

OBITUARY

Dr. KAMAL ALTAHAN (1939 – 2006)

Kamal died peacefully in Baghdad, June 2006 at the age of seventy after a prolonged hidden disease which he was not willing to speak about.

He was born in the south of Iraq (Al-Nasseryah) governorate; he was a member of much respected family in the south of Iraq.

He moved to Baghdad in 1944 where he had his primary and secondary school.

In 1953 he moved to Heidelberg (Germany) to join the medical school, he enjoyed very much the outstanding life in Germany, and paid several visits to so many German cities. In 1961 he passed the final examination to become a resident doctor, from this point he started loving orthopaedic and traumatology, which was a good start. In 1968 he was given the specialist degree in orthopaedic and traumatology. After that he went anxiously back home to Baghdad to join the orthopaedic department in the general hospital after almost ten years, then he moved to Al-Kindy hospital in Baghdad where he practiced traumatology. He had active participation in the treatment of wounded soldiers in the north and south of Iraq at the time of Iraqi-Iranian conflict. In 1989 he started enjoying the retirement life, but this did not stop him from enjoying the orthopaedic carrier, so he use to join almost every orthopaedic conference which come across his ears, he had very good enthusiasm in this aspect.

I am proud to be one of his good friends, he was well known to me as a smooth, quiet, lovely, co-operative, a good friend to every colleague and a man without enemies.

Dr. Kamal was a member of several national and international societies. He published three articles. By his departure, the Iraqi orthopaedic association lost a very active and lovely member who worked very hard to keep the association up to the point.

The real loss was not only for the association but for all who met Dr.Kamal even for a short time. He was a real brother, can never be forgotten. Kamal left many good prints in our mind, we shall pray for him asking the Great God to be look after him, hopefully we shall find him in the heaven because we feel he deserve to be there.

Certainly it was honour and pleasure for me to write about him but meanwhile it very painful to feel that he depart without coming back, his departure was really shocking to me.

Dr. Kamal is alive by his wife, two daughters and one son.



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