

# DR. MELIH GURGUN

Age 94, of Mt. Lebanon, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at his home, with his daughter by his side. Beloved Husband of the late Carla Gurgun; Father of daughter, Mine Gurgun and son Dr. Mehmet Gurgun; son of the late Mustafa and Şerif Gurgun. Dr. Gurgun also leaves behind many friends and family members in Turkey. Dr. Gurgun was born in Ankara, Turkey, and moved to the United States in 1957. Initially, he lived in Barberton, Ohio, where he did his residency and met his beloved wife, Carla. After a short time, they moved to Pittsburgh and eventually settled in Mt. Lebanon in 1966. In Pittsburgh, Dr. Gurgun was a Radiologist and was Chief of Radiology at Forbes Hospital, formerly Columbia Hospital, and was named an Honorary Member for Life of Service. He also worked at several Pittsburgh Hospitals including UPMC Mercy, St. Francis, Sewickley, Ohio Valley, and West Penn. Dr. Gurgun was the first president of the Pittsburgh Turkish-American Association and maintained his relationships and commitment to Turkey.

Dr. Gurgun was a man of great integrity, honesty, loyalty, and a great judge of character. It was important for him to always do the right thing. His willfulness gave him the determination to fulfill his aspirations. He came to America with 100.00 to his name. He and his wife Carla served others faithfully and gave their family a life of abundance, privilege, and protection.

Dr. Gurgun was blessed with a bright mind and sharp wit to the end. He enjoyed travel taking long road trips in America or traveling to Turkey. He maintained an interest in knowledge in the depth and breadth of diverse topics from world events, history, science, medicine, nature, sports (soccer and football), cars, art, and music. He was ahead of his time intellectually and did not rely on computers or calculators. Using his refined intuition and judgement, he had a sense of "knowing" that invariably led him to make decisions yielding in best outcomes.

Funeral arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**, 412-531-4000. Family and friends are welcome at 2630 West Liberty Avenue, Dormont, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 12 pm till 1 pm, with a Memorial Service to follow at 1 pm.

In the spirit of Dr. Gurgun's life and generosity, the family suggests that a contribution be made to a charity of your choice involving veterans, children, medical research, animals, or the Turkish Nationality Room. The family would like to thank Dr. Kevin Fritz, Jeffrey Cohen (Triangle Urology), and David Burkey for providing excellent care to navigate him through his longevity. Please add and view tributes at [www.beinhauer.com](http://www.beinhauer.com).

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