



Getachew Belaineh

February 20, 2013

Getachew Belaineh, 58, of Gainesville passed away peacefully on February 18th, 2013 surrounded by his family and friends.

Getachew was born on May 21st, 1954 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He came to the United States in 1990 to attend school at Utah State University, where he received his Ph. D. in biological and agricultural engineering. He then moved to Gainesville, Florida in 1995 and began working at St. John's River Water Management District as a senior engineer/scientist. He was a hard-working individual with a big heart. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends as well as spending time outdoors.

Getachew is survived by his wife, Mahlet Yared and two daughters, Heran and Le-Alem Getachew.

Visitation will be on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at Forest Meadows Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., with a Trisagion Service being said at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Greek Orthodox Church, 5129 N.W. 53rd Ave. Gainesville, FL. Burial will be held at the Orthodox Christian Cemetery at Countryside Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

TM

“ It is really sad to hear the sudden death of my friend Getachew Belaineh. Although he was my Senior at the Alemaya College of Agriculture, we shared same dormitory and had a very nice time with other room and college mates. We had also a very memorable time when he visited me at Pullman/Washington when he was doing his M.Sc. in Logan/Utah. We had a very nice summer vacation driving together with my car to Seattle/Washington and Portland/Oreagon.

My condolence to his wife Malet Yared, his children Heran, Le-Alem and all Family members.

An old friend Tarekegn Melese

tarekegn melese - May 12, 2013 at 04:24 AM

FG

“ It is something hard to believe the passing away of Getachew Belaineh. It also is a blow for those of us who knew Getachew from childhood. Many unforgettable memories of past comes to our mind. Getachew has respect for all his friends and others regardless of their age.

Getachew is a very humors man with a smile always on his face brilliant and creative. It indeed is hard to believe that he has left us. My condolence goes to all his families. May his soul rest in peace.

An old friend Fantu Gayim

Fantu Gayim - April 16, 2013 at 03:10 PM

DC

“ The one downside of retirement is the loss of day to day interaction with workplace friends and coworkers and the relationship I enjoyed with Getachew has been one of those most sorely missed. I am glad that on my visits back to the District I never failed to stop by Getachew's office to say hello and to catch up. During my long tenure at the District I benefitted greatly from Getachew's able assistance. He was an excellent team member, never failing to add value to any project upon which he worked. He was appreciated for his consistent good nature, his professionalism and competence and he will be sorely missed by his coworkers. I will certainly miss his friendship. My condolences to his family; they will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Dean Campbell - February 22, 2013 at 08:00 AM

EC

“ Getachew was a great friend. Honest, kind, joyful, brilliant, and friendly. We were so lucky to have him working to protect our precious water resources here in Florida. I was particularly blessed to work closely with him in the Hydrodynamics section. We worked on the WSIS, and were in the process of publishing some new work on evaporation calculations. He was very dear to me, a valued friend that didn't speak ill of anyone. We were blessed to have him. Peace and grace to his family and friends.

Ed Carter - February 21, 2013 at 04:52 PM

JS

“ Getachew will be greatly missed. I certainly enjoyed and benefited from our many discussions on projects and environmental science in general. Getachew was a keen observer, taking great interest in the District's coastal projects, and helping to ensure that we "get the science right". In addition, Getachew and I connected well through humor that was usually injected into many of our discussions. I will never forget Getachew.

Joel Steward - February 21, 2013 at 01:21 PM

JJ

“ Getachew will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues at the Water Management District. He was a most enjoyable person to be around, always quick with a smile and funny story. He was very proud of his lovely daughters and spoke of them often. May you all find peace in knowing he is in a better place and you will meet again one day.

Judy Johnson - February 21, 2013 at 10:01 AM

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“ All of our love and prayers. May his memory be eternal.

Adam and Vicki Bennett - February 20, 2013 at 06:13 PM