



Kamran Mogharreban

August 7, 1954 - September 27, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Kamran Mogharreban

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Kamran Mogharreban, age 71, of Carbondale, passed away on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on August 7, 1954, to Ismael Mogharreban and Akram (Khorsand) Mogharreban in Tehran, Iran.

He worked at Southern Illinois University for 24 years, retiring from the position of Administrative Information Systems Director in 2019.

Kamran loved spending time with family, and his survivors include his wife, Martha Shum; children, Mehdi Mogharreban, Elhaum (Will) McClain, Majeed Mogharreban and grandchildren, Ruby Mogharreban and Charles

Mogharreban; two brothers, Namdar (Cathy) Mogharreban in Albuquerque, and Nader Mogharreban in Tehran; nieces and nephew, Yasmine (Kyle) Armstrong, Josef (Nichole) Mogharreban, and Nessa (Emily) Mogharreban ; bonus children, SJ Creek, Isaac Creek, and Jasmin Creek; father-in-law John Shum, Jr.; beloved cousins; and extended family across North America. Though far flung, they were all close to his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; dear friend, Tom Baker; nephew, Eric Shum; and mother-in-law, Peggy Shum.

In 1973, at the age of 18, Kamran left Iran and came to Chicago. There, he attended Northern Illinois University, earning a Master of Science in Computer Programming (a brand-new field at the time). During this time, he also met his treasured friends, Tom and Carol Baker. He was the best man in their wedding and godfather to their two children.

After graduating, Kamran moved to San Francisco for work. Kamran married Victoria Styczenski in 1980, and they had three children together before moving to Carbondale in 1994. Though they parted ways in 2007, they remained friends until the end. Later, in 2008, Kamran met Martha Shum, and they married in 2017.

One of Kamran's favorite activities was meeting friends and colleagues for coffee or lunch. On Fridays, he joined his dear former SIU colleagues, including Jan Bilyeu and Jerry Smith, for a meal. He also regularly connected with friends at the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship's discussion groups or lunches at the Carbondale Senior Citizen Center, and he always loved video calls with his group of Persian friends.

No one appreciated a joke like Kamran, and even during his illness he exchanged jokes with the nurses and staff at Carbondale Memorial. No matter

the setting, Kamran brought kindness, generosity, humor, and hospitality into every interaction.

In a final act of loving generosity, Kamran wished for his body be donated to SIU-School of Medicine for scientific medical studies. A Celebration of Life at the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship and is scheduled for Sunday, November 2nd at 3pm. Zoom link is available by going to, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85091012889#success>

In lieu of flowers, please donate to: Jackson, Union Country Habitat for Humanity or the Carbondale Warming Center.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is overseeing arrangements.

Previous Events

Family Hosted Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (cst)

Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship
105 N Parrish Ln
Carbondale, IL 62901-2024
(618) 529-2439

Tribute Wall

SL

“ *Sha Luo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kamran Mogharreban.*

Sha Luo - November 02, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Kamran Mogharreban.*



November 02, 2025 at 09:06 AM

KE

“ *Such a gentle kind soul was taken. May Bubba rest in peace. May his family/friends find healing and comfort. A donation has been made in his honor to the Carbondale Warming Center. Blessings and love to you all!*

- Kate

Kate Emmert-Perigo - November 01, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LF

“ *Love, The Barron Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kamran Mogharreban.*



Love, The Barron Family - October 30, 2025 at 11:37 AM

FX

“ *Festim and Dallandyshe Xhela purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kamran Mogharreban.*



Festim and Dallandyshe Xhela - October 30, 2025 at 11:24 AM

DK

“ *Our most sincere condolences to Kamran’s family, relatives and friends. My wife (Maria) and I share your pain. May Kamran rest in eternal peace! He was a good man and one of my best friends. I will really miss him. We often enjoyed discussing computers, technology, current events, and the state of SIUC. Kamran and I occasionally got together with his brother Namdar to enjoy a coffee or lunch and a nice conversation. I hope someday we will meet “upstairs” to resume our fun. God be with you, my friend Kamran!*

Dimitrios H. Karayiannis - October 09, 2025 at 02:12 PM

GB

“ *To me Kamran embodied a “still waters run deep” personality. He was calm and quiet, a “man of a few words” but as you spent time with him you learned of the depth of his intelligence, kindness, sense of humor, and love of life. Knowing him was an honor.*

Gene Basanta - October 03, 2025 at 08:04 PM

BV

“ *My condolences to the family. Kamran was always a pleasure to work with and an all around great person. He will be missed*

Brett Vinson - October 02, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *Kam was among the best of us. A gentle soul who cared about others and showed us how to be in relationship. I miss him a lot.*

Robert DeFilippis - October 01, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ *The impact Kamran had on people will live on! He was kind, funny and always professional. I was saddened to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends as they grieve such loss. It was my honor to have worked with him at SIU. ~Sandy Partridge, Cobden, IL*

Sandy Partridge - October 01, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ *Kamran was one of the kindest souls I have ever had the pleasure of meeting and caring for. I was fortunate enough to meet him during one of his hospital stays and we were immediate friends. It brought me much sadness to hear of his passing. His smile was contagious, even smiling through the pain. And what a support system he had! Each and every member of his family that I met was so kind and wonderful and I could feel the love between them. Rest in peace my friend💜*

Amy Hudgens-Cutsinger - October 01, 2025 at 01:13 AM