

In Memoriam: Dr. Said Awad

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It is with great sadness that the Faculty of Medicine shares the news that Dr. Said Awad, a retired faculty member and Professor Emeritus, passed away on June 19, 2021, after many months of congestive heart failure.

His last night on earth was spent in the VG Site, QEII, in Halifax, just down the hall from where he served for 17 years (1980-97) as the Head of the Department of Urology, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University. He was happily able to stay in his cherished home until then. Born in pre-war Cairo, Egypt, Dr. Awad lost both of his parents to illness before his mid-teens. Their deaths at young ages were his main motivation to study medicine. After graduating from Cairo University, Dr. Awad immigrated to Canada in 1961.

He quickly embraced all of the opportunities which Canada had to offer as he dedicated himself to his Urology training. After a four-year residency in Kingston, Ontario, Dr. Awad moved to Toronto for additional specialization. A few months later, he met the love of his life, a nurse named Sharon Jones. They were engaged after six weeks and married a few months later. Over the next 40 years, with Sharon's incredible support, Dr. Awad built a remarkable career in both clinical and academic medicine, retiring in 2003 as a professor emeritus of Dalhousie University. Dr. Awad thrived with a mix of teaching, research and clinical responsibilities throughout his career, and he was repeatedly recognized for his accomplishments in all three areas. He was especially proud to have served as President of the Canadian Urological Association, and to have been named as one of only 75 members of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons.

Second only to his family, Dr. Awad loved teaching and mentoring Urology trainees. His legacy includes a large, worldwide diaspora of medical practitioners who graduated from the Urology programs at Queen's University and Dalhousie between the 1970s and the 2000s. Dr. Awad is survived by Sharon, his spouse of 55 years; his daughter, Michelle (Jack Graham); son, Brian (Catherine McKellar); grandchildren, Paige (David Owens), Elias, Amelia, and Ephrem; step grandchildren, Hannah (Gabriel Rose), John, and Mac; and step great-granddaughter, Hadley.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on June 29th, at J.A. Snow Funeral Home, 339 Lacewood Dr., Halifax. A memorial event will take place in the future. To leave an online message of condolence please visit: www.jasnowfuneralhome.com

Full obituary can be found online [here](#).