



Yoseph Bushen Siba

December 23, 1932 - December 31, 2021

Obituary of Yoseph Bushen Siba,

Yoseph Bushen Siba passed into eternal life on December 31, 2021 surrounded by family at the age of 95. He will be missed as a faithful husband, a wonderful and dedicated father and to many others as a fair, kind and hardworking man.

Yoseph Bushen Siba was born at Garjo Siben, Gimbi, Wollega on December 23, 1926, the second of eleven children for Obbo Bushen Siba, one of the first evangelicals in the history of Ethiopia, and Ade Degete Gudu. Obbo Bushen, himself a teacher, instilled the value of education on all his children. The young Yoseph had the privilege to attend schooling usually being one of the first to enroll when schools establish. Consequently, he was the first enrollee at Nejo Swedish Lutheran Missionary Boarding School, Gimbi Adventist and Entoto Swedish Lutheran School in Addis Ababa and eventually to graduate with distinction from Ambo Ethiopian Imperial College of Agriculture to complete his technical high school education. He joined the inaugural class of Jima Agricultural Technical College and went on to complete his BSc at the Ethiopian College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts at Haromaya in 1958, as one of eleven students to accept his credentials from Emperor Haile Selassie I.

Yoseph Bushen briefly served as director of the newly formed Crop Protection

Division, Ministry of Agriculture before leaving to study at the University of Arizona. He proudly returned to his homeland in 1961 with a Master's degree in Entomology, to be the first in Ethiopia. Yoseph Bushen went on to serve as director of the Malaria Eradication Training Center, taking over from the expatriates and served in the Malaria Eradication Program in various roles until his retirement in 1984. After retirement he tried his hand in entrepreneurship developing a pest control company.

Yoseph was a fun loving with quick retort and spontaneous joke, spending time with him was fun and joyous. He loved to listen to the news and truly enjoyed discussing world affairs and current events with family and friends. He was meticulous, detail oriented and always reminded his children and grandchildren "...be second to none".

Yoseph is preceded by his parents Bushen Siba and Degete Gudu and his brothers Tesfa and Daniel Bushen. He is survived by his wife Shewaye Medmim Gebrekiros; son Oluma, and daughter-in-law Tutush; son-in-law Yared K. Woldemariam and daughters Sara, Etagegnehu, and Degete; grandchildren Henok, Eyuel, Selam, Amran, and Yoseph II; brothers Estiphanos, Teklu, Tsegaye and Redietu and sister-in-laws Mulu, Tsehai, and Meaza; brother-in-law Dr. Akalewolde, and sisters Chaltu and Aster and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Memorial Service: <https://vimeo.com/662632687>

Graveside Service: <https://vimeo.com/662633839>

Reception/Luncheon: <https://vimeo.com/662634861>

Previous Events

Church Service

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Medhanie Alem Eritrean Evangelical Church
562 Snelling Avenue South
Saint Paul, MN 55116

Graveside Service

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Yoseph Bushen Celebration of Life Short in memory of Yoseph Bushen Siba



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