of music, enjoying Frank Sinatra and Latin, world, classical and

operatic music, making sure to enjoy his selections on the latest high fidelity technology. He was

a master at crossword puzzles and enjoyed peaceful moments fishing. Mr.

Shihadeh was known

for his dry sense of humor and his devotion to providing for his family.

He is survived by Grace, his wife of 53 years, his children, Karen Schaufeld and her husband

Fred, Sandra Shihadeh and her fiancée Tamar Datan, Edward Shihadeh and his wife Jane, and

his grandchildren, Haley Schaufeld, Jacob Schaufeld, Max Schaufeld and Jordan Shihadeh, all

from Leesburg, Virginia. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Jacquelin Shihadeh of

Rhineland, Wisconsin, recent widow of Emil's brother, Edward Shihadeh.

His Funeral Service will be held on Sat. Feb. 8th, 11 AM in the Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 E. Athens Ave. Ardmore, PA, where you may call after 10 AM. Interment will take place on Monday at 1 PM in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to either The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades(www.williamson.edu) or USO(www.uso.org)

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
415 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, PA

Tribute Wall



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you family for your loss. I just want to let you know that Emil showed enough confidence in me, to allow me to be a substitute Welding Instructor at DCCC back in 1981. I am still there as a part-time Weld Instructor. I never forgot him, even though we lost touch. God bless him and your family. Joe Foell, Jr.

Joseph F. Foell, Jr - February 08, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.



February 07, 2014 at 03:51 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.



February 07, 2014 at 10:41 AM

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“ Thinking of you all during this sad time. I will always remember him as the man who brought Fox News to Tory Island. (and I thought I could escape it somewhere in the world)..Such a great dry sense of humor and so smart. Hugs to you all.

Barbara Talbot - February 07, 2014 at 06:04 AM



“ Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.



February 06, 2014 at 10:43 AM

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“ Cormac Mac Ruaidhri purchased the A Full Life for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.



Cormac Mac Ruaidhri - February 05, 2014 at 03:48 PM

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“ Terri & Tim Feely purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.



Terri & Tim Feely - February 05, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.



February 05, 2014 at 02:59 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.



February 04, 2014 at 11:32 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.



February 04, 2014 at 10:01 AM



“ Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.



February 04, 2014 at 09:51 AM



“ *Dave And Barb Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Emil J. Shihadeh*



Dave and Barb Mendoza - February 04, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.*



February 03, 2014 at 01:00 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Emil J. Shihadeh.*



February 03, 2014 at 11:10 AM