Ferdinand Dafa

August 27, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Ferdinand Dafa on August 27, 2025. Ferdinand was the strong heart of our family—a cherished father, devoted husband, and beloved grandfather whose warmth and kindness touched everyone fortunate enough to know him. His presence was a source of strength and joy, and he will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends.

Born on October 7, 1941, in Albania, Ferdinand carried the spirit of his homeland with him wherever life led. In 2001, he settled in West Hartford, becoming the cornerstone upon which his family built a new life in the United States. Through his unwavering dedication and love, he helped his loved ones flourish, nurturing a sense of belonging in their second home.

Ferdinand’s love for Albania remained profound. Whenever possible, he returned to the country of his birth, cherishing time with lifelong friends and revisiting the landscapes that had shaped his journey. His profession allowed him to know Albania intimately—from north to south, east to west—and each visit was a celebration of the places and people that meant so much to him.

He was admired for his academic accomplishments, earning a PhD in geophysics and building a distinguished career in his field. Ferdinand’s passion for making a difference extended to politics, where he dedicated

himself to meaningful service and positive change.

Ferdinand is survived by his beloved wife, Gjinovefa Dafa; his daughters, Sonila Noga and Diana Dafa; and his grandchildren, Eden Nenshati and Frans Bark.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Ferdinand's life on Wednesday, September 3rd. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by a service at 11:00 AM at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. Burial at Fairview Cemetery located at 200 Whitman Ave, West Hartford, CT 06107-1635 will follow the service.

Me hidherim the thelle, njoftojmë largmin nga kjo jete të Ferdinand Dafës më 27 gusht 2025. Ferdinand ishte zemra e forte e familjes sonë — një baba i dashur, burrë i devotshëm, dhe gjyshi i dashur, i cili ngrohtësia dhe mirësia e tij preku të gjithë ata që kishin fatin ta njihnin. Prania e tij ishte burim force dhe gëzimi, dhe ai do të mungojë shumë për familjen dhe miqtë e tij të dashur.

Lindur më 7 tetor 1941, në Shqipëri, Ferdinand e mbante me vete shpirtin e atdheut të tij, kudo që e çonte jeta. Në vitin 2001, u vendos në West Hartford, duke u bërë themeli mbi të cilin familja e tij ndërtoi një jetë të re në Shtetet e Bashkuara. Nëpërmjet përkushtimit dhe dashurisë së tij të palëkundur, ai ndihmoi të dashurit e tij të zhvilloheshin, duke ushqyer një ndjenjë përkatësie në shtëpinë e tyre të dytë.

Dashuria e Ferdinandit për Shqipërinë mbeti e thellë. Kurdo që mundej, ai kthehej në vendin e lindjes, duke e çmuar kohën me miqtë e tij të dashur dhe duke rishikuar peisazhet që kishin formuar udhëtimin e tij. Profesioni i tij i lejoi të njihte Shqipërinë nga afër. —nga veriu në jug, nga lindja në perëndim—dhe

çdo vizitë ishte një gezim I pamate kur shihte vendit dhe njerëzit që kishin shumë rëndësi për të.

Ai u admirua për arritjet e tij akademike, duke fituar një doktoraturë në gjeofizikë dhe duke ndërtuar një karrierë të dalluar në fushën e tij. Pasioni i Ferdinandit për të bërë një ndryshim u shtri edhe në politikë, ku ai iu dedikua shërbimeve të rëndësishme dhe ndryshimeve pozitive.

Ferdinand do të kujtohet me mall gjithmone nga gruaja e tij të dashur, Gjinovefa Dafa; vajzat e tij, Sonila Noga dhe Diana Dafa; dhe nipërit, Eden Nenshati dhe Frans Bark.

Familja dhe miqtë janë të ftuar të nderojne jetën e Ferdinandit të mërkurën, më 3 Shtator. Vizita do të fillojë në orën 10:00, e ndjekur nga një ceremoni në orën 11:00 në Shtëpinë e Funeralit Molloy, 906 Rruga Farmington, West Hartford. Varrosja në Fairview Cemetery, i ndodhur në 200 Rruga Whitman, West Hartford, CT 06107-1635, do të pasojë ceremoninë.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **3**. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Funeral Service

SEP **3** (ET)

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906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119

Tribute Wall

LC

Love, Melinda Castanza purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

Love, Melinda Castanza - September 07, 2025 at 07:31 PM

TF

The Dossche Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

The Dossche Family - September 02, 2025 at 05:05 PM

TF

The Dossche Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ferdinand Dafa.

The Dossche Family - September 02, 2025 at 05:05 PM

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

September 02, 2025 at 09:28 AM

Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

September 01, 2025 at 10:56 AM

EP

Eva Pfeffer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

Eva Pfeffer - August 31, 2025 at 04:46 PM

EP

Eva Pfeffer planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ferdinand Dafa.

Eva Pfeffer - August 31, 2025 at 04:46 PM

AN

Adelina Nenshati purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

Adelina Nenshati - August 31, 2025 at 04:40 PM

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Adelina Nenshati planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ferdinand Dafa.

Adelina Nenshati - August 31, 2025 at 04:40 PM

Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

August 31, 2025 at 11:53 AM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

August 30, 2025 at 02:26 PM

Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

August 30, 2025 at 10:20 AM

A Memorial Tree was planted in honor of Ferdinand Dafa.

August 30, 2025 at 10:20 AM

Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

August 30, 2025 at 10:15 AM

A Memorial Tree was planted in honor of Ferdinand Dafa.

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A Memorial Tree was planted in honor of Ferdinand Dafa.

August 29, 2025 at 03:40 PM

Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

August 29, 2025 at 01:41 PM

TF

The Seaver Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Ferdinand Dafa.

The Seaver Family - August 29, 2025 at 01:35 PM