



Dr. Turgut Mustafa Ozan

March 2, 1919 - June 13, 2011

Dr. Turgut Ozan, professor emeritus at St. Mary's University, founded engineering at the university in 1960. At the time, this was the only university offering an engineering course in San Antonio.

Turgut Ozan passed away peacefully in his home in the early hours of June 13, 2011. He was 92.

Dr. Ozan was born in Ankara, Turkey where he attended the military high school. On the basis of competitive national exams, he won a scholarship to the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland, where he received his bachelor and masters degrees. In 1957, he received his second masters from the University of Birmingham in England. In 1960, while working towards his Ph.D. at Washington University in St. Louis, he was invited to St. Mary's University to organize an industrial engineering department. The first class of six students graduated in 1961 with bachelor of science degrees.

From that modest beginning 50 years ago, the Department of Engineering has grown to offer six vibrant engineering programs. In 1984, he became the Dean of Engineering. Dr. Ozan's graduates have gone on to firms such as SW Research and Boeing. Many of his former students attribute their success to the culture of excellence and high standards that he implemented. Until this very year, he eagerly frequented the campus to serve as mentor and offer

guidance to students.

Amongst the proudest of Dr. Ozan's many achievements was the foundation in 1986, of TAASA, or Turkish American Association of San Antonio, as a means to promote the Turkish culture to Americans as well as to children of Turkish heritage. That legacy continues today in the annual participation by TAASA in the Texas Folklife Festival.

His most endearing legacy was his family. He married his beloved wife, Sevin, from Izmir, Turkey, in 1965. They have lived in San Antonio since their marriage. They enjoyed traveling to many of the states and other countries. His wife was his loving companion through their years together. He is survived by his son, Dr. Aydin Ozan and his wife Samantha, and daughter Oya Cimen and her husband Reha; grandchildren, Selin Cimen, Eren Cimen, Megan Ozan, and Justin Turgut Ozan. He was a family man who enjoyed spending time with them especially his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Turgut Ozan Scholarship Fund at St. Mary's University. The scholarship fund was created to carry on his service and dedication to the engineering department by providing funds to exceptional students.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Dede,
You will always be in my heart. I still remember you. Why, oh why did this have to happen? As my Grandpa, I know you would've been proud of me.
I miss you, and wish you could just magically come back.
Love, Your youngest Granddaughter

Megan - November 24, 2018 at 06:02 PM

PC

“ Dear Sevin,

Harry and Turgut were colleagues at St. Mary's in 1965, and I remember spending time with you when you first arrived in San Antonio from Ismir; I found you to be a charming person, and know that you made Turget very proud and happy.

Paula Ann Polly Costis - June 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I was very sorry to hear the news and wanted to express my sincere condolences to Dr. Ozan's family. He recognized the need to improve the Electrical Engineering Department and through his guidance along with Dr. Rezaie's help they established a great EE

Keith Marshall - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I am sorry to hear about Turgut Ozan passing. My dad always talked highly of his friend Turgut as they both had similar paths from Turkey to the United States which both taught engineering classes at university intuitions. My family sends sincere condolen

Tansel Basci - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ It is an honor and a privilege to have had Professor Turgut Ozan as a mentor and a close friend for the last twenty years at St. Mary’s University. I will never forget his kindness, warmth, and generosity of spirit. He is a scholar and a gentleman. I will

Djaffer Ibaroudene - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ It is with profound sadness we mark the passing of Dr Ozan. He was a man of exceptional character, whose fatherly impact upon us, whether it be professional or personal, made such unforgettable memories. Those of us who were fortunate enough to foster a re

Craig and Rose Damon - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Oya: I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear Father. Although I never met him, the obit sounds like he was an extraordinary person just like you are! Please take care and know you and your Father are in my daily prayers. Jo Elizalde, USAA

Jo Elizalde - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ DeÄŸerli Ozan ailesinin büyük acÄ±larÄ±nÄ± paylaÅŸÄ±r, baÅŸsaÄŸlÄ±ÄŸÄ dileriz

Allah rahmet eylesin.

Dr.Nurhan-Nuran AydÄ±nalp.

Nuran AYDINALP - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IY

“ *Tanrı'dan;günümüz insanlardan birisini kaybetmekten dolayı; okunmuş;zgünüm.Bu vesile ile kendisine sonsuz rahmetler , geride kalan aile mensupları ve sevenlerine sağlık ve sabırlar diliyorum .*
IDRIS YAMANTURK

IDRIS YAMANTURK - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ID

“ *Dr Turgut Ozan was a wonderful and very well respected person and was a father figure to people who knew him among the Turkish American community in San Antonio.*

Ibrahim Dinibutun - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *It was certainly my honor to know Dr Ozan, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God grant you peace that passes all understanding and the love of the father who continues to dwell in us all. God Bless.*

Alicia A Hysaw - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Professor Ozan's passing. He made major contributions to education at St. Mary's University. It was always a pleasure to bump into him on campus over the years since he retired. I am in Dallas for the next few days and so shall*

Dr. Tom Hoffman - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ This is very sad news. From the first time we met Dr. Ozan in the 1980s, we knew he was an extraordinary man. He was a larger than life person who exemplified excellence in all his endeavors. Deepest condolences to his wonderful family. We will always

Kemal & Martha Cenkci - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ My codolences to the whole OZAN family. I have always remembered I will always remember Dr.OZAN who has a lot of effort in my college life . ALLAH RAHMET EYLESÄ°N . YONCA VE MUSFIK YAMANTURK

MUSFIK YAMANTURK - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I am sorry to hear of Dr. Ozans passsing. My condolences to the family. I remember, as a child, playing with his children back in the 70s on Rolling Ridge.

Michael Kruppa, Ph.D. - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am extremely sorry to learn about Dr. Ozan's passing. He was an extraordinary human being and an outstanding forger of peoples characters and proffesionalism. All in all a model for all professors. He will be missed by many, certainly by me. My prayers

Jaime Gomez - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Cok muhterem ve sevgili kardesim Sevim, bu habere cok uzuldum. Allah size, Aydin ve Oya'ya sabir, huzur, ve uzun omurler versin. Boyle acilari gostermesin. Allah Tugut agabeyi nur icinde yatirsin. cok kiymetli bir insandi. Bana ihtiyacin olursa lufen bild

NECATI ALKAS - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ I will always remember Turgut Ozan as my friend and mentor. His kindness and warmth will never be forgotton.

Irwin Goldberg - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ He was like a father to me. I will miss his guidance, leadership, and very presence. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to his family. May God give them and the rest of us patience to bear this sad event.

Mehan Aminian - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We have lost a dear father in Turgut Ozan. A great leader, a great encourager, and a great man is laid to rest. The Sabatino family will always carry fond memories of his words of wisdom delivered with a gentle and loving smile. Our deepest sympathy to

Dennis & Jennifer Sabatino - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I always fondly remember Dr. Ozan's teachings and advice in preparing us for a professional career in Industrial Engineering. He provided us with a basis for success. My thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Ozan and his family.

David Trevino - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I will miss Prof. Ozan. An inspiration, mentor, and beloved father figure to all of us in engineering. Always a gentleman.

Rafael Moras - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I very much liked Turgut. And admired and respected him from the time I first met him in 1966 when I joined the Mathematics Department at St. Mary’s University. Turgut was one of the finest people I have known. I still remember conversations with him that

Sam Ralph Thompson - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ This is a sad time, but he was always spoken of in such fond and respectful terms. I know he will be remembered fondly by many. My sincere condolences and prayers go out to his family and his many colleagues in engineering.

Gary Ogden - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM