



Selma Abdo

September 24, 1925 - December 24, 2012

Selma Abdo September 24, 1925 – December 24, 2012 Selma Abdo, 87, of Onondaga Hill, New York, passed away Monday, December 24, 2012. Born in Syracuse, New York, she graduated from Onondaga Valley Academy and Onondaga Community College. She retired from SUNY Health Science Center in 1987. Selma was a lifetime member of St. Elias Orthodox Church. She was predeceased by her parents, Tawfick and Cocab (Seilkaly) Abdo; brothers, Louis Abdo and Kamal Abdo; sister, Evelyn Abdo; and her niece, Georgette Abdo. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. A calling hour will be held Friday, December 28, 2012 at St. Elias Orthodox Church, 4988 Onondaga Road, Syracuse, New York from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a funeral service to immediately follow at 11 a.m. in the church. Burial will be in Oakwood-Morningside Cemetery, 940 Comstock Avenue, Syracuse, New York. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Elias Orthodox Church, 4988 Onondaga Road, Syracuse, New York 13215.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Selma Abdo*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Abdo family.
Selma was a lovely lady and will be missed by all whose lives she touched.*

*Les & Sharon Eassa
New Smyrna Beach, Florida*

December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so glad that I volunteer at Van Duyn, I would go to visit Selma on Sunday mornings when I was there. Selma was our neighbor on Elgin. She watched our children grow up. What a wonderful lady (as Evelyn was too) and neighbor. I was so glad I had gotten the chance to spend time with her on 12/23.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.
Sincerely,
Virginia Wolbert*

December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept the Sympathy of Le Moyne College on the occasion of the death of Selma Abdo. Be assured of our prayers for her, for you and your family.

December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Selma as a constant, reliable presence at the medical center when I was a student. Always helpful and kind. Also, a tireless advocate for things Arabic. I am sure she will be greatly missed.

December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To Gregory and other family members. Our sincerely sympathy goes out to you all. Selma was one of a kind. I remember time I worked with her at Upstate. Plus when my mom worked for your mother - Gregory. She will be missed. I will try and find a picture that I saw recently. Selma, Evelyn and my mom (Dorothy) had their picture taken at Clinton Square when some festival was going on. Take care, Karen & Debby Webster

December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Selma's life was one of on-going contributions. She made her mark as a professional, as an activist to educate all on Middle East culture - we all read the 100's of articles and opinions she submitted for publication throughout the years, and she was a tremendous wit. So dedicated to her Orthodox faith she instilled her values in every cause she championed. She has finally been welcomed home and I celebrate her life.

December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept my deepest of sympathy to you all.
I had the priviledge of knowing Selma, Evelyn, and Kam for many years through Kam's association with Kiwanis. The Abdo family has left their mark on not only the Syracuse community, but on every soul they touched. God has a new Angel named Selma, and she is a bright star in the sky each night, shining on all of us.

Respectfully,
DPLG Melanie Ziel
Ontario Division, Kiwanis International

December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Selma from my days at Merchants on South Ave. She was a kind person and one of my favorite customers. I will always remember her concern for my well being after leaving the bank. May she rest in peace and may God bless all of you in your time of grief.

December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences to the Abdo family. May the God of all comfort be with you at this difficult time. (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) My prayers are with you.

December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Selma on the 1st day of my 1st full time job at the Hotel Syracuse back in 1981. I had the pleasure of working with/for her (right up until her retirement).

I always looked forward to seeing Selma and by extension Evelyn (who I met a few years later). (I oftentimes would refer to her as Selmette.)

Selma always thought of me too. She'd bring me a desert that she had made, whispering: "These aren't for everybody." as she secretly reached underneath the table and retrieved the plate of treats.

After she had retired I did not see them often enough, but would run into them over the years at the South Ave. post office or bank.

I have a personal tradition of taking a pedal off one of the floral arrangements of a person close to me and pressing it into a CD jewel case. I'll see you tomorrow as I'll be taking two.

Evelyn: I'm so saddened by your passing... may you forever, rest in peace.

Selma: In the words of Neil Young, "A little love and affection in everything you do... will make the world a better place... with or without you."

You did, it is.

Mike Campbell

*May God bless and keep you always
May your wishes all come true
May you always do for others
And let others do for you
May you build a ladder to the stars*

*And climb on every rung
And... May you stay forever young
(Bob Dylan)*

December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Selma was a fierce , yet gentle fighter for human rights. The community and her family will remember and miss her.*

December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of our beloved sister and mother in Christ Selma Abdo.
With deep sadness my family and I received the news of the passing on of aunt Selma. Selma was a great help to me during my time as pastor of St. Elias in Syracuse, NY. She helped me a lot to organize the office in the church, she babysat our kids and spent so much time with my family. She believed and did a lot to promote the cause of the Palestinian people. She was a proud Palestinian/American. Every time she heard a story of a successful Arab person, she said: "another dumb Arab". Selma was very proud to be an Orthodox and that her parents helped built St. Elias. My family and I were very blessed to know Selma. Thank you aunt Selma for everything you have done for me and my family. We love you and you will be missed a lot but all of us. I know you are now happy to be with your parents, sister and relatives. Until we meet again,may you rest in the bosom of Abraham and all the saints. Fr. George Dahdouh, Ky. Mary (Manal) and children.*

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