



**Dr. Ghassan Abd Ali Al-Nasir
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Only people who are capable of loving strongly can also suffer great sorrow, but this same necessity of loving serves to counteract their grief and heals them.

Leo Tolstoy

Dr. Ghassan, one of the giant shining stars of surgery, departed to heavens in the 30th November 2018. he was a graduate of Baghdad College of Medicine in 1971 and received the fellowship of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1981. He served in Basrah General Hospital until 2000 when he shifted to Baghdad to work in the Medical City Teaching Hospital as an active member in the Gastro-Enterology Department. During his stay in Basrah, he proved to be a distinguished surgeon, teacher and father for so many generations. He was a man of manners, very much respected by patients and colleagues.

In 2006, he moved to Malaysia following a terrorist threat and was appointed to work at University of Technology MARA (UiTM), a public university in Malaysia and was the founder of The Department of Surgery in UiTM Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Ghassan, the most luminous and efficient surgeon had performed thousands of different surgical procedures as well as he has so many research articles. He was a very good teacher who gives all his knowledge to so many of present brilliant Basrah surgeons who were under his training and some of them became medical college deans, hospital managers and head of departments in colleges and hospitals.

His kind words, hearty laugh and personal warmth are unforgettable. No single day pass without remembering him by Basrah doctors and staff, death is not extinguishing the light. The pain passes, but the good memory remains.

Unfortunately his wife passed away two months ago and he is survived by his three sons.

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