



"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream."

JEREMIAH 17:7-8A



In Loving Memory of
SAMMY KHALIFE

OCTOBER 10, 1983

JULY 15, 2022



Sammy Khalife, age 38, went to be with his Lord and Saviour after a courageously fought battle against hypertrophic cardiomyopathy on July 14, 2022 at the Cypress Regional Hospital, Swift Current, SK.

Sammy was born October 10, 1983 in Sarafand, Lebanon. He attended the Imam Ali Elementary School and Gazya Highschool. At the age of 16 Sammy was offered a scholarship to learn English at the University of North Texas in Denton, TX. From there, he took Business Management at Wayne State in Detroit, MI. He moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia where he received his Masters in Business Management at Dalhousie University and worked at a bank. When the bank closed, he shifted careers and went to NCCC and received his Healthcare degree, which took him to several cities before arriving in Swift Current in 2016, where he worked at the Cypress Regional Hospital and the Herbert & District Integrated Healthcare Facility.

It was a big adjustment coming to a small corner of the prairies after decades in large urban cities, but an opportunity to volunteer as a translator for the Swift Current Refugee Committee changed everything for Sammy and brought many people into his life. Through being part of this committee, things really changed for Sammy and he began to passionately share his faith. In 2018, another lifechanging event came, when Sammy was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy—a disease which causes the heart to enlarge and had already claimed the lives of his mother, brother, and sister. Many life-threatening obstacles were thrown across his path, but Sammy faced each one knowing that God was in control of his life and would give him the grace he needed to endure. Through this, he was given many opportunities to meet and minister to people by sharing his testimony and faith. Through surgery for an LVAD to keep his heart beating, strokes, and organ failure Sammy was not silenced or defeated, but strengthened in spirit and mind by his faith in God and his friends.

Sammy was well-loved and had many friends, spreading positivity wherever and whenever he could. He was named one of the twenty-five immigrants who had impacted life in Canada by RBC and was a finalist for Citizen of the Year with the Spirit of Swift Current. Sammy was an active volunteer with the Swift Current and Area Ministerial Association doing public relations and media and continued his work with the refugee committee as a coordinator. He was also a vocal advocate for organ donation, playing a significant role in getting the Saskatchewan Organ Donor Registry online and started "Organ and Tissue Donation Week" in Swift Current. Sammy was invited to share his story and speak at many different events and churches about racism, immigration, refugees, First Nations, and his faith.

He was very supportive of his sister, Montaha, when she opened Montaha's Bistro in Swift Current. In his free time (not that he had much), Sammy enjoyed volunteering, swimming, watching the Broncos play, and spending time with his friends and making new ones. Sammy will be lovingly remembered by his sister, Montaha Khalife, and her children, Laurine and Ryder; his family in Lebanon, Italy, and Germany; his church family at Community Baptist Church; and by his many friends.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Friday, July 22, 2022 | 2:00 p.m.

Eastside Church of God | Swift Current, SK

Officiating	Pastor Joell Haugan			
Pianist	Teresa Hildebrandt			
Worship	Be Still My Soul (In You I Trust), Scars in Heaven, 10,000 Reasons			
Scripture Reading	Pastor Chris Dowdeswell			
Tributes	Alicia Tait, Brandon Wiebe, Val Salter, Sharon Lang			
Ushers	Gail Kessler, Nell Mullen, Ed Klassen, Danny Giesbrecht			
Pallbearers	Ahmed Alrahhah Abdulbasset Alrahhah	Yusef Alrahhah Abbas Alrahhah	Kevin Epp Brenda Epp	Pedro Driedger Dallas Braun

INTERMENT Following the service at Hillcrest Cemetery, Swift Current, SK

COME & GO LUNCHEON At Sammy's request, there will be a luncheon held in his honour at 4:00pm in the Modern Family Restaurant banquet room (49 Central Ave N)

DONATIONS

Donations in Sammy's memory can be made to Community Baptist Church (Designated to Missions and Ministry)

Arrangements in care of Swift Current Funeral Home

