



Dr. William M. Awad Jr.

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AWAD, Jr, William M., MD, PhD, Of Coral Gables, Florida passed away peacefully on September 6, 2013 after living for many years with cancer. He was born an American citizen in Shanghai, China in 1927 and lived there until the Japanese invaded on December 8, 1941. He spent time in a Japanese POW camp with his father and brother before coming to the USA as part of a prisoner exchange. He and his brother arrived alone. They lived with their grandparents until the family was reunited four years later.

He was graduated from SUNY Downstate Medical School, where he met his late first wife, Dr. Marilyn Wells. He received his PhD in Biochemistry from U Washington in Seattle. A professor of medicine and biochemistry at the University of Miami School of Medicine, he was the former director of the MD/PhD program there. Until his death he taught residents and fellows and conducted medical rounds. He was one of the longest serving members of the University Faculty Senate.

He is survived by his wife Dr. Josephine Johnson; his children Lily Awad, MD of Cambridge, MA and William M Awad, III, his wife Suzy; and his grandsons William IV, Ari, and Gabriel, all of Longmeadow, MA, as well as his brother Philip and his wife Ursula of Denver, CO; and his sister Mary Dyess and Harry Sobol of Washington, D.C.

The funeral will be held at St. Augustine Church 1400 Miller Road, Coral Gables, FL on Thursday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. followed by burial at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery.

A reception will be held at 5 p.m. at 171 Edgewater Drive, Coral Gables, FL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fr. Martin James Laumann c/o The World Mission Ministries, c/o William Awad, 45 Twin Hills Drive, Longmeadow, MA 01106.






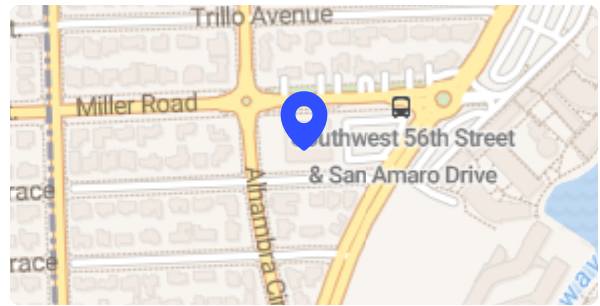
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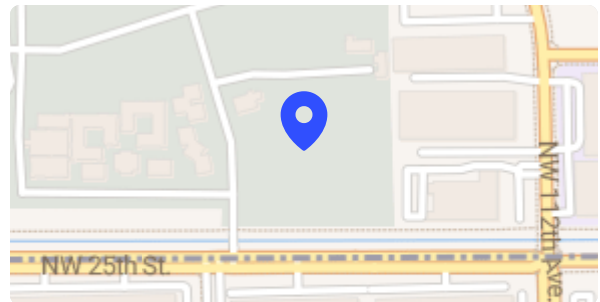
Service

-  **Thursday**, September 12, 2013
-  10:30 AM - 11:15 AM ET
-  **St. Augustine Catholic Church**
1400 Miller Road, Coral Gables FL



Cemetery Details

-  **Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Cemetery**
11411 NW 25th Street, Miami FL





Tribute Wall

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Glenn Kerrick sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Awad family.

September 11 at 5:28 AM



WK

W Glenn Kerrick posted:

I have known Bill for 30 plus years. I first became aware of him when a Chinese graduate student came into my office and announced that she had met truly an amazing faculty member. She told me this tall professor was working in the laboratory next to her and initiated a conversation. She having only recently arrived from China said that Bill recognized her accent and suddenly switched to speaking in perfect Shanghainese. She described the experience as surreal with this perfect Shanghai dialect emanating from a Caucasian face. It made such an impression that she told this story to everyone. It took me a year to figure out whom this person was and that I knew him. Over the years I have served on committees with Bill, locked horns with him over an MD/PhD student in my laboratory, shared many conversations riding the Metrorail, and most recently we got together periodically to play poker with the time-to-chill gang. I loved listening to his many stories growing up in Shanghai, China, spending time in a Japanese prison, and traveling to America during WWII aboard enemy and allied ships. He was truly a gentleman's gentleman, and a wonderful colleague and friend. I am going to miss him. W. Glenn L. Kerrick

September 11 at 5:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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