



Sami Yacoub Dabain

September 7, 1951 - January 29, 2026

DABAIN, Sami Yacoub. January 29, 2026. Age 74. Beloved husband of Nuha Sami Dabain. Loving father of William Sweis (Jennifer), Gassab Sweis (Sarah), Amanda Manoni (Joseph), and Samantha Dabain. Proud and loving Jido of his cherished grandchildren Christian, Julianna, William Jr., Amelia, Lucas, Gassab Jr., Greyson, Saylor, Sawyer, Silvia, and Vincent. Dear son of the late Yacoub and Jamila Dabain and brother of Bassam, Galeb, Sir Toma, the late Nassim, the late Anwar, the late Munir, the late Magboula, and the late Siham. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Born in Madaba, Jordan, Sami served in the Jordanian Air Force as a mechanic before moving to the U.S. in 1980. He married his beautiful wife, Nuha, and raised their four children in Warren, MI. A talented tradesman skilled in plaster, molding, woodworking, and tiling, Sami was known for his resilience and selflessness. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family, teaching his children the value of hard work and determination. Sami worked for Liberty Construction for 40 years...until he couldn't anymore.

In 2004, he became a Jido to his first grandchild, eventually welcoming 11 grandchildren in all. He did anything to make them laugh, having a unique relationship with each one. When the grandchildren weren't keeping him busy, you would find Sami tending to his garden, playing with the family dog, or

learning about animals watching National Geographic.

Sami lived a life full of love and laughter, leaving behind a final wish for everyone: "My wish for everyone to love each other, be a good person, and forgive each other."

A memorial Mass will be said at 11am on Saturday, February 14 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr (S. of 25 Mile Rd.), Shelby Township. The family will gather in the church to receive guests prior to the Mass beginning at 10:30am; the church will livestream the Mass for those who wish to attend virtually. Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at WujekCalcaterra.com

Please have all flowers or tributes for the family sent directly to St. John Vianney Catholic Church; the church will accept them on behalf of the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Shelby Twp., MI 48315-1403

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Tribute Wall

“ My friend died the other day. One of my favorite people in the whole world died. Part of my childhood happiness is owed to my uncle Sammy. So many wonderful memories. so kind generous funny and full of life. A part of all of us died when my uncle Sammy died. Weddings will never be the same. I have so many funny stories to share but not enough time to share it with everyone.

So I'll leave it with this

I'd like to raise a glass to my uncle — a man who truly knew how to live.

If you knew him, you know one thing for sure... he was funny. Effortlessly funny. He could make you laugh when you least expected it, and sometimes when you needed it most. He had that rare gift of turning ordinary moments into memories we'll never forget.

And if there was music playing? You already know — he was on the dance floor. He didn't just hear music... he felt it. He brought energy, joy, and sometimes some questionable dance moves — but he owned them every time. That was him. Full of life. Full of spirit.

But beyond the laughter and dancing, he was something even greater — he was kind. Truly kind. He was a great father who loved deeply and showed up fully. He was a great uncle — someone you could talk to, joke with, learn from, and look up to. He made you feel seen. He made you feel important.

He taught us that life isn't just about working hard — it's about loving hard, laughing loud, and dancing whenever you get the chance.

We're going to miss his laugh. We're going to miss his energy. But we carry his spirit with us — every time we tell a joke, every time we

show kindness, and every time we step onto a dance floor and let go! I love you!

God bless!

Ferras Khzouz - February 12 at 01:32 PM

PS

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the love that surrounds you.*

The Schmidt Family

paula schmidt - February 12 at 12:24 PM

CH

“ *We are so lucky to have known Sami. He and Nuha welcomed us with open arms when we became neighbors almost 9 years ago. Sami became one my daughter's favorite people - she always had to give a hug and say hi to him, always telling me "Sami is home" when she saw his van return to it's spot. He was a kind soul, a good person, and we will miss him so much. His family and friends ones are in our thoughts.*

Love, The Burts

Christina - February 03 at 02:06 PM

JS

“ Well what can I say about Sami? Understand, I’ve worked with Sami for over 18 years. When you spend time with someone like that you learn a lot about them. We would sit and talk about the past, what was happening in the present, and what we were going to be doing. We would talk about our families, neighbors we had, pets we had to both go home and entertain. We would laugh together over jokes, comfort each other over our frustrations, and jab each other for entertainment. A cup of coffee was always within reach whether we were talking or working. Sami loved his family. He was very proud of his children’s accomplishments. He was proud of his own accomplishments. We talked about his heritage and the struggles it took to achieve what he built. He was a true gentleman with great character and integrity. I’ll miss our companionship but grateful for the memories.

Jim Sullivan - February 02 at 09:22 PM

RS

“ الله يرحمه نهي العمر إلك ولاولادك الرب أعطي والرب أخذ فليكن إسم الرب مبارك الله يرحمك يا سامي

rose Salaita - February 02 at 05:37 PM

MS

“ Sami was a great person to work with. He was a very strong man. He knew what he was doing and did what was asked of him and more. He helped anyone out that need it and always had a smile on his face. He was knowledgeable about a lot of stuff and whatever he was asked to do, he could and would do it. He spoke well about his family, grandkids and dogs and you knew he loved them. Sami lived his life the way he wanted to. He will be missed by everyone that had the pleasure of knowing him.

You will be missed.

Liberty Construction & Huntington Management

Monica Schaffer - February 02 at 01:02 PM

CM

“ Sami was a kind soul, always joking around, but equally ready with wisdom for those who needed to hear it. His ready smile would light up a room. It was my privilege to be able to share laughter and family love with him. Rest in peace, my friend, knowing what wonderful memories and the beautiful legacy of family that you have left behind.

Carolin Manoni - February 01 at 01:33 PM

TK

“Almost every memory I have of Uncle Sami includes his big smile, music playing, and him right in the center of the party with his signature dance moves and a drink in hand. He had a way of being the life of the celebration without even trying.



If he wasn't dancing, he was "lovingly" teasing me or someone usually with one of his classic Arabic expressions like yil'an abooki that sounded like a curse word but was always said with so much love you couldn't help but laugh.

One of my favorite memories is him proudly telling me that the day he arrived in the United States was the very same day I was born. He always made that feel like a special connection between us.

And I will never forget how he used to tell me "no more asabe3" (no more toes!) when my little feet would poke through the tops of my sandals. It became one of those silly family phrases that stuck with me for life and now I've lovingly passed it down to my daughter too.

Uncle Sami brought joy, laughter, and energy wherever he went. What a gift it was to grow up with him, spend time with him and now have memories of him.

May his soul rest in peace.

Taleen Khzouz - February 01 at 12:54 PM



I only spent a short time with Sami but ill never forget the hard working loving father. Whom made the best pancakes on the planet Rest in peace 🙏

Tom Bridges - February 01 at 01:29 PM