



# Dr. Anis Khalil Saliba

JAN 14, 1933 - MAR 10, 2024



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## **Dr. Anis Khalil Saliba**

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**D**r. Anis K. Saliba, 91, of Lewes, DE passed away peacefully at his home on March 10, 2024 after a short illness. He was the son of the late Khalil and Rose (Salloum) Saliba of Karaoun, Lebanon. Dr. Saliba is survived by his wife of 65 years, Siham, his son Khalil G. Saliba (Marcy) and daughter Dr. Nada Saliba Hart (Thomas). He was cherished and adored by his six grandchildren; Grace, Alyse, Christopher, Bradley, Audrey, and Natalie who affectionally called him, “Gido” –which is “grandfather” in Arabic. He was predeceased by his older siblings Wadiha, Josephine, Mary, and George whom he loved and spoke of often. He is mourned by his many nieces, nephews, and cousins in the U.S and abroad.

Dr. Saliba graduated from the International College at the American University of Beirut, then received his medical degree from the Damascus University School of Medicine in Syria. He immigrated to the United States in 1960 where he began his medical training, completing his surgical residency at Coney Island Hospital, NY and a thoracic surgical fellowship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Cleveland, OH.

After a phone call from his medical school classmate, Dr. Nizar Kuseybi, Dr. Saliba moved his family to Lewes in 1967 to begin his career as a surgeon while also acting as a general practitioner to many in the community. His nearly 40-year career at Beebe was marked by selfless dedication to his community and his patients, particularly those of modest means. Many of Dr. Saliba's patients never received a bill. He volunteered his services to the Lewes Little League, the Lewes Fire Department, the Stockley Center for disabilities in Georgetown, and many other non-profit organizations. Already board certified in General Surgery and Thoracic Surgery, Dr. Saliba found the time to earn a third board certification in Surgical Critical Care at the age of 60.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Saliba served Beebe in multiple leadership roles, including President, Chief of Staff, and its Board of Directors before his retirement in 2003. Upon



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retirement, he continued to serve on Beebe's Board as well as volunteer at medical clinics throughout Sussex County.

Dr. Saliba was a lifelong learner, often seen with a book in one hand and his dictionary in the other. He combined his passion for education with his proud heritage by donating his childhood home to become a public library for the benefit of his hometown.

He loved to work his 2-acre "garden" in his surgical scrubs, growing and delivering his vegetables to his many friends.

Dr. Saliba earned many awards in his lifetime, but his legacy was his devotion to family, community, and his profession along with the multitude of people he treated over so many years.

A Celebration of Dr. Saliba's Life will be held Friday, March 15, 2024 at 4:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to, The Beebe Medical Foundation for the Dr. Anis and Sue Saliba Nursing Scholarship for the Margaret H. Rollins School of Nursing, 902 Savannah Road, Lewes DE 19958, [www.beebehealthcare.org/memorial-gifts](http://www.beebehealthcare.org/memorial-gifts), or to The Lewes-Rehoboth Rotary Club, PO Box 91, Lewes, DE 19958.

**FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES IN LEWES BY FRIDAY MARCH 15TH AT 10:00AM.**



# Events

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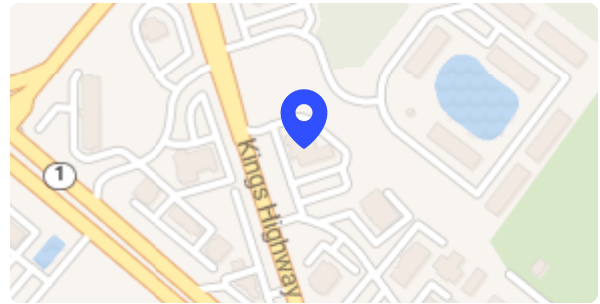
## Visitation

