



## Adel Basskal Freij

December 20, 1957 - January 31, 2019

Our beloved father and brother, Adel Basskal Freij, was born in Lebanon on December 20, 1957. With great sorrow, he went for eternal rest on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia, California while surrounded by family members and friends saying their last goodbyes with broken hearts.

Adel's funeral services and reception will take place on February 9th 2019 at 1 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church located at, 608 N. Church St, Visalia, CA 93291. Respecting his wish to be buried beside his late and loving mother, Samearah Jiryas Shami, who sadly passed away on January 2, 2019, he will be flown afterwards to Seattle, WA, where both of them will be united to rest in eternal peace. Adel's humorous spirit, love for life, and vigor will remain alive among us and will continue to run through his three living sons: Pascal, Reda, and Hani. Adel was also blessed with three loving and caring siblings Suzanne Farraj, Hiam Malik, and Issa Freij.

In 1986, Adel, his former wife Lena, his mother, and brother relocated from Lebanon to Jordan to establish a new life away from the civil war. While in Jordan, Adel and his wife were blessed with three sons and enjoyed their lives with extended family members. They worked hard to raise their children providing them with the best guidance, and quality education. In the year 2000, Adel moved to Seattle, WA where he started a new life and rebuilt his career. As he advanced in his work, he moved to Yakima, WA and then to Visalia, California where he spent the last 15 years of his life. Adel was dedicated to his work, loved his coworkers, and found his calling at Pace International. He eventually bought a new house, and fully settled in Visalia as his permanent home.

Adel was full of life. He also had a beautiful sense of humor that made everyone feel connected and acquainted at the first encounter. He brought joy and laughter wherever he was. He always tried his best extending an arm of support, and help to others no matter whether they were friends, colleagues, neighbors, or family members. He made sure his friends and family knew that they could count on him. Living as an honorable man, he led a simple, peaceful, and humble life, holding his whole family in high regard.

Adel will surely be missed and remembered as a man of courage, inspiration, and love for life. He was a brother, a son, and a father to all. He is present among us on this day and will be for many more days and years to come. Now he is with his creator free of pain, and at peace, alongside his beloved mother and father.

May his soul Rest in Peace.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Visalia, CA  
608 N. Church Street  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ We are all shocked to hear of the sudden death of Adel. Words cannot express how sorry we are about his death. We wish we could find words that would relieve your pain. We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we are thinking of you in your sorrow.

*Adel was a fantastic person who will be greatly missed everyone who knew him.*

*May God rest his soul In Peace.*

*God bless you all.*

*Ghassan & Rana Haddad*

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**Dr. Ghassan** - February 17, 2019 at 04:02 PM

LS

“ Adel was my brother, Sami's, best friend. He was a friend of our family as well. He came to my home a few times and he visited my mother on occasion. We all thought highly of him for the kind of person he was, caring, loving, generous and very down to earth. Our thoughts and prayers are with his sons and extended family. May He Rest In Peace. He will remain in our hearts forever.

*Lauren, Zohair Shamma and family.*

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**Lauren Shamma** - February 10, 2019 at 06:56 PM

AH

“ We were shocked with the passing away of Adel the lovely man with the great heart. We are all sad at your passing. It's very unfortunate that you were gone too early. Adel, you are physically gone, but you will always remain in our minds and hearts. We remember every moment our families spent together in Jordan. May your soul Rest In Peace.

*We pray that God give your family the strength during this difficult time. Our condolences to the whole family. God bless you all.*

*Anwar Haddad and family*

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**Anwar Haddad** - February 10, 2019 at 04:19 PM

HF

“ Adel, it's really hard to comprehend your sudden loss. We didn't know each other long but you definitely made a lasting impression with me and my family. I truly enjoyed our conversations and shared laughter, you knew how to lighten the mood! Thank u for everything, may you Rest In Peace with your mom and family.

