



Harry Ghadban

August 7, 1948 - December 9, 2021

Harry Souheil Ghadban of Manassas, Virginia left this world a better place than he found it on December 9th, 2021 when he died unexpectedly of heart-related issues at Fairfax Hospital. He had spent the Thanksgiving holiday with family—laughing, reminiscing and making plans for the coming year.

Harry was born August 7th, 1948 in Cairo, Egypt to Yolanda and Momtaz Ghadban. The family immigrated to the States when he was a young boy. Several years later they temporarily moved to Rhodes, Greece. Throughout his life, Harry looked fondly on his experiences in Greece and would often share stories about his time living there. When the family moved back to the U.S., he attended Osbourn High School. He later graduated from George Mason University in 1973, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Harry went on to establish multiple businesses and was in the building and land development industry for over fifty years. He founded NVP, Inc. in 1989 with his partner in life and business, Barbara. The company develops and builds residential communities throughout Northern Virginia. Harry was a maverick in his pursuits to entitle raw land, develop and create new home communities throughout Northern Virginia. He was instrumental in changing the landscape of Prince William County.

Harry and Barbara's annual Children's National Medical Center golf outings

raised more than \$700,000 over the past 18 years to ensure children without medical insurance would be provided care. Harry was also an original supporter of George Mason University's Hylton Performing Arts Center. His passion to give a helping hand to those in need was one of the many contributions he made to his community and friends throughout the years.

Harry loved spending time with his family and friends, traveling, playing tennis, enjoying a good meal, laughing and making others laugh. He was known for his quick wit and sense of humor. He considered his work a hobby and would often repeat the old adage, "Do what you love, and you will never work a day in your life."

Harry is survived by his wife, Barbara; his three daughters, Cheryl Ghadban (Steve Maynard), Michelle Johnson (Ken Johnson) and Shannon Ghadban; his two step-sons, Damon Kelmartin and Nicholas Kelmartin (Patricia Kelmartin); his three grandchildren, Carmella Johnson, Victor Johnson and Mia Johnson; his three step-grandchildren, Canon Kelmartin, Zoey Kelmartin and Maxwell Kelmartin. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Ann Ghadban (Thomas Ackerly); his three nieces, Susie Webb, Kathy Ghadban Hamill and Ashley Elkin; and his beloved dogs, Lucy, Lily and Enzo.

He is predeceased by his parents, Momtaz and Yolanda Ghadban; his brother, Jimmy Ghadban; his nephew, Shane Ghadban; and his cherished dogs, Hokie and Gizmo.

Harry was a man of great integrity and was loved and respected by many. He will be deeply missed.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14th at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15th at All Saints Catholic Church, with burial to

follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Harry's memory to the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) or performing a random act of kindness for someone.

Links:

Pierce Funeral Home: <https://www.piercefh.com>

ASPCA: https://secure.aspca.org/donate/memorial?ms=wb_lpf_waystogive-teaser&initialms=wb_lpf_waystogive-teaser&pcode=WEBMEMORY

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas,, MA 20110
(703) 368-4500

Burial

DEC 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stonewall Memory Gardens
12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Reception

DEC 15. 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

The Brass Cannon at Stonewall Golf Club
15601 Turtle Point Dr.
Gainesville, VA 20155
<https://www.stonewallgolfclub.com/brass-cannon/>

Tribute Wall

JD

“ John and I were so sorry to hear about Harry’s passing. We actually were looking for a friends obituary and saw that Harry passed. As a leading builder in Prince William County, we worked with him for many decades through our engineering firm, Bengtson, DeBell & Elkin. We send our prayers to Barbara and family and hope the many memories of love bring you comfort.

