



## Monir Victor Barakat

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It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of Monir Barakat, a beloved father, husband, brother, uncle, and friend who passed away on June 21, 2025, at the age of 79, surrounded by his loved ones.

Monir was born in Ain Ebel, Lebanon on August 9, 1945 to Zakieh and Victor Barakat. He lost his father at a young age and took on the immense responsibility to support his family and younger siblings.

He attended American University of Beirut where he excelled in academics. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master's in Business Administration from Pace University, New York. Monir had a stellar career in banking which began at the National Bank of Abu-Dhabi and moved through the ranks to become Branch Manager. He moved to New York in 1980 to start at UBAF and ended his career as President of Wafra Capital Partners.

He served on many educational and financial boards including as a founding member of Arab Bankers Association of North America (ABANA), Treasurer of Rene Moawad Foundation USA (RMF), Chairman of The Board of LAU Health

Foundation, and Honorary Board Member of Friends of the Lebanese Franciscan Sisters (FLFS). He received many achievements throughout his career including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from RMF.

Monir was a pillar of the Lebanese community and a founding member of the Westchester Maronite Catholic Mission which is now part of St. John Paul II Maronite Catholic Church. He looked forward to the Coffee Hour following mass every Sunday and loved being greeted by the parishioners and spending time chatting with friends.

He was a devoted husband to Hayat for 55 years who was the love of his life. Together, they loved hosting and entertaining friends and family and spending time with their grandchildren. Monir was a passionate runner, an avid tennis player, and enjoyed skiing. He was extremely generous in all aspects of life including with his love, time, and wisdom. He often provided financial support to many individuals and families in need, and to causes he passionately believed in, especially educational endeavors. He built a basketball court and a computer center, and covered tuitions for underprivileged children in the catholic school of his beloved village of Ain Ebel. He passionately supported and invested in start-ups to help launch family and friends' careers. But he was mostly proud of building his dream home in Ain Ebel, where he would spend pleasurable time in the Summer. Whether it was through his career, passions, or simple everyday acts—Monir made a quiet but lasting impact on so many lives.

Monir graced us with his compassion, leadership, joie de vivre, and nurturing guidance. He is survived by his wife Hayat, his son Sam (wife Karine), and his four grandchildren Isabella, Maya, Lara, and Rafael. He also leaves behind four siblings, Nazek, Nazih, Ghada, and Sana and a large family of many nieces, nephews, and cousins who will miss him dearly and carry his memory

in their hearts always. He is now resting in peace with his beloved daughter and the apple of his eye, Dana, who passed away recently.

A visitation will take place on Wednesday, June 25th from 4-8 pm at Dwyer and Michael's Funeral Home (90 North Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591). A funeral mass will be on Thursday, June 26th, at 11 am, at St. John Paul II at the Immaculate Conception Maronite Church (199 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591), followed by a Christian burial at Greenwood Union Cemetery in Rye, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to Saint John Paul II Maronite Catholic Church at the Immaculate Conception at the website below. Please click the donate button.

<https://www.johnpaul2parish.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home  
90 North Broadway  
Tarrytown, NY 10591  
(914) 631-0621  
info@dwyermichaels.com  
<https://www.dwyermichaelsfh.com>

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## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Paul II at Immaculate Conception  
199 North Broadway  
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

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## Burial

JUN **26**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Greenwood Union Cemetery  
215 North St  
Rye, NY 10580

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Rene Moawad Foundation USA Board of Directors is deeply saddened at the loss of its Board Member Monir Barakat and extends its heartfelt condolences to his wife Hayat. Monir was a true example of someone who was devoted to his family, community and his ancestral homeland Lebanon. Through his dedication and commitment, Monir was instrumental in preserving Hope for so many Lebanese who have been facing many daunting challenges and whose lifeline was the Lebanese diaspora as Monir was! We were privileged to have had him serve on our Board and he will be deeply missed. May his soul rest in peace and may his memory be eternal in the good deeds and philanthropic service that characterized his life and the positive difference he has made in the lives of the less fortunate and needy in Lebanon.*

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**Nadia M Abourizk-Asaad** - July 07, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ *Deeply saddened by the early departure of such a fine gentleman. Extending our deepest condolences to Hayat and the family. Keeping you all in our prayers  
Dr. Jean and Marianna Saleh*

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**Jean Saleh** - June 29, 2025 at 06:07 PM

GF

“ *Ginette and George Jalinos and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Ginette and George Jalinos and family** - June 27, 2025 at 11:53 AM

GJ

“ It is with sadness on the loss of a great friend, mentor and amazing human being proud of his heritage, that I attended the funeral of our dear beloved Monir. He stood like a strong pillar in the face of devastating winds throughout the 40 plus years we knew each other. Intelligent, thoughtful, and intellectually honest, Monir spoke rightly about the issues of the day domestic and international, served as a great example of personal achievement in his career and in raising a beautiful family with his beloved Hayat. His countless good works expressed his faith not just in words but in in deeds that gave us all reasons to emulate him. You will rest peacefully in heaven dear friend with your beloved Dana. Look after us on earth who will always love you and appreciate having known you. We will stand by the side of your dear Hayat and Sam and all the family to remain strong like you.  
Your memory will be forever.

