



## Mr. Ralph Fares Malek

November 8, 1943 - October 25, 2020

Ralph F. Malek, 76, passed away on Sunday, October 25, 2020 due to complications from Covid-19. He was, first and foremost, a servant of Jesus Christ, and a beloved member of St. Paul's Coptic Orthodox Church. Ralph was a husband of 49 years to Nashwa (Sedhom) Malek, father to Mark R. Malek and Andrew R. Malek (deceased 1994), and grandfather to Andrew M. Malek and Jacob M. Malek.

Ralph was born in Suhag, Egypt on November 8, 1943. He immigrated to the United States in 1969. He returned to Egypt in 1971 to marry Nashwa. They started their life together in upstate NY where Ralph worked initially as a chemist for Reichheld Chemicals. While he was working as a chemist, he completed his PhD at NYU. In 1990, Ralph moved his family to North Carolina when his company relocated their headquarters. In 1992, Ralph and Nashwa moved with their youngest son, Andrew, to New Jersey as Ralph took a job with Rhone Poulenc, which was later acquired by Rhodia, which was later acquired by Solvay.

In 1994, Ralph and Nashwa's son, Andrew, was tragically killed in a vehicle accident by a drunk driver. Although this was the darkest time in their lives, they persevered, grew closer to one another, grew closer to their church and strengthened their faith. They moved to the Atlanta area in 1998 and established themselves in the community.

Over the years, Ralph has been known as a mentor to many, a father figure to several, a trusted advisor, and a friend to all who knew him. His home was

always open to anyone, and he would always make himself available to anyone that needed assistance.

Ralph loved his work and did not retire until the age of 71. He also loved to travel. During the early years, Ralph loved taking his family to many national parks throughout the United States. Ralph and Nashwa were naturalized as US Citizens in 1976, and Ralph was very proud of being an American. He loved the United States and had a unique perspective of the opportunities that are available in the United States. This explained Ralph's love of history and the enjoyment he took from studying the American Presidents. Most of all, however, Ralph loved to serve. Ralph lived a lifestyle of being a servant leader not only in his Church, but in his professional life and his community as well. Ralph will be missed by many and his absence will leave a void in so many lives. But those that know him best, know that today he is rejoicing in the arms of the Father and is reunited with his son. A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 11:30 AM at St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church in Roswell, GA. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Paul's Coptic Orthodox Church <https://www.stpaulatlanta.org/>.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Coptic Church  
11450 Houze Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ralph Fares Malek*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I was saddened to learn of Ralph's passing. He was a colleague and friend for the past 30 years. At work he was known and respected for his knowledge, dedication, and hard work. He always keep the safety and health of employees in the front of his thoughts and actions. Most of all he was regarded as a true gentleman, one who appreciated what others could do, and who gave them the recognition they deserved. He will be missed by all those who knew him. My wishes go to his family and friends. They should take comfort in knowing that he was a good man who was appreciated by all who knew him.*

*Best regards, Jim Hathaway*

Jim Hathaway - October 30, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.*



October 30, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.*



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October 29, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *I had the good fortune to be manager of the Winder plant when Ralph and Nashawa relocated to Georgia. They quickly became life long friends with our entire family. Ralph was a person of great faith, strength, and wisdom. Over the years I've gone to him for advise on problems both business and personal. One occasion in particular comes to mind. My son was reluctant to learn to drive. One evening I pushed him too hard to drive on a short trip to the grocery. He pulled onto a busy four lane highway at a very slow pace, then when I started shouting for him to GO! he panicked and slammed on the brakes leading to a crash that totaled both vehicles. Fortunately there were no serious injuries. I blamed myself for the accident and became overwhelmed with remorse at having made such a foolish decision that created a huge mess and placed many lives at risk. My mental state must have been obvious at work the next day since Ralph and Kathy Rabon knocked on my door shortly after arrival. I had two good friends in my corner that morning and no doubt I was over reacting to the incident, but Ralph's faith, strength and wisdom felt like being thrown a life line at a moment when I was really hurting. This is just one very small example of how Ralph lived his life every day. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Steve McClung** - October 29, 2020 at 04:07 PM

JH

“ I have great memories of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Malek over the past 8 years visiting our office. Mark would walk them around to each office and introduce them. It then just became a "thing", every time they were in town, they would visit. I could tell from the get go, that Ralph had a kind, and loving soul.

My deepest condolences,  
Julie

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**Julie Hochard** - October 29, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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“ Brent and Deanna purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.



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**Brent and Deanna** - October 29, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.



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October 29, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.



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October 28, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.*



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October 28, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.*



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October 28, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *In 2015, I was organizing a workshop at Georgia State University on environmental science. I invited Dr. Malek to deliver a keynote lecture, however, he was very busy with his retirement paperwork but he kindly came and gave a great lecture. The lecture was introducing an interesting scientific environmental problem. All participants loved his work and his personality as well.*

*From his biography, I learned that Ralph worked 51 years in various chemical companies such as Pharmaceutical Industry, Solvay America, Rheichhold Chemicals and he was an expert on implementing responsible care management. Dr. Malek was very helpful to many people in our church and community including myself. Everyone he dealt with loved him! May God repose his soul in the paradise of joy and give peace and comfort to all the family. Uncle Ralph you will be greatly missed!*

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**Maged Henary** - October 28, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.*



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October 28, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ *David Beaty and many others purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.*



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**David Beaty and many others** - October 28, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ *Solvay - Winder, GA Plant purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.*



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**Solvay - Winder, GA Plant** - October 28, 2020 at 01:37 PM

BC

“ I am a toxicologist who worked often with Ralph in Rhone-Poulenc and Rhodia. He was always kind, upbeat, a true pleasure to work with, and extremely knowledgeable. I learned a lot from Ralph - he answered many technical questions with such clarity! He also taught me about working in a large international company and the many benefits of cross-functional relationships in building personal and professional understanding.

*I am comforted by the knowledge that he is now at peace, but like all of us, in our hearts, feel a great loss.*

*Betsy Carlton*

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**Betsy Carlton** - October 28, 2020 at 11:46 AM

SR

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Ralph and every who will miss this extraordinary man. It was an pleasure and honor to work with him at Rhodia/Solvay.

*Simon Robson (Retired NA Engineering Manager).*

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**Simon Robson** - October 28, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.



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October 27, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.*



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October 27, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Fares Malek.*



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October 27, 2020 at 08:39 PM