You will truly be missed!  
Haydy

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**Haydy Farraj** - February 09, 2019 at 11:50 PM

CS

“ Adel's passing was a great loss. Adel was my friend for 15 years, since he came to Visalia. I will miss the laughter and the fun we had together. We became the best of friends. We loved and trusted each other like brothers. He was a big part of my life, as we saw or spoke to each other nearly every day. We talked about growing old together, and taking cruises when we retired. He left me too soon. As Adel used to say "what shall we do? It is what it is".

My heart goes out to his sons and siblings. I feel as they feel. In the days and years to come, there will be an empty place in my life and that of my family members, that Adel used to fill. We will miss every wonderful thing about him and remember him the rest of our lives with a smile. God rest his soul.

*Sami & Christine Sabbagh & Family*

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**Christine Sabbagh** - February 09, 2019 at 11:17 PM

MF

“ May his soul rest in peace and his memory be eternal. We are terribly sorry for your loss and wish you all a sustainable life. God bless.

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**Milad Haddad & Family** - February 09, 2019 at 02:11 PM

HH

“ I haven't seen Adel for more than 20 years but I do remember and know Adel as the strong and hearty man.

My deepest condolences Adel's family and may God be with you through these difficult and sad times. May his soul rest in peace

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**Hazem Haddad** - February 09, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Adel was like my older brother and like a father to me specially when I used to get sick he was there for me all the time I'm going to miss him so much may God give him the highest Level of heaven*

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MU

“ *A memory with my dear friend Adel*



musleh - February 08, 2019 at 06:59 PM

MU

“ *Adel was a very special person in our lives. We will all miss him and my condolences to all his family.*

musleh - February 08, 2019 at 06:57 PM

SH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. my deepest condolences for you and your family and I pray that you will have the strength and courage to see through these very difficult and sad times. May his soul rest in peace.*

*Saleem Haddad*



Saleem Haddad - February 08, 2019 at 06:45 AM

PI

“ From Pace Int:

*It is with heavy heart we need to share that on January 31, Adel from our Visalia site passed away.*

*Adel has worked with Pace for 16 years. He was extremely dedicated, with his heart and actions always reflecting the best interest of others and the company. Adel was very polite and kind to all. His co-workers meant so much to him. He referred to them as part of his family.*

*Adel started with Pace as an Accountant in January 2003. He had attended Haigazian University in Beirut in Business Administration. He came with years of experience as Chief Accountant and Assistant Controller, first working out of the Seattle office, then at the Wapato corporate office, and in May of 2005 he took the role of Warehouse/Office Manager. This has been his role ever since.*

*Adel's work ethic was top notch. He was complimented on his ability to consistently provide excellent customer service, negotiate to ensure the best possible price and a consistent team player. He was always ready to assist others on the team to achieve their goals. Adel sincerely cared about his teammates and wanted the best for them.*

*Adel's dedication and eternally positive attitude will remain in our hearts. He will be remembered with a smile as we recall a kind word, joke or anecdote from a life that he shared. Adel was a wise man, with the largest of hearts, that anyone who met him realized immediately. He had an uncanny ability to make a meaningful connection with everyone he met and imparted his wisdom on so many.*

*Adel will be missed by our Pace family. We were blessed to have the honor of working with him and fortunate to call him our friend.*

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**Pace International** - February 07, 2019 at 09:21 PM

KA

*Adel- I remember the first day I met you, you had come into the restaurant & instantly my family I connected with you. We enjoyed many years of great conversations and laughter. You would come in almost everyday & eventually it became a routine and everyone knew who you were and would be happy to see you. I'm very sad to know you will no longer be here, but also happy you are not in any pain. I hope heaven is ready for you & they have plenty of shawarma, tabouli, & hummus for you my friend!!  
Love,  
Dada family*

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**kareem** - February 09, 2019 at 10:26 AM

GS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



George Shami - February 07, 2019 at 06:31 PM

AI

“ So sad and devastating. God Bless your soul Adel, You will always be remembered as a lovely, humble and genuine man with a heart of pure gold. I love you cousin with all my heart, our deepest condolences to the whole family, may your soul rest in peace 🙏🕊️



Aida

Aida - February 07, 2019 at 03:57 PM

MA

“ Sad heart, will miss speaking to Adel setting up loads for Pace. Will miss this sweet man.  
Prayers to the family during this difficult time.