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**George N Jalinos** - June 27, 2025 at 11:42 AM

GJ

*George and Ginette Jalinos and family*

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**George N Jalinos** - June 27, 2025 at 11:45 AM

WC

“ Wael & Lina Chehab purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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**Wael & Lina Chehab** - June 26, 2025 at 06:02 PM

WR

“ *Wajdi Rasamny purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Wajdi Rasamny** - June 26, 2025 at 02:39 PM

GF

“ *George Khouri & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**George Khouri & Family** - June 26, 2025 at 11:15 AM

AM

“ *Ain Ebel Municipality purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Ain Ebel Municipality** - June 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM

RA

“ *Randa and Nadeem Akda purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Randa and Nadeem Akda** - June 25, 2025 at 12:59 PM

WK

“ *Walid, Maya and Rafa Khoury purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Walid, Maya and Rafa Khoury** - June 25, 2025 at 11:44 AM

RH

“ *My deepest condolences to you all - Munir was such a special man and he has such a special place in my heart. I was lucky to at least see him briefly during my visit to New York last year. Wishing all your family strength to get through this difficult time.*



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**Rana Halaby-Cooper** - June 25, 2025 at 10:59 AM

VW

“ *Victor&Danielle, Rick&Katia, Wafa&Nazih purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Victor&Danielle, Rick&Katia, Wafa&Nazih** - June 25, 2025 at 08:59 AM

AF

“ *Asma and Eli Khoury and Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Asma and Eli Khoury and Family** - June 25, 2025 at 08:55 AM

MF

“ Maurice & Lulwa Sakr and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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**Maurice & Lulwa Sakr and family** - June 25, 2025 at 08:11 AM

LF

“ Leah and Paul Lavender and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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**Leah and Paul Lavender and Family** - June 25, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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June 24, 2025 at 03:30 PM

TF

“ The Chelala Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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**The Chelala Family** - June 24, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



June 24, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ The Rende Family (Alex, Nicole & Elise) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



**The Rende Family (Alex, Nicole & Elise)** - June 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ Soraya & Samir Sidani purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



**Soraya & Samir Sidani** - June 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ The Kanaan Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



**The Kanaan Family** - June 24, 2025 at 08:11 AM

RW

“ Renda Ammar Weidler purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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**Renda Ammar Weidler** - June 23, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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June 23, 2025 at 05:43 PM

TF

“ Tony & Ghadir FLOUTY purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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**Tony & Ghadir FLOUTY** - June 23, 2025 at 04:17 PM

SF

“ Sami Georges Barakat and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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**Sami Georges Barakat and Family** - June 23, 2025 at 10:27 AM

MF

“ *Maroun Anis Barakat and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Maroun Anis Barakat and Family** - June 23, 2025 at 10:27 AM

FF

“ *From Anas Nasra and family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**From Anas Nasra and family** - June 23, 2025 at 09:21 AM

JD

“ *Joumana, Karim, Tara and Khalil Daniel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Joumana, Karim, Tara and Khalil Daniel** - June 23, 2025 at 07:27 AM

TW

“ *Tony & Sanaa , Joanna & Walid purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Tony & Sanaa , Joanna & Walid** - June 23, 2025 at 05:42 AM

TF

“ *The Nasra Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**The Nasra Family** - June 23, 2025 at 03:33 AM

PD

“ *Patrick and Molly Diab purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Patrick and Molly Diab** - June 22, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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June 22, 2025 at 07:41 PM

HF

“ *Hend Hasrouni and family. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.*



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**Hend Hasrouni and family.** - June 22, 2025 at 07:22 PM

ES

“ Evelyn Saqr purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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**Evelyn Saqr** - June 22, 2025 at 06:55 PM

JF

“ Joseph, Marie Diab and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Monir Victor Barakat.



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**Joseph, Marie Diab and family** - June 22, 2025 at 06:14 PM