 **Friday**, March 15, 2024

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



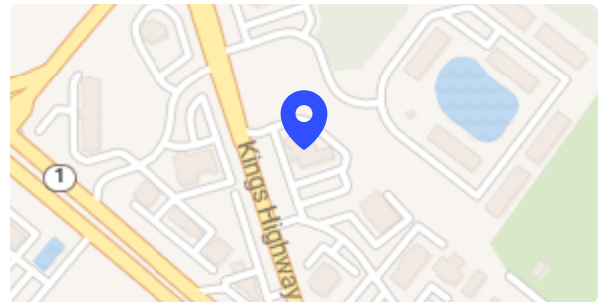
## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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**Allison Funds** posted:

Thank you for all the memories and watching me grow up. My mom adored you and Aunt Lana was able to teach me everything I know since she worked for one of the greatest surgeons. Allison Funds

April 9 at 4:58 AM



**Zane Kuseybi** posted:

Where to begin. It is a very sad time. An end of an era of treasured lives fully embedded in the community of Lewes, Delaware. Those from far away giving what no others could give to a community which was not from them but one which came to be defined by them. My father, Nizar Kuseybi came to Lewes in 1964. He delivered every baby in Beebe from 1964 until he passed away in 1978. He was the sole OB/GYN in Beebe for all of those years. Times have changed. Ammo(uncle) Anis and my dad were room mates in medical school in Damascus Syria, along with my father in law Mohammad Atassi. They all came to America for medical training and remained. All were at Beebe at one time together along with my Uncle, Kamal Ksebe. It was the best of all times in Lewes, at least for me. Beebe was a family of friends and kindness. Really, all of Lewes was a family, top to bottom. I could go on but Ammo Anis was always present for me even as I moved and lived away. When I would see or talk to him, it was an immediate transport back to childhood. Loving, caring, fatherly, brotherly, son, everything which one could want. Only kindness and caring. We will miss you Ammo. A fixture in the community. A fixture in our lives. A fixture in our soul. Your greatness will stay with all of those whom you touched. May God bless you in eternity. Give my love to all and may we be together again.

March 21 at 5:17 PM



**Robin Walls Clendaniel** posted:

It was an honor and privilege to work for Dr Saliba at the Sea Shore Medical Group. It started my life time carrier in healthcare. As many others have stated he was a very kind and caring sole to all who come across his path. I feel very blessed that he was placed in my life's journey. Once you met Dr Saliba there was a immediate bond that would never be broken. Prayers to the family for peace and comfort.

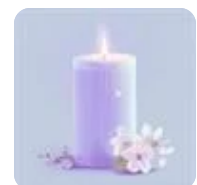
March 20 at 5:35 AM



**John Showell** lit a candle in honor of Anis.

Anis was a wonderful friend and will be forever missed

March 18 at 2:18 PM





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JE

**Joan Eschenbach Ohl** posted:

On behalf of the Eschenbach family, I want to thank Dr. and Mrs. Saliba for the wonderful care they took of Sam and Dorothy, my parents. And the fun thing, their medical office was located on land they bought from Sam and Dorothy. Wonderful people who will long be remembered by the Sussex County communities. Joan Eschenbach Ohl

March 18 at 9:22 AM

DC

**Debbie K Craft** posted:

Sincere condolences to Dr. Saliba's wife, family and friends. It was an honor to work with Dr. Saliba. I will always remember the passion he had for helping others and the huge contribution to healthcare for our community. Always willing to help others and willing to share his wealth of knowledge in healthcare or with his gardening tips. I will be forever grateful for all his ongoing support during my healthcare career.

March 16 at 7:04 AM

RW

**Robert Wingo** posted:

We want to share our condolences to the family and our sorrow for their loss. We represent the Wingo family (Elsie Dunning Wingo) who became a great friend to Dr. Saliba as well as a patient. He provided great healthcare to our family/ He was kind, and generous. We came to admire and respect him. He will be missed. Thanking him for his dedication to his profession and thoughtfulness during his career. Robert Wingo

March 15 at 9:29 AM

BS

**Brigitte H Smith** posted:

Toutes mes pensées et prières vont vers vous, Sue et Anis, en ces tristes moments! Je vais vous écrire, mais en attendant, je vous envoie toutes mes affectueuses Amitiés. Je vous embrasse Brigitte van den Hove-Smith Naples, Florida

