

Dr. Ahmed Gamal Al-Sharif

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From Fahiem EL-Borai Kora

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Dr. Ahmed Al-Sharif – a husband, father, and dear friend to many of us in Egypt, USA, and other countries – passed away in hospital at age 79 from Covid-19 on October 19, 2020.

Dr. Ahmed Al-Sharif was born June 20, 1941 in EL-Sinbellaween District, Dakahlia Governorate, Egypt. He received B.S., M.Sc., and Ph.D. degrees from the Plant Protection Department at Cairo University where he chooses nematology to be his career-long research and teaching focus. He was appointed as an Assistant Lecturer at the Agricultural Zoology Department, Mansoura University in January 1975, then Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in December 1976, Associate Professor in March 1981, and Professor in June, 1985. He retired as Professor Emeritus in the same Department in 2001.

Dr. Al-Sharif had a long history of research, teaching and administrative positions at Mansoura University and he taught nematology and agricultural zoology courses elsewhere in Egypt and in Saudia Arabia. He contributed to more than 60 publications during his career. He chaired the Agricultural Zoology Department twice (1993-1995 and 1998-2000). He received many prestigious governmental and university awards including the Mansoura University Merit Award (year 2002), Best Lecturer in Agricultural Zoology and Nematology (2006) and the University of Taif (Saudia Arabia) Merit Award (1978). He chaired or was a member of the Higher Education Promotion Committee for associate and full professor in Egypt for 2 cycles. He participated in over 75 national and international conferences and workshops. He visited UF (Dr. Donald Dickson's) laboratory as a visiting professor in 1993 where both supervised an Egyptian Ph.D. student.

Dr. Al-Sharif was more than one of the finest nematologists in Egypt. He was known as a very giving person who spent a great deal of his time helping young scientists, students and peers who were never refused his help. I had the pleasure and the honor to know him closely during the times I applied to become Associate and Full professor in Egypt and I deeply appreciated his kindness. I watched as he introduced new topics and research ideas to others and fondly recall his generosity, his smile and the comfort he gave to anyone who knew him.

I and many others are deeply saddened for the loss of one of our great Egyptian professors. May Allah rest him in peace and our condolences and prayers go to his family and all of those who knew him.

