



Souheil Samuel Tawil, PhD

December 14, 2022

Souheil Samuel Tawil, beloved husband, father, and Jedo, passed away on December 14, 2022, in Helotes, Texas, after a two year battle with cancer. He was 87 years old, born in Homs, Syria to Samuel and Lulu Tawil.

At the age of 20, Souheil came to the U.S. to attend college at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in History. He then earned his Masters in Political Science from the University of Detroit, and in 1977, his Doctorate from Catholic University of America in International Relations. He became a U.S. citizen in 1976.

In 1967, he moved his family to San Antonio where he joined the faculty at Incarnate Word College. In 1972, he settled his family in Helotes, Texas, later teaching at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and becoming a consultant and interpreter for the U.S. Department of State. He served as Director of Public Relations for the Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research in the early 80's, moving on to the United Arab Emirates Higher Colleges of Technology in Abu Dhabi, as Manager of Community Relations.

He was an avid gardener and wood worker, building an outdoor oasis of a pond, teahouse, rock gardens, and walkways at the home he shared with the love of his life, Tippy, wife of 58 years. He loved the Southwest, traveling and camping during the summer months. His most cherished adventure was a

three month road-trip with Tippy, in their 70's, embarking from Helotes, Texas, to the Canadian Rockies, and on to Alaska.

Souheil was the definition of love, the epitome of giving and sacrificing endlessly for his immediate and extended family. His kindness, acceptance, and loving nature impacted all who crossed his path. He fully believed that all people are good and all that is needed is love and compassion to bring out their true nature.

Souheil is survived by his wife Treasure (Tippy); son Marc and wife Diana; daughter Leila and husband Eric Meyers; granddaughters Marissa Wilhite, Tamara Wilhite, and Bailey; his brother Ghassan; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Hadwa; and brothers Joseph, Farid, and Fawaz.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Southwest Indian Foundation or the San Antonio Food Bank.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

DEC **21**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Resurrection

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Helotes
13715 Riggs Rd.
Helotes, TX 78023

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I remember taking classes with Dr. Tawil when I was an undergraduate at UTSA in the late 1970s. He was kind enough to write me a recommendation for graduate work at Johns Hopkins. But long before then, I was fascinated and inspired by his magisterial perspectives on the Middle East and the rest of the developing world. Blessings forever, Souheil, and thank you so much for your wisdom and compassion.



Respectfully,

John Holder UTSA '78, Johns Hopkins '82

John Holder - April 27, 2025 at 07:29 PM

MH

“ I will forever remember his beautiful smile, distinguished voice, unique hand gestures, the backgammon games with my dad, his cool stories and his tender heart that never wronged anyone. He called me his favorite niece every time he saw me and though I knew he called each of the other nieces the same whenever he saw them, it still felt joyful and special. Thank you my favorite uncle for being you. We will deeply miss everything about you : (

Mona Helmy - December 21, 2022 at 06:50 PM

SR

“ So many wonderful memories of khalo Souheil. While khalo and family were living in Kuwait, they visited us in Damascus when i was a teenager. I went with them on a car tour all over Syria. I got to see how fun he was and how his company is never boring rather full of laughs, stories, and memories. When my dad couldn't make it to my wedding in California, khalo accepted my invitation to do "father of the bride" dance. So he is forever part of my life. He is my mom's baby brother who she always loved. Rest in peace khalo. I love you❤️❤️



Sana Al-Jundi Radville - December 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM

SA

“ You will forever be in my heart khalo, I have loved you and will miss you more than I can express. You were the reason I came to the USA, were the father figure for me in the States, you were my ‘ permanent address’ for the longest time and you were always the beautiful, smiling , warm person that all the cousins gathered around and enjoyed, laughed and loved always . Rest In Peace khalo. I love you❤️

sharoud Anderson - December 19, 2022 at 12:06 PM

Mada
Al-jundi

“ Our last family get-together with khalo Souheil at daughter Leila's wedding celebration.. we will miss him terribly 💔



Mada Al-jundi - December 19, 2022 at 04:56 AM

SV

“ I was blessed to take a class from Dr. Tawil at Incarnate Word College. He was a marvelous teacher, so interesting to listen to and so broad in his insights. I know he was very influential in the lives of many students and peers on the faculty of IWC. My sympathies and prayers are with his wife, children, grandchildren, brother and other relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.



Sr. Shirley Vaughn - December 18, 2022 at 01:52 AM

MM

“ It is with sadness and joy to hear of the passing of Dr. Tawil. Sadness for all those who love him and will miss him and joy for him. He is now home in paradise with Jesus. Our 1st and only meeting was on the eve of the wedding of his daughter Leila and my son Eric. He and his wife Tippy opened their home and hearts to me, my daughter Michele and grandson Noah. He and Tippy showed us unconditional love and kindness. As Souheil said, "the two families are now one. We received unconditional love and acceptance. I know we will meet again. Dr. Tawil is now home. Praise GOD.

Marian Meyers - December 17, 2022 at 04:17 PM

JH

“ *I am saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Tawil. I was fortunate to have him for 2 classes at UTSA. He was an incredible professor, someone that I have long remembered! May the angels lead him to Paradise!*

John R Halloran - December 17, 2022 at 09:34 AM