



Parviz "Paul" Azari

February 3, 1931 - December 15, 2017

Respected Colorado State University Professor Emeritus Parviz "Paul" Azari died Dec. 15, 2017. He was 86.

Dr. Azari moved to Fort Collins in 1963 with his wife and young family to help build and serve as a professor in the newly created biochemistry department at Colorado State University. He retired after nearly 40 years of teaching and research at CSU. His dedicated efforts were responsible for enabling generations of students to thrive and excel in their chosen fields.

Born in 1931 in Baku, Azerbaijan, Paul grew up in Tehran, Iran. He came to the United States in 1948 to attend undergraduate school at the University of California, Berkeley. He earned his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Nebraska.

Paul married Harriet-Ann Coates in 1955. She preceded him in death in 2009.

They had five children, Aaron, (Anita), of Arvada; Doran (Kathy), of Greeley; Victoria Loran (Tom), Nina Azari and Katherine Azari (Dan MacArthur), all of Fort Collins.

Other survivors include a sister Turan Ilsen (Roland), and a brother, Eric Azari, both of California, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Paul loved his garden, was an accomplished watercolor artist, a great cook, a loving husband and father, and a generous man. He was always curious about the world and enjoyed learning about the people he met in his life. He will be dearly missed.

In Paul's memory and in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Wild Animal Sanctuary at 2999 Co Rd 53, Keenesburg, CO 80643.

Tribute Wall



“ *Parviz "Paul" Azari*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I'm sorry I just heard of Paul's death. I am pretty sure he and my dad worked together for a little while in the chemistry department. I am thankful that your family came to Fort Collins and for all the good memories we share.*

Kacy Thompson

Kacy Thompson - January 08, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ *Paul was my colleague and friend since I joined his department in 1971. He was always available for discussions of science, especially protein chemistry, teaching, especially ideas for laboratory instruction, and politics, especially middle-eastern relationships. We fondly remember that every year for the department's holiday party Paul made piñatas, which were always the biggest hit with the kids. Laurie and I enjoyed taking Paul on his first trip to the Wild Animal Sanctuary and we treasure his painting made for Laurie in which he depicted the lion throughout history, incorporating a painting of one of her photographs taken at the sanctuary of a lion yawning. We send our heartfelt condolences to all of his family. Paul will be greatly missed.*



Jim and Laurie Bamburg - December 31, 2017 at 10:30 PM

VL

“ *As one of his children, a friend and a caregiver at the end, I miss my father dearly. A wise and loving father*



Victoria Loran - December 27, 2017 at 12:49 AM

KT

Hugs Vickie!

Kacy Thompson - January 08, 2018 at 07:50 PM

AM

I've just become aware of your loss Ms. Loran. Your father was my professor, mentor and hero. I quote him often including this evening. I send you and your family my love.

Alicia Maszta - January 18, 2019 at 11:36 PM

RH

“ *When Paul moved recently from the family home, he gave my wife several rose bushes. We are happy to report that the roses are doing well. You taught me many things over the fence. Our condolences to the family. Rick And Sarah Hufnagel*

Rick Hufnagel - December 26, 2017 at 04:43 PM

NI

“ *The moving on of Paul is felt by many who knew him over many years. The hospitality they shared with us when we needed temporary residence in Fort Collins was greatly appreciated. We share fond memories of the family. Norm and Richard Illsley.*

Norman Illsley - December 26, 2017 at 01:56 PM

CS

“ My sympathies to the Azari family from a friend and colleague. Paul shared his research interests and always made me welcome at our many luncheons and discussions.
Cecil Stushnoff

Cecil Stushnoff - December 25, 2017 at 04:36 PM

TS

“ Sympathies to the Azari family - especially Victoria & Ellen. Your love for your father/grandfather was always evident to me. May you be comforted by your loved one's life well-lived.
Tonya Schwolert (Ellen's third grade teacher)

Tonya Schwolert - December 24, 2017 at 12:38 PM

LW

“ To the Azari family: Very sorry to hear of your loss. Condolences to the entire family. Lew Wymisner

Lew Wymisner - December 24, 2017 at 12:17 PM

MF

“ To Kitty, Dan and the Azari family.
Sending you lots of thoughts and prayers during this hard time.
Have a blessed holiday season.
Loving condolences.

Marchell Fletcher - December 24, 2017 at 11:55 AM

DK

“ Sending our Colorado Cousins our Deepest ALOHA. Your Hawaiian Cousins. James Kathy Deb

Deb Kalama-Robinson - December 23, 2017 at 04:17 PM

CB

“ I'm thinking of all of you at this time as you transition to being the elders without Paul & Ann. My memories go back to those preschool & elementary days as I watched you go into thoughtful young adults guided by your amazing parents. Continue to blossom as Paul & Ann's wisdom resides within you.
Cheryl Thompson Beckett from Small World Preschool

Cheryl Beckett - December 23, 2017 at 10:32 AM

MR

“ Everything he tended seemed to blossom and thrive, especially his family. The Azaris are a living tribute. Love to you all, Malia

Malia Ruchti - December 21, 2017 at 09:33 AM

CF

“ We were so sorry to hear about Dr. Azari. I remember all the Tu/Azari potlucks we had over the decades. We always enjoyed getting together with your family and loved both your mom and dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Caroline Tu Farley on behalf of the Tu Family

Caroline Tu Farley - December 19, 2017 at 11:53 PM

CW

“ Liebe Vicky, Ellie und Tom, unsere Gedanken begleiten euch in diesen schweren Tagen und wir teilen eure Trauer um den Verlust eures Vaters und Grossvaters, Carin und Peter

Carin und Peter Woelky - December 18, 2017 at 11:59 AM



It has been almost a year and I remembered your family in Ft. Collins, back in 1972 or so. God Bless Mr. Azari.

Mobashir Ahmad - November 24, 2018 at 02:15 PM