



Issa Afram

October 17, 2024

Afram, Issa, age 64 of Little Ferry, NJ passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Beloved Fiance of Janet Royka. Dear brother of Afram G. Afram. Devoted son of the late George and Mary Afram. Loving grandson of the late Mousa and Hannah Shamounki.

We gather to honor the memory of a gentle giant with a tender heart, who embodied the beauty of a simple life. Known for his unwavering patience and humble spirit, he approached each day with a calm demeanor that brought comfort to those around him.

His strength was matched only by his kindness. He found joy in the little things—cherished moments with his fiancée, his brother, laughter shared with family and friends, and the peacefulness of everyday life. His belief in simplicity taught us to appreciate the small things in life.

A devoted horse racing enthusiast and avid fan of scratch-off lottery tickets, he brought excitement and enthusiasm to every gathering. The thrill of the race and the anticipation of a potential win reflected his spirited approach to life, bringing joy to those around him. He also was passionate about learning about antiques ... and loving them. He really enjoyed his time spent at his job

(24 years) making friendships and connections with his customers.

Though his presence will be deeply missed, his spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. We are grateful for the time we shared and the invaluable lessons he imparted.

Friends and family are invited for visitation this Thursday, October 24th from 7PM to 9PM at St. Mark's Syriac Orthodox Church, 55 W. Midland Avenue, Paramus, NJ. A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 25th at 10AM at St. Mark's. Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ. For further information and to view Issa's tribute page, please visit volkleber.com

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Saint Marks Syriac Orthodox Church
55 West Midland Ave.
Paramus, NJ 07652

Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ *My heart is full of sadness and disbelief that we lost such a good and kindhearted human being. He left an emptiness in the thrift store and in people's hearts. You'll be missed Mr. Chris. ☐*

Alexandra Dilone - October 24, 2024 at 08:24 PM

NF

“ *Knowing Chris for over 20 years has been a true blessing. He made every thrift store shopping experience a truly special event for myself, family and friends. He had a keen eye for quality merch and grew to learn my taste very quickly. He kept me dressed in fine quality suits, dresses and cashmere for over 20 years! I'll miss our lively conversations about the Patriots, Jets, Cowboys and other NFL teams, but will surely find comfort in those fond memories. Chris taught me how to be quite a competitor in WordsWithFriends, even though I rarely beat him! Although I'll miss him dearly, I am so grateful to have known him. So my dear kindhearted friend, rest peacefully 💕💕.*
Nadine Foster

Nadine Foster - October 24, 2024 at 06:47 PM

JR

“ My condolences to his family and friends who knew him. I had the great pleasure and opportunity to meet Chris back in 1994. Chris was more than a gentleman; he was kind, caring, genuine, humble, funny, intelligent, and more than anything, he was an excellent salesman and a good manager. It saddens me that I will no longer see him and that he will be missed in our hearts because Chris was a man who touched people's lives. May his beautiful new home be a place of peaceful rest, and may his memory inspire us to appreciate the good, genuine conversations we have because we never know how that person may touch our hearts.

Jacqueline Romney - October 23, 2024 at 02:02 AM

JB

“ I knew Chris for only a year...but he was great to work with at NCJW Resale Shop. His dry sense of humor always made me laugh. He was like a sabra fruit (which grows in Israel); prickly on the outside, but sweet and wonderful on the inside!. He will be missed.

joyce f bivone - October 21, 2024 at 07:08 PM

FR

“ Chris was so knowledgeable about the Thrift Shop merchandise. He would take the time to learn about some of the unusual items and then tell us what they were. There was nothing he could not identify. He was such a good man and kind to everyone, customer and volunteer alike.

Florence Remes - October 21, 2024 at 06:45 PM

FR

“ Chris was so patient when I started at the Thrift Shop. I was a slow learner but he didn't give up on me despite my making some pretty big mistakes on the register. He just calmly fixed them and said “don't worry.”



Florence Remes - October 21, 2024 at 06:41 PM

MG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May Mr. Afram rest in peace.

Manal Grant - October 21, 2024 at 04:36 PM

IK

“ He was such a lovely person, I will miss our conversations (mostly about politics) at the thrift store.

Ilene Kleinman - October 21, 2024 at 04:04 PM

JR

I want to express my deepest sympathy to his family and friends. I had the privilege of meeting Chris in 1994 when I first came to this country and visited the Store in Englewood, Teaneck, and now in Bergenfield. I was deeply saddened when I read the news and felt a profound ache in my heart. Chris was not just a gentleman; he was kind, caring, genuine, humble, funny, and intelligent. He was an outstanding salesman, always eager to help customers find what they wanted. He excitedly showed me new items whenever he saw me and never failed to make me smile. The thought of not seeing him again is heartbreaking, and his absence will be deeply felt because Chris had a way of touching people's lives. I hope he has found peaceful rest in his new home, and may his memory remind us to cherish the genuine connections we make, as they have the power to impact our hearts profoundly.

Jacqueline Romney - October 23, 2024 at 01:21 AM

BR

I am sorry to learn of Chris' passing. He was a patient man, who always had a kind word for me, even when I made mistakes at the cash register at the resale shop. I will miss his presence and expertise at the shop. I hope the memory of his thoughts and deeds will be of comfort in the days ahead, especially to those who were close to him. May his memory be a blessing.

Barbara Rosenfeld

Barbara Rosenfeld - October 27, 2024 at 02:34 PM