



Fazlul Hoque Sarkar

January 26, 1952 - March 6, 2024

Fazlul Hoque Sarkar, a dedicated researcher and beloved member of the Metro Detroit community, passed away on March 6, 2024, at the age of 72. He was born on January 26, 1952, in Murishdabad, India, the cherished son of Aliyah Khatun and Patanuddin Sarkar.

Fazlul's life was one of remarkable achievement and dedication to his passions. On April 3, 1983, he found eternal love with Arfutun Nahar, and they were united in marriage in India. Together, they shared a bond built on love, mutual respect, and unwavering support.

Driven by his thirst for knowledge and a desire to make a difference, Fazlul pursued higher education with fervor, earning his PhD before embarking on a journey that led him to the United States. He dedicated his career to research, making significant contributions at several prestigious institutions, including Oakland University, Wayne State University, Karmanos Cancer Institute, and Henry Ford Hospital. His passion for research was not only a profession but a calling, and he approached his work with diligence, intelligence, and boundless curiosity.

Despite his demanding career, Fazlul understood the importance of family and cherished the moments spent with his loved ones. He was completely selfless, he only wanted to protect and provide for his family while never

spending an extra dime on himself. He leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion, which will forever be treasured by his wife, Arfatun, his children, Sarah (Kenneth), Sanila (Ocean), and Shaan, and his granddaughter, Mayla. Along with six brothers and two sisters, who will fondly remember him as a source of inspiration and a pillar of strength within the family.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

The family asks that any donations be made out in Fazlul's name to the American Parkinson Disease Association.

<https://www.apdaparkinson.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/>

To honor his remarkable life and legacy, the family invites friends and loved ones to share their cherished memories of Fazlul at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I had known Fazlul since 1998, before either of us was married. It was Fazlul who helped my wife find a job at Memorial Sloan Kettering. He was a warm, caring person and a loving uncle who enjoyed playing with my son. We shared many wonderful memories — from me helping him move furniture in my beat-up car to a memorable family trip to Washington, D.C.

Although we later lost touch, the memories never faded. I last spoke with him about ten years ago. Just today, when my wife suggested I call him again, I learned the heartbreaking news of his passing.

Our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. I would be glad to speak with any family member whenever convenient.
— Dr. Dilip Amin

Dilip Amin - December 04, 2025 at 12:54 PM

DA

A correction, I met him first in about 1978, not 1998. I am not exact when we talk to him last but it was over 10 years before.

Dilip Amin - December 04, 2025 at 05:36 PM

JC

“ *Fazlul joined me at Henry Ford Hospital in the late 1980's and then moved to Wayne State University with me in 1991. He was a close colleague for many years. In many ways our careers in science and research matured in a parallel fashion including co-authorship on many journal articles. As Departmental Chair it was a pleasure to support and nurture Faz's scientific career.*

Working together for so many years we developed a close personal relationship which we both cherished. I watched his children grow, pursue their education and mature into productive adults. He and his wife were both phenomenal parents, supportive of their children and their careers.

I was sorry to learn of Fazlul's death and that we had lost touch on my retirement and leaving the Detroit area. I always enjoyed his friendship and am proud to consider him a close colleague for many years.

john crissman - March 20, 2024 at 11:39 AM

DC

“ I was fortunate to know and collaborate with Fazlul for almost 40 years. Back in the mid 1980s he moved from the Sloan Kettering to Oakland University' Biological Science Department. I worked in the Chemistry Dept, but we were the only two biochemists on campus with primary research interests in cellular immunology. We soon had frequent discussions on many scientific and personal matters and bonded. A couple of years later I managed to recruit Fazlul to be the Director of Research at my fledgling biotechnology company. Although he only worked there full time for a year or so - having the desire and talent to work at larger institutions and academia - we continued to collaborate for decades. Although we were coauthors and co-inventors of several discoveries, they did not include his major contributions to the understanding of immune regulation, breast cancer biomarkers, and novel anti-cancer compounds. Fazlul was kind, smart, resourceful and passionate about his research in cancer biology. AND he was a great friend. Karen and I were also fortunate to share a few of the milestones of his personal life and knew him as a very loving husband and devoted father. He will be sorely missed.

Denis Callewaert - March 19, 2024 at 03:50 PM

BC

“ Barbara Culver lit a candle in memory of
Fazlul Hoque Sarkar



barbara Culver - March 07, 2024 at 01:01 PM

BC

You will truly be missed amazing you were one of a kind you brought so much joy an life to the ROH family it was truly my pleasure to to b Be a part of not only your journey but your beautiful family as well

barbara Culver - March 07, 2024 at 01:03 PM

JD

“ *We will miss your smile but your memory lives in our hearts forever.*
The DiMambro Family

Julie DiMambro - March 07, 2024 at 10:54 AM

RY

“ *Rorey Young lit a candle in memory of Fazlul*
Hoque Sarkar



Rorey Young - March 07, 2024 at 09:45 AM