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"Inna Lillahi Walinnalloyhi Rajeeun"

"To Allah we belong and to Him we shall return"

(Holy Qur'an, Surah Al Baqarah 2:156)

Alhaj Mustafa Gulamhussein Rajabali Jaffer



1932 - 2020

It is with profound sadness the Secretariat received the news of the death of Murrabbi Alhaj Mustafa G. R. Jaffer who passed away in New York on Wednesday 24th June 2020 and was buried on Thursday 25th June 2020 in Allentown, PA, USA.

Late Alhaj Mustafa G. R. Jaffer (From AFED Archives):

Alhaj Mustafa bhai was born in Zanzibar in January 1932. He started his career in 1951 in Zanzibar by working for the Zanzibar Government Treasury office and after the revolution in 1964 he joined the Ministry of State and was in charge of state functions at the State House in Zanzibar hosting government and religious dignitaries.

Marhum moved to Dar-es-Salaam in 1973 and worked with the Zambia Copper Industry briefly before migrating to USA in the same year.

His community services began from a young age in Zanzibar where he served in various

sub-committees of the Jamaat with great zeal. He took a leading role in assisting Khoja families to migrate from Zanzibar to Dar-es-Salaam between 1964 and 1965.

He also served as a Managing Committee Member of KSI Jamaat of Dar es Salaam during the tenure of late President, Alhaj Rajabali Amarsi Alibhai, he was also a Mukhi of the Jamaat.



1974 - Dar-es-Salaam Jamaat Managing Committee

Standing L to R: Saleh Jacksi, Marhum Mustafa G R Jaffer, Marhum Akber Jessa, Murtaza Bandali, Marhum Mohamedhussein Versi, Marhum Satchu Gulamali Abdulrasul, and Roshan Fazal.

Sitting L to R: Akberali Badami (Guest from India), Marhum Sherali Ladha, Marhum Rajabali Amarsi Alibhai (President), Marhum Pyarali Rustom and Mohamedtaki Rajvani.

On his migration to the USA he served as the President of New York Jamaat (SIJNY) for more than 10 years and was in the forefront in raising funds for building the Hussein Madressa (Center) in Woodside, Queens, New York.

He was kind hearted and played a pivotal role in the settlement of our members who migrated to the USA and in the founding of Shia Centres in various places in North America.

The establishment of such centres continue to benefit the Community and his contribution towards this noble act is enshrined in the chronicles of history of the Community.

On a global perspective, he served for many years as an Executive Councillor for NASIMCO and the World Federation of KSIMC. He worked very closely with Marhum Mulla Asghar M. M. Jaffer and travelled with him to many parts of UK, Canada, Africa, India, and Pakistan for social, religious and welfare services of our communities.

He headed the Jaffer Family Foundation, a family charitable organization continuing the tradition left behind by his father Marhum Gulamhussein Rajabali Jaffer towards charity and services to the Community.

He was also a Trustee of the Muslim Foundation in the USA.

Marhum Mustafa bhai was a recipient of the below awards:

- Lifetime Community Services Award for Building a Peaceful Community by the Muslims for Peace.org in 2014.
- The Khawabe Khidmat (Star of Service) Award by the Mulla Asghar Memorial Library and Resource Centre for his Exemplary Long Community Services in 2016.

Condolence Message:

His death has left a vacuum of a philanthropist who always held high the wellbeing of the Community and its development.

Message from the Africa Federation Chairman, Alhaj Shabir Najafi:

"The passing away of Murrabbi Alhaj Mustafa Gulamhussein Rajabali Jaffer is a big loss not only to the family but to the entire Community, he was a kind hearted and a passionate person who was always in the forefront in the Azadari of Seyyedush Shohada Aba Abdillahil Hussein (a.s.), the Martyrs of Kerbala and members of the household of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.w.). Even during his advanced age, braving the cold weather of New York and Iran, his regular presence in the Mosques and Imambarghas were not missed. Marhum played a pivotal role in several religious organizations and their developments through generous contributions from his family and the Jaffer Family Foundation of USA, I am confident that his children will follow the footsteps of their father in continuing his legacy in these noble gestures. We pray to Allah (SWT) by His infinite grace and mercy to reward him amply for all his good deeds and services he has rendered during his lifetime. May Allah (s.w.t.) grant him maghferat and place him in the proximity of Ahlulbayt (a.s.), Ameen".

Please let us remember Marhum Mustafa Bhai and all the past leaders and volunteers for their dedication and services with recite Sura-e-Fateha.

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