



## Raouf Benjamin Raphael

January 7, 1936 - March 14, 2019

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Raouf Benjamin Raphael age 83, passed away peacefully on Thursday March 14, 2019, surrounded by wife of 51 years, and 5 loving children: Benjamin, Morida, Shiphrah, Nylavae, and Sterling. Raouf is also survived by his sister Sophie, his eight loving grandchildren and his many nephews and nieces.

Raouf was born Oct 23, 1935 in Cairo, Egypt, and graduated from Cairo University. He then immigrated to Canada where he met his beautiful wife, Lynda, and they were married on December 30th, 1967. He received his master's degree in architecture and community planning from University of California, Berkeley, in 1968.

Raouf and Lynda then returned to Ottawa Canada where they had their first two children, Benjamin and Morida. They then moved to the United States, where they had their next two children in Central Florida, Shiphrah and Nylavae.

In 1981, Raouf moved his family to Saudi Arabia for a short time for work, where they had their fifth child, Sterling, thus completing the five "Caniptians" (that's what Raouf called the kids, being half Canadian half Egyptian).

Raouf was renowned for his professional genius in architecture and design. He will be most remembered for the love he exemplified through his faith, family and friends. His greatest passion was to share with everyone he met, that we are "all ordained in God, no ifs, ands or buts about it; you are perfect in Him." He also often said: "God does not make mistakes; God is Eternal."

We have comfort in knowing that Raouf is where he belongs, with our Heavenly Father. Whenever any of us lost someone close to us, he would tell us not to cry; we were crying

for ourselves because they are now in a place where there is no pain, no tears, no worry, no fear or anger... just pure love; love that our earthly minds cannot even understand. So we cry for us.... and celebrate him today. We will miss him always.

Love you, Papa!

There will be a celebration of life service on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 11AM at The Alter - St. Cloud Vineyard.