



## Kamil Fattah Rustam

November 24, 1939 - May 18, 2025

Kamil F. Rustam of Houston, Texas passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 18, 2025, at the age of 85.

Kamil was born November 24, 1939, in Baghdad, Iraq. He left Baghdad on a scholarship to study Engineering in England. He received his undergraduate degree from Manchester University. In 1966, he immigrated to the United States to further his education at the University of Pittsburgh and to build a better future in America. In 1967, he married the love of his life Maureen Lund. While attending Pitt, Kamil taught graduate level engineering classes and graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering in 1968.

In 1973 Kamil and his family, now including a son and daughter, moved to Naperville, Illinois where Kamil worked as an Engineer for Amoco. With new career opportunities, he gave his children the “choice” to move to several states. To his children, Texas seemed like the great unknown, so the Rustam family settled in Houston in 1979, where Kamil spent the majority of his engineering career at Bechtel.

Kamil’s work in refineries took him across the globe. He enjoyed travel and loved sharing stories of his many destinations and globetrotting adventures. He particularly loved his visits to Venezuela and India. He had a passion for photography and the arts. He also enjoyed good food and sharing a meal with

loved ones. No one was a stranger to him and he always loved telling a joke.

Family was everything to Kamil. Nothing brought him more joy than celebrating the successes, milestones and adventures of his grandchildren. Whether it was a birthday, graduation, wedding, report card or other life event, Kamil was always proud of every accomplishment, large or small. He instilled some of his core values in his children: being earnest in all of your dealings, respecting others, and valuing friends, family, and freedom.

He is survived and will be dearly missed by his son, Bill R. Rustam and wife Shay; daughter Muna Rustam; 5 grandchildren: Taylor Hicks, Jackson Hicks, Katrina Sommer, Madeline Rustam and Sophie Rustam; and 4 great grandchildren.

No service will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers the family requests you donate to the Center for Dementia Research, [dementiasociety.org](http://dementiasociety.org), or Alzheimer's Association, [alz.org](http://alz.org).

"The pleasure is all mine." KFR

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ With deep regret, I never had the pleasure of meeting my cousin Kamel, the son of my kind aunt( my second mum) but I have heard much about him as a hardworking man with great determination in pursuing his goals and ambitions. May God have mercy on him and grant him a place in Paradise, God willing.

Bushra Faily - May 29, 2025 at 02:59 AM

WR

“ I wanted to share a very touching card we received: Met him during his visit to Iran. Her was generous and caring. I was 18 at the time." WOW!

William Rustam - May 28, 2025 at 08:57 PM

LC

“ Lukman Cheraghvandi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kamil Fattah Rustam.



Lukman Cheraghvandi - May 27, 2025 at 11:59 PM

NA

“ I so enjoyed knowing Mr. Rustam for the brief time I did. I would love to have known him in his younger years, but I am grateful for the snapshot in time when our paths crossed. Nicole Adams - Atria Westchase

Nicole Adams - May 27, 2025 at 03:32 PM

WR

*Thank you, Nicole, I am very thankful for the care and support y'all provided him. "where's my million dollars?"*

**William Rustam** - May 28, 2025 at 08:51 PM

AK

“ *With your sincere words and heartfelt touch in this obituary, you have portrayed the image of a great man—one who lived a life full of giving and left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. May God have mercy on my cousin Kamil Rustam and grant him eternal peace in paradise. He was truly a model of character, knowledge, and generosity. Our hearts are with you in this time of sorrow. We pray that God grants you patience and strength, and blesses his children and grandchildren. His memory will always remain with us, just as his kind spirit used to fill every gathering.*

*With heartfelt condolences and warm regards*

*Adel Kordabadi*

**Adel kordabadi** - May 27, 2025 at 02:28 AM

SR

*Thank you, Adel. He loved you very much.*

**Shay Rustam** - May 28, 2025 at 05:47 PM

AK

“ *Adel Kordabadi sent a virtual gift in memory of Kamil Fattah Rustam*



**Adel kordabadi** - May 27, 2025 at 02:03 AM

SR



Shay Rustam - May 28, 2025 at 05:46 PM

AK

“ *Adel Kordabadi lit a candle in memory of Kamil Fattah Rustam*



Adel kordabadi - May 27, 2025 at 02:02 AM

SR



Shay Rustam - May 28, 2025 at 05:45 PM