March 15 at 8:59 AM



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MM

**Michele Mankins** posted:

I started at Beebe in 1988. It was a privilege to know and work with Dr. Saliba. He was a talented physician with a kind, gentle soul. He had a nickname for me and every time I saw him, he greeted me. If he had time he would stop to talk. I missed him when he retired. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

March 15 at 5:47 AM

LK

**Lisa Kwan** posted:

Dr. Saliba epitomized the 3 A's of an effective healer: available, affable and able. For younger surgeons, he could always be counted on to provide sage advice regarding technique and potential pitfalls. He gave so much of his time outside of direct patient care to benefit Beebe Healthcare. We want to extend our condolences to his family and thank them for sharing him with us. Lisa and Delbert Kwan

March 14 at 4:51 PM

BE

**Beth Ewell** posted:

I have fond memories of Dr. Saliba from my time as a nurse at Beebe Hospital. Such a wonderful physician, a kind man, and as others have said, he had an incredible gift for remembering names. I saw him at Cape Henlopen State Park several years ago and he said to me, "I miss mom and dad." He was speaking about my parents who had passed away years ago—they were his patients. Sending prayers to his family. May he rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing. Beth Ewell

March 14 at 3:13 PM

AE

**Anthony Empty** posted:

With deepest sympathy I would like to offer my condolences to the Saliba family. Dr. Saliba was the only doctor that I knew during my childhood. I always looked forward to getting my physicals each year to play all sports from little league baseball to high school sports. He was our community doctor and provided a great service to everyone. His kindness and generosity will always be remembered and appreciated.

March 14 at 2:05 PM



**Marianne Millman** March 16 at 8:09 AM

Dr Saliba was my physician for 30yrs & will b dearly missed



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**Ramachandra And Kusuma Hosmane** posted:

Condolences and Prayers to Sue, Khalil, Nada and rest of family From Ram Hosmane and Family. I will not forget many hours we spent together in and out of operating room at Beebe hospital Of Sussex county. Ram Hosmane, Kusuma Hosmane and family.

March 14 at 1:20 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Joyful Memory to the Saliba family.

March 14 at 10:59 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Love's Journey to the Saliba family.

March 13 at 8:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Saliba family.

March 13 at 8:06 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Saliba family.

March 13 at 8:02 PM



**Saydeh** posted:

My uncle..i am saddened by your loss..you will be missed my uncle and never be forgotten...sending hi to mum ..my aunts josephine ...mary and my uncle george ...missed them a lot...

March 13 at 5:32 PM



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JS

**Jack Salloum** posted:

The Salloum Families of Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta, were very sad to hear about Anis's passing. He was extremely well respecting within our family and we will all miss him. His visits to our family reunions were always memorable since we had him all to ourselves for a few days. We will miss you cousin! May your memory be eternal!

March 13 at 4:24 PM

NH

**Natalie Hart** posted:

Gido was simply the best. He loved our entire family and always took the best care of us. He always emphasized to me the importance and value of culture and family. His life story will always inspire me. I couldn't have been luckier to have him as a grandfather. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

March 13 at 3:39 PM

CK

**Christine K.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Anis.



March 13 at 3:37 PM

JS

**John E Spieker Md** posted:

When I first came to the community, Dr. Saliba went out of his way to welcome me and help me establish my own practice. He was an excellent roll model, knowledgeable, capable and compassionate. A gifted surgeon, he cared for everyone who walked through the doors of his office and treated them all with respect and kindness. He will be sadly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

March 13 at 12:41 PM

PD

**Pat Donovan** posted:

Dr Saliba loved our community he took care of everyone regardless of their means. I'm hard pressed to think of anyone that was not treated by him at some point during their life. Our family thought the world of him, my kids grew up with his kids, lots of fond memories. Thinking of his family during this difficult time. Much love The Donovan Family

March 13 at 9:57 AM



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**Floyd And Laurie Haggar** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Saliba family.

March 13 at 7:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Saliba family.

March 13 at 7:02 AM



**Lisa Kwan** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Anis.

March 13 at 7:02 AM



**David Hart** posted:

Very sorry to hear about Dr. Saliba. He accomplished so much in his life and was such a kind and humble man. He will be missed. Condolences to all the Saliba's and Hart's.