Marie Sargent, dispatcher  
Faulkner Trucking, Inc.

Marie - February 07, 2019 at 03:00 PM

PF

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Pascal Freij - February 07, 2019 at 02:18 PM

LJ

“ Lena Jammal lit a candle in memory of Adel Basskal Freij



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Lena Jammal - February 07, 2019 at 01:58 PM

LJ

“ Adel, it's not easy what you went through no matter how hard we tried to encourage you to fight back and cling to hope. I prayed over and over that your pain be minimized and ended up lighting several candles praying more and more that whatever in your best interest let it be. It's God's will to relief you of your pain and so we accept that with deep sadness. May your soul Rest In Peace.  
Keeping in our prayers,  
Lena Jammal

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Lena Jammal - February 07, 2019 at 12:49 PM

HF

“ Baba, I spent the least amount of time with you, being the youngest one. With your sickness, our shared time even became shorter. Your early departure broke my heart, you went away before giving you the chance to see us grow, have families, and children who would have called you grandpa. I assure you that our children will get to know what a loving and caring father you were. I will cherish the memories I have of you.

May your soul Rest In Peace.

Your loving son,

Hani Freij

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Hani Freij - February 07, 2019 at 12:30 PM

RF

“ *Father, with great sorrow and pain we bid you farewell. Our daily calls and the quality time we spent together compensates me in a way for the great loss. It's true you are physically gone, but you will always remain in my mind and heart. It's very unfortunate and sad that you were gone too early. I will truly miss our conversations, and your presence. May your soul rest in peace.*

*Your loving son,*

*Reda Freij*

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**Reda Freij** - February 07, 2019 at 12:21 PM

PF

“ *Baba,*

*Our hearts are broken now that you are gone. We sincerely hoped and prayed while you were fighting for your life in the hospital, but sadly enough it was not meant to be. We talked a lot about our wishes and future plans to fulfill in the next few years, but it all seems like a dream now. The past week has been very hard to endure the pain of your loss, we miss you very much. I have been thinking of the moments we shared, how you used to teach me, guide me, help me, but I wanted more. We should have had more times together, longer days, and hours filled with moments of laughter and love that we can share. As you used to say, "Life is tough, but it is what it is."*

*May your soul Rest In Peace.*

*Love you dad,*

*Your Son,*

*Pascal Freij*

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**Pascal Freij** - February 07, 2019 at 11:36 AM

SF

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Suzanne Farraj** - February 07, 2019 at 11:13 AM

GS

“ *The loss of my cousin was a tragedy for all of us. My condolences to his kids, siblings & all of the family. We pray that God give us the strength during this difficult time. We will cherish the memories we have together. I know how much you were suffering in the last couple of month. You will be missed greatly. May you rest in peace.*  
*Jiryes Shami & family*



George Shami - February 06, 2019 at 08:00 PM

RI

“ *My dear cousin. We are all so sad at your passing. The last time I saw you was in Jordan in the 90s and your kids were young. I wish I could have come to visit you in California. My heart breaks for your siblings and children. We love you Adel and May your soul Rest In Peace.*  
*Rima*

Rima - February 06, 2019 at 03:55 PM

RI

“ *My heart is broken. Adel was full of life. He was funny and outgoing and so fun to be around. We will miss him so much and may God Rest his soul. Our condolences to the whole family.*  
*Afaf Shami*

Rima - February 06, 2019 at 03:49 PM

CM

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Cheryl Ann Mattia - February 06, 2019 at 02:10 PM

RI

“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adel Basskal Freij.*



February 06, 2019 at 09:41 AM

SF

“ Dear Adel - I really miss you; my heart is broken for losing you all of a sudden. I know you are at peace now but I miss the brother, the friend, the laughs, the encouragement, the support that you gave me on daily basis. You will always be in my heart as a light leading me on the right path while on earth. I love you so much. May God rest your soul.

Your sister, Suzanne

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**Suzanne Farraj** - February 05, 2019 at 09:40 PM