



## Dr. Hussein Elsaid

November 20, 1936 - May 7, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. Hussein Elsaid

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Dr. Hussein Elsaid, age 88, of Carbondale, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born on November 20, 1936, in Tanta, Egypt, to Hassan Elsaid and Olfat Elmogy. In 1968, he married Patricia Elsaid, who survives him.

Dr. Elsaid earned a Bachelor's degree in Business from Cairo University, an MBA in Finance from Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Illinois.

In 1967, he began a long and distinguished career at Southern Illinois University (SIU), where he rose through the ranks in the Department of Finance. He was appointed Department Chair in 1995 and served in that role

until his retirement in 2006.

Under his leadership, the department earned international recognition, ranking in the top six percent of 923 finance research departments worldwide. He played a key role in founding the Saluki Student Investment Fund, the Financial Services Study Center's Education-to-Business Partnership, and an External Advisory Board of prominent financial executives. Dr. Elsaid also contributed internationally, working with USAID in Egypt and teaching Executive MBA programs across Southeast Asia.

After 39 years of dedicated service at SIU, Dr. Elsaid retired in 2006. He and Patricia remained in Southern Illinois, where they enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. He was an avid tennis player, a lover of the arts, and, above all, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. His warmth, intellect, and lifelong passion for education left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia; his daughter, Susanne; his granddaughter, Emma; his brother, Mohamed; and many dear in-laws: Souad, Eglal, Michael, Barbara, Jeremy, Chris, Sue, and Neil. He will also be deeply missed by his cherished nieces and nephews—Olfat, Fathey, Hassan, Maha, Ghada, Heba, Nahla, Khaled, Eahab, Abdel Moniem, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Melanie, Robert, Mairi, and Ruairidh—and by many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Ahmed, Nazmy, and Atef; and his sisters-in-law, Shams and Effat.

A private burial will take place on May 9th, 2025. A family hosted Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 2:00 PM at the Unitarian Fellowship in Carbondale, IL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Doctors Without Borders. <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Family Hosted Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (cst)

Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship  
Carbondale, IL

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ I am very sorry about Dr Elsaid’s passing. He was definitely one of the best professors I ever had. He was certainly a brilliant man but he also cared deeply about his students. He certainly helped to put SIU’s finance department on the international map.

Jeff Lee - August 28, 2025 at 04:36 PM

BV

“ Hussein was my colleague and friend for many years. He was a most gracious, congenial and knowledgeable person, and I always enjoyed our conversations. Lee Ann and I send our deepest condolences to Pat and Susanne.

Bill Vicars - May 29, 2025 at 01:04 PM

PW

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Hussein's passing. He was truly one of a kind person that will be missed. He was not only my boss in past years and a colleague to my husband, he was also a friend. Our deepest sympathy to Patricia, Susanne and his family.

Patti and Greg White - May 13, 2025 at 08:06 AM

MA

Very very sorry to know lately that our brilliant professor has passed away! pls accept my deepest condolences !we are going to miss him very much..

madihakellereid - April 18 at 02:02 PM

RD

“ I did not know Dr Elsaid, but am a friend of his nephew Eahab who evidently has followed in the footsteps of a great man. If Dr Elsaid was anything like you, Eahab, his family and friends have been very blessed.

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**Richard Douglass-Chin** - May 12, 2025 at 06:05 PM

BB

“ Want to express deepest sympathy to family. He was one of my first professors in the early 70s. His intellect and dignity made a lasting impression. Will be remembered.

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**Bill Bell** - May 10, 2025 at 12:58 PM

GW

“ I was fortunate to have a class taught by Dr. Elsaid. This was back in 1976 and his teaching methods left a lasting impression on me. He always started each class by briefly going over what he had taught in the previous class period, and before starting the next lesson, he always asked, "are there any questions". He was a truly gifted educator.

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**Greg Walker** - May 10, 2025 at 10:35 AM

JH

“ My deepest sympathies on the passing of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. And my love to you all. His life was a blessing.

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**Jane Harris** - May 09, 2025 at 10:09 AM

JH

“ *Jane Harris lit a candle in memory of Hussein Elsaid*



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**Jane Harris** - May 09, 2025 at 10:08 AM

BH

“ *Ever the professional, Dr. Elsaid was my direct supervisor during the time he was Associate Dean in the COBA Dean's Office in charge of the DBA Program. I enjoyed working with and knowing Dr. Elsaid.*  
*I am sad to learn of his passing and wish to send thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.* 🙏

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**Barbara Humphrey** - May 09, 2025 at 09:58 AM