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Lynne and Krishna Share Their Love Story



As they approach their fifth wedding anniversary, long-time patrons Lynne Kavin and Krishna Tateneni took time to reflect on their love for each other and their love for Silk Road Rising

“The issues being addressed at Silk Road Rising are the issues that we are both dealing with on a daily basis. Walking in there, it feels like a place where you’re invited to think, to feel,” says Lynne.



Lynne came to know of us through her work with Jewish Voice for Peace, formerly Not In My Name. In fact, she attended our first-ever play, *Precious Stones* written by Founding Artistic Director Jamil Khoury back in 2003.

“What makes it even more relevant to me today is my relationship with Krishna,” says Lynne. “We have stories that are separate but utterly intertwined. **Silk Road Rising addresses the intersections of our lives.**”

After the happy couple met, Lynne suggested they attend Azhar Usman’s *Ultra American: A Patriot Act* at our theatre, and the two have been attending our shows together ever since.

“A large part of my immigrant experience has been like many others: wearing a mask, making sure you blend in, that you do all the things that are necessary in order to succeed,” explains Krishna, “So, when I come to Silk Road, when I walk into that space, I feel like, ‘oh! Here I am finally just myself, and I can just be myself.’”

back again and again,” Krishna tells us.

Lynne and Krishna are reflective of the wonderful people who enjoy Silk Road Rising's artwork. **By making a Valentine's Day gift today, you can impact many more people like them.**



In addition to being active members and donors, **Lynne and Krishna have also included us in their will.** They know that this level of commitment will sustain Silk Road Rising for the long term.

As you celebrate the power of love this Valentine's Day, **we invite you to join Lynne and Krishna in making a deeper commitment to Silk Road Rising.**

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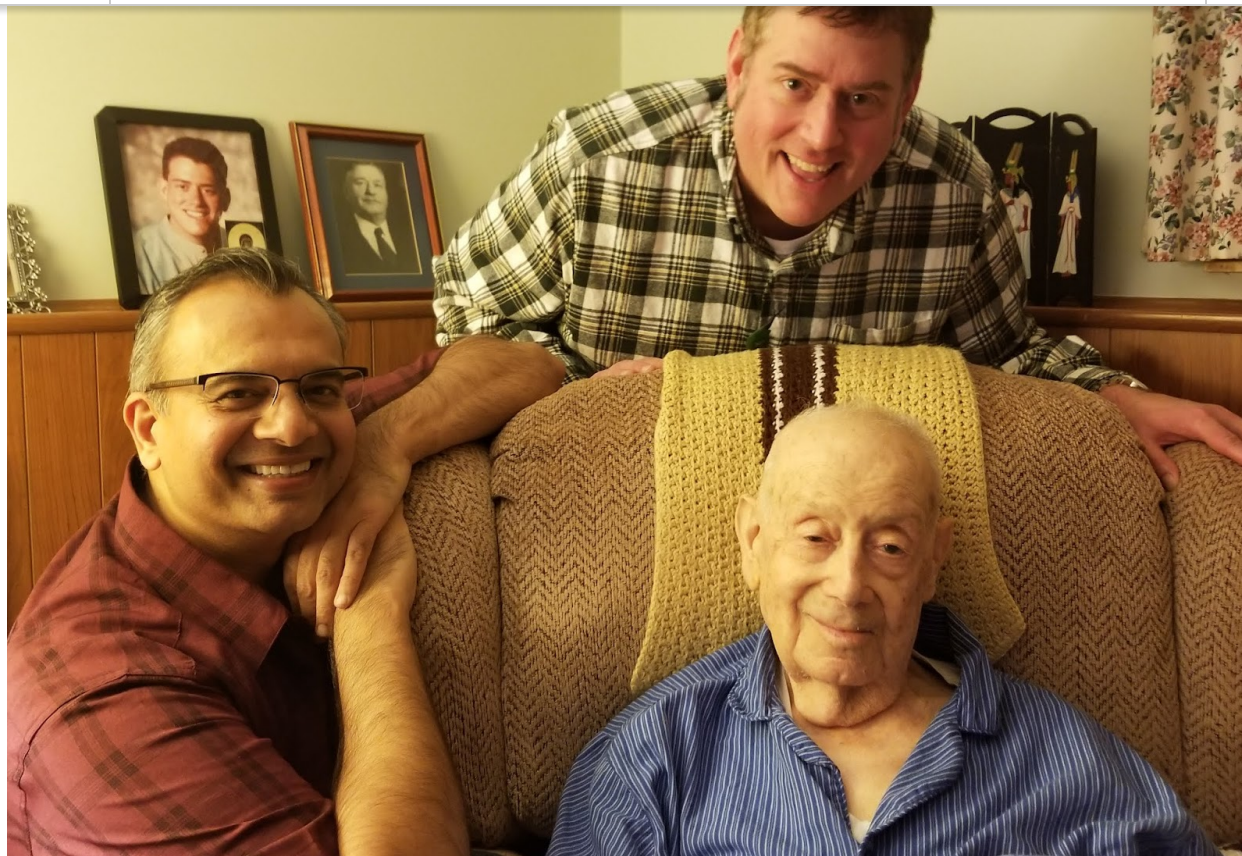
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Remembering George Fadel Khoury



1926 - 2019

George Fadel Khoury passed away at home on February 13, 2019, in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. He was 92 years old. The cause of death was cancer.

George was born on November 6, 1926, in Mechta El Helou, Syria (Tartus Province). He completed his elementary and secondary school studies at the American School in Mechta, before moving to Homs, Syria, where he worked for the Iraqi Petroleum Company for four years. While in Homs, George took courses at the Orthodox University.

He traveled to the United States in 1951 to attend Indiana Technical College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He later transferred to Chicago Technical College where he earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He worked for the Illinois Department of Transportation from 1956 - 1991.

George served as President of the St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church Board of Directors for six years. He was an active member of his church community for decades. George also served as President of the Midwest Federation of American Syrian Lebanese Clubs for two years, and President of the Phoenician Club of Chicago for three years.

A tireless commitment to community service and the well-being of others garnered numerous awards and accolades for George, including Humanitarian of the Year from the Midwest Federation of American Syrian Lebanese Clubs, Man of the Year from the Phoenician Club of Chicago, and the Illinois Department of Transportation's Service Award.

Throughout his life, George demonstrated leadership, integrity, generosity, kindness, and resolve. He modeled pride in heritage and the courage of one's convictions. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and a loyal friend and colleague to many who knew him.

George is survived by his wife, Joanna ("Bunny"), his sister, three children, three grandchildren, and two sons-in-law.

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