March 13 at 6:04 AM



**President Tom Protack & Foundation Team** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Saliba family.

March 13 at 4:41 AM



**President Tom Protack & Foundation Team** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Anis.

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**Margaret Rowland Webb** posted:

Dr. Saliba was new to Lewes and us and we met him when he saved my father's life. He went on to become our family doctor and we respected and admired him. He always remembered my name and made me feel like seeing me meant a lot to him . He cared for my husband and his family later and made a great difference in all our lives. I loved him. Deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

March 12 at 11:00 PM



**Ann Moore** posted:

My thoughts of Dr Saliba, are of a wonderful doctor who never forgot a patients name. He will be dearly missed. My condolences to Sue and family.

March 12 at 8:07 PM



**Mary Lou Warren** lit a candle in honor of Anis.

Growing up in Lewes, Dr Saliba was my family doctor. I always remember him pinching my cheeks, no matter how old you were! He never forgot anyone's name - pretty amazing with all the patients he cared for over the years & all the people he knew throughout the community! When I graduated from Beebe School of Nursing back in 1980, I worked on 4th Surgical for 5 years then in the ER so I would see Dr Saliba on a regular basis. Such fond memories of him, Dr Ware, Dr Beebe & Dr Ksebe (now they are all together again!) He was a kind & compassionate doctor to patients & staff. He treated all patients with respect & never seemed concerned about anyone's ability to pay for his services. There's not too many docs like Dr Saliba. Rest in peace Dr. Saliba. My sincere condolences to his family. Keeping you all in my thoughts & prayers



March 12 at 6:41 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Saliba family.



March 12 at 12:53 PM



**Richard And Nancy Ingram** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Anis.



March 12 at 12:53 PM



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**Love, Tracy And Scott Sippelle** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Saliba family.

March 12 at 12:46 PM



**Love, Tracy And Scott Sippelle** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Anis.

March 12 at 12:46 PM



**Charlotte A. Bastian** posted:

Dr. Saliba was a truly beautiful soul and friend. I loved him and love his family so much. We go back many many years when our kids were growing up and I am so thankful for the happy memories we have and for his medical help throughout the many years. His contributions to the community are so valuable and will be remembered in years to come. His love for his family and the many years they enjoyed each other will touch their hearts always. May they find peace and joy in those memories. Love to each of you. Charlotte A Bastian

March 12 at 12:31 PM



**Shelley Corbett** lit a candle in honor of Anis.

Dr Saliba always seemed to have a smile on his face. He loved his kids and grandkids and they loved him. I am thinking of them all during this sad time.

March 12 at 12:12 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Saliba family.

March 12 at 9:38 AM



**The Rea Girls** sent a Fairest of All to the Saliba family.

March 12 at 9:29 AM





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AS

**Arline Simpson** posted:

I'm am still in this world 25 yrs later because of Dr. Saliba and his knowledge of medicine. I have survived breast cancer for those years and I will always remember him for his expertise, knowledge, kindness and I will be forever grateful for the pleasure of knowing him. He was one of a kind and and a fantastic, caring Doctor. The medical profession has lost a great man.Thank you Dr. Saliba for your never ending dedication.Arline Simpson

March 12 at 8:36 AM

BS

**Bill Skelton** posted:

Dr. Saliba was my childhood physician. He was everything that has been said about him. From Little League physicals to removing my appendix, I fondly recall his cool, friendly demeanor. Dr. Saliba was devoted to his patients and community. Like so many people that made Lewes the best small-town ever, he'll be missed. Condolences to his family.

March 12 at 7:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Saliba family.



March 12 at 7:26 AM

OK

**Olivia L Klein** posted:

There will never be another Dr. Saliba. He was the best. Family is in my thoughts and prayers

March 12 at 5:55 AM

DL

**Doris Lehman** posted:

A beautiful soul and generous heart who gave so much to the community! Truly unselfish.

March 12 at 4:57 AM



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TD

**Tabitha Dorman** posted:

My prayers and condolences to his beloved family. I spent so much time in his office as a child I felt like a family member and he would always pinch my cheek and say Tabitha. He was so good to me and my grandmother Emma . He was a treasure and will be missed.

