

# In Loving Memory



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Elyas's three sons – Jason Abbas, Amir, and Arash – were his true pride and joy. This last November, Elyas had become a grandfather for the first time when Arash's and Kychet's baby Azad Armin Darvishzadeh was born.

Elyas enjoyed entertaining and being the life of the party, spending time with family and friends from his local Iranian community. A talented chef, Elyas showed his love for his family and friends by cooking meals large enough to feed a small army. One could never leave his house without copious amounts of food to go, and everyone was welcomed. Elyas's generosity was a blessing and memory we cherish and seek to cultivate in ourselves.

Beyond spending time in the kitchen, Elyas loved watching sports of all kinds, listening to Persian music, and gardening. He was a veteran of the Iranian army and became a U.S. citizen in 2008.

Elyas is survived by his wife of 45 years, Gayle; sons Jason Abbas, Amir, and Arash, all of Oklahoma City; grandson Azad; brother Mohamed and sister Shala of Iran; and several nieces and nephews. Elyas is preceded in death by his parents and four brothers and sisters, all in Iran.

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**Where did the handsome beloved go?**

*Jalal Al-Din Rumi*

Where did the handsome beloved go?  
I wonder, where did that tall, shapely cypress tree go?  
He spread his light among us like a candle.  
Where did he go? So strange, where did he go without me?  
All day long my heart trembles like a leaf.  
All alone at midnight, where did that beloved go?  
Go to the road, and ask any passing traveler —  
That soul-stirring companion, where did he go?  
Go to the garden, and ask the gardener —  
That tall, shapely rose stem, where did he go?  
Go to the rooftop, and ask the watchman —  
That unique sultan, where did he go?  
Like a madman, I search in the meadows!  
That deer in the meadows, where did he go?  
My tearful eyes overflow like a river —  
That pearl in the vast sea, where did he go?  
All night long, I implore both moon and Venus —  
That lovely face, like a moon, where did he go?  
If he is mine, why is he with others?  
Since he's not here, to what "there" did he go?  
If his heart and soul are joined with God,  
And he left this realm of earth and water, where did he go?  
Tell me clearly, Shams of Tabriz,  
Of whom it is said, "The sun never dies" — where did he go?



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January 1, 1952  
Abadan, Iran

**Entered Into Rest**

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**Memorial Service**

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