John and Connie DeBell

John & Connie DeBell - January 30, 2022 at 09:29 AM

JC

“ I am very sorry to hear of Harry's passing. My sincere condolences to the Barbara and the family. June Chapman

June Chapman - December 17, 2021 at 08:26 PM

WA

“ *The foundation of any legacy takes a person with courage, vision, leadership ability, tenacity, drive, and stamina. Qualities such as these tend to invite others with a like vision and drive to want to join, follow, team with, and participate, in an effort of supporting that person’s vision or goal. Here, Harry was that visionary; with family, friends, business partners, and monuments scattered throughout Northern Virginia as a testament to his many accomplishments and good fortune. Notwithstanding, in the process of building his own legacy, his gratitude and selflessness helped so many others get their start in pursuit of achieving their own dream/success, helping to build the legacy of so many others. It just doesn’t get done better than that.*

Thank you, brother-in-law; I will use what you've taught me, laugh at the many great memories, and toast you often. Sleep well.

Wayne - December 16, 2021 at 12:16 PM

JL

“ *Barbara and Family, Jo and I are so sad to hear of Harry's passing. Many Prayers for you and his entire family. We had so many sports dealings and meetings over the years. He was a great friend and truly will be missed by so many friends, Even though we had not seen each other over the last 20 years. We were always blessed to call you both our friends from many years ago. He was truly a dedicated man to his community, friends and family, he loved you all. Truly a great loss to the entire Manassas Community. God Bless Your Family Always.*

Jo and Lester Leonard - December 15, 2021 at 11:02 PM

BB

“ Trying to find the right words to celebrate and honor Harry's life exceeds my abilities. I know of three great loves of Harry's life. Harry's family was first, followed, in no particular order, by his business ventures and his many friendships. His dogs would have been fourth, but I already mentioned his family - so they've already been covered. Harry had the wonderful ability to blur the lines. He did business with his family and he did business with many of his friends. Not an easy task. Knowing Harry made my life immeasurably better. It was a true honor and privilege to have been his sometimes attorney and counselor, a business partner and most importantly his friend. While I was not part of his family, I certainly feel like I have lost a member of my family. Rest in peace my friend.
- Barry

Barry Bedford - December 14, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Ghadban.



December 14, 2021 at 05:08 PM

FC

“ Frank Barros / JSC Concrete Construction purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Harry Ghadban.



Frank Barros / JSC Concrete Construction - December 14, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry Ghadban.*



December 14, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *Dear Barbara, Cher, Michelle, Shannon, Carmella, Victor, Mia, Damon, Nicholas, and family,*

Please accept my deepest sympathy for Harry's sudden passing. Growing up with Harry as my uncle was so memorable that I will never forget his kind, funny, and loving nature. I know he was so happy that the Ghadban Girls are still together hanging out and being a family.

I'm so heartbroken and sad right now for your whole family. However, I know that Harry is in eternal peace with Grandpa, Grandma, my Dad, and Shane in heaven.

*All my thoughts and prayers!
Love you, Susie Ghadban-Webb*

Susie Webb - December 14, 2021 at 12:19 PM

CB

“ Harry was my business partner, my closest friend, but above all I considered him my brother.
Our relationship spans close to 40 years.
It is impossible to express and put into words all that he meant to me.
I am in shock over his passing.
I am in Rome and only told yesterday of service arrangements.
I am grieved not to be present to memorialize his life.
We walked many roads together, built and created work I am proud of.
We faced and endured the highs and lows.
I never have been more blessed and honored to have had such an incredible partner, friend and brother to walk this journey with.
Until we met again
Carter

Carter Boehm - December 14, 2021 at 11:39 AM

FC

“ Harry, walked through life with a gentle stride. His calm, compassionate and serene pace made him easy to love. His smile and laughter were infectious to all that knew him. His light was always warm and welcoming to me. I always admired his sense of love to Barbara and family above all else in his life. His integrity was as strong and as beautiful as a giant sequoia. I will forever cherish memories of the times spent with he and Barabra on trips, especially Napa. His life graced many people's liives and he will be deeply missed. To me I will always embrace his unwavering kindness. Faith

Faith Campbell - December 14, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Ghadban.*



December 13, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Harry Ghadban.*



December 13, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry Ghadban.*



December 13, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Ghadban.*



December 13, 2021 at 05:30 PM