March 11 at 4:56 PM

MR

**Marilyn Stango Ryan** March 12 at 8:22 AM

My condolences to the family. Dr. Saliba was always available when my children were sick and like others mentioned he always pinched their cheeks. He and Sue were good friends of my parents and a lovely couple who did so much for the community. Marilyn Stango Ryan

BM

**Barbara Hanby Meade** March 12 at 6:28 AM

I am so sorry to hear this news. Our community was blessed by his medical expertise and years of compassionate care for us. Remembering his greeting once at Beebe Clinic.... "Ah, Barbara, you are looking well !" always brings a smile to my face. His dedication to his profession and service to his community will long be remembered. Prayers for his family, friends, and coworkers as they grieve his passing.

JL

**Jill Landon** posted:

Dear Doctor Saliba saved my mother's life when he correctly diagnosed and treated her heart disease. Before then, she had been ill for over a year. We thought afterwards that he was a personal angel to just our family until we heard many others in town, throughout the years, share similar stories of how he saved or helped them and often without any financial charge. I became a babysitter to Dr. Saliba's children, Nada and Karl when I was a young teen. Dr. Saliba and Sue were always wonderful to me. I remember Karl would only eat 2 things- his mother's homemade pasta sauce on rigatoni or honey buns! Doctor and Sue accepted this, but always hopefully offered other choices to him as well. LolIn typical thoughtful fashion, on one of the last days I babysat for the Saliba children, Dr. Saliba brought home piercing needles from the hospital and with my mother's permission made my dream of pierced ears come true while I was seated at his kitchen table! Dr. Saliba was a selfless human being and a skilled doctor/surgeon always regarding others before himself. My family was so blessed to know him. May God's presence be particularly close to Sue, Karl, Nada and their families as they mourn their family pillar. In loving memory of a wonderful man, doctor, and friend, Jill Landon

March 11 at 4:20 PM



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BD

**Bonnie Daisey** posted:

I have no words for how heart broken I am learning of Dr. Saliba's passing. I LOVED him tremendously. He saved my life as I turned 3 yrs old in the hospital after being severely burned. His generosity, love and care he provided me & my family over the years was beyond phenomenal! He used to call me his daughter (even though I was blonde haired and blue eyed :) as I became a candy stripper at Beebe. He strived to convince me to be a nurse, but I was unable to pursue the profession. He was so awesome to my family as not only a physician, but as a true friend. My thoughts, love and prayers go to his family during this difficult time. May God provide you comfort. God Bless You All!!Bonnie Rust Daisey

March 11 at 4:06 PM

JD

**Julie Winchester Davis** lit a candle in honor of Anis.

Sue, Nada and Karl my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dr. Saliba will be tremendously missed. He truly was an icon in the Lewes community.

March 11 at 3:53 PM



MA

**Marci** lit a candle in honor of Anis.

March 11 at 2:56 PM



SS

**Stephen H. Smyk** posted:

As a retired Delaware Trooper assigned to Troop 7, I had many contacts with this caring physician while as a Trooper and after retirement. For many years, my family, the Smyks and Hoffman's, have known and cherished this man. As we recognize the cycle of life, that we all must experience, Dr. Saliba will be remembered for all his kind acts and missed dearly. I was always amazed how he could remember the names of people he had been in contact with. Our thoughts and prayers for the Saliba family. Steve Sr. and Sandi SmykSteve Jr. and Judy SmykGeorge and Annette Hoffman

March 11 at 11:26 AM



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**Desiree Harb** lit a candle in honor of Anis.

Our hearts are saddened. How do we even begin to describe what the loss of this great leader, master healer, wise man from the old world, and pillar of this community really means? Thank you for your friendship, your example, your support at our wedding and for being such a role model and selfless helper to countless people in Lewes . Everyone you touched with your healing and generosity learned what it means to be a great human living a purposeful life by your example. Rest in peace with the angels, Dr. May God always bless and keep your loving family. Dr. Zouhair and Mrs. Desiree Harb



March 11 at 11:22 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Anis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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