



Aykut 'Ike' Kazan

August 6, 1941 - January 9, 2019

Aykut (Ike) Kazan, a resident of Hammond, Louisiana, was born in Ankara, Turkey on August 6, 1941, and passed into eternity on January 9, 2019.

The oldest of six siblings, Aykut was loved and adored by his family; with each of his three brothers and two sisters considering him their favorite. As his father was in the Turkish military, the family moved numerous times throughout the country, giving Aykut a great love and appreciation for his home country.

As a young man Aykut served in the Turkish military and while there, found an outlet for his lifelong love of music. After completing his military obligation, he worked as a professional musician with a band that became very well known in Turkey, playing in various venues, including USO clubs. Impressed with the American soldiers and interested in American culture, he immigrated to the United States and later became a Naturalized citizen. While never forsaking his beloved Turkey, his love and patriotism for the United States was deep.

In addition to music, Aykut had an interest and passion for cooking, inspired by his Mother who was a master at making delicious and nutritious meals for her large family. With this foundation, he began a second career in the food industry. He worked in numerous places and was part owner of two different restaurants. After many years in the restaurant business, he began working in

other areas of the food industry, which allowed him to have more time with family.

Aykut loved God and loved people. His generosity, caring, and thoughtfulness embodied the quote attributed to St Francis of Assisi, "Share the gospel always; use words if necessary."

Aykut was preceded in death by his parents, Galip and Ifakat Kazancioglu, and a grand-daughter, Mary Madison McCarley. He is survived by his wife, Mary Gail Kazan, his son, Akin Kazancioglu, daughters Ilkin Dunne (Robert), Lori Kelley, and Carolyn McCarley (Clark), grandchildren Tanner Kelley, Burak Kandil, Clark McCarley Jr, Akin Kaya Kazancioglu, Mary Abigail Kelley, Cooper McCarley, Andrew Dunne, Miller McCarley, and Aaron Dunne. He is also survived by his dear brothers, Fikret Kazan & wife Charlene, Muammer Kazancioglu & wife Inci, Teoman Kazancioglu, sisters Halenur Onal and Handan Kazancioglu, Neslihan Cayhan, and numerous nieces and nephews.

With a genuine love for people and his kind, humble, and generous spirit, Aykut made everyone he encountered feel important and loved. His leaving brings much sorrow and sadness for all who knew and loved him, and also joy in knowing that he is in heaven where there is no suffering or pain.

A Celebration of Aykut's life will be held on Saturday, January 12, at Woodland Park Baptist Church, with visitation from 9:00 am until the service at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Woodland Park Baptist Church Music Ministry in memory of Aykut Kazan.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Woodland Park Baptist Church
1909 J.W. Davis Dr.
Hammond, LA

Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Woodland Park Baptist Church
1909 J.W. Davis Dr.
Hammond, LA

Tribute Wall

SB

“ He was my friend, mentor and brother. Ike impacted every aspect of my very existence. He not only helped me to become a better man, he helped change the way I view the world, he showed me what unconditional love was and how to share that love with others. Ike lived like there was no tomorrow, he was one of the few men that did what he said, and backed his words up with actions. He was larger than life and a titan among men, I will remember him always and love him forever. I miss you buddy..... Steve B.

Steven Buras - January 18, 2019 at 07:50 PM

AW

“ Gail, Mike and I are sad to hear about Ike. He was so sweet and kind to both of us. I will never forget him. I know that this must be difficult for you. I am praying for your comfort and strength. You are one of the strongest women I know. You can go on and the Lord will bless and keep you safe. I am sorry we couldn't attend the service but know that we have been praying for you. Both Cole and Graham send their condolences as well. Keep smiling my friend, you are loved by many!

Angela & Mike Wolf - January 16, 2019 at 11:11 PM

CF

“ Gail I barely know you through facebook but have enjoyed our time here together. I have no words to express how sorry I am to see that you have joined me in the club we are way too young for. I didn't know your husband either but his obit says enough that I wish I had known him. We, you and I, and our husbands love the Lord and it is He who brings comfort. I knew Ronald, Richard and Charlene but never even knew you existed. You have a beautiful family and seem to be surrounded by boys (the story of my life). lol That seems to be something else we have in common. My love and prayers reach out to you at this time. It will be 6 years in February that mine passed. We are guaranteed to see them again. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."



Cheryl Fontenot - January 14, 2019 at 11:19 AM

BC

“ It was a pleasure of working with Mr. Ike. I was the baby working in dietary & I was his baby & I called him PaPa Ike, lol. He could always count on me. I'll always remember his works , "you rock baby" & fist pounds me or pat me on my back afterwards. You'll be missed Mr. Ike. This still doesn't feel real to me. 💔



Brooke C. - January 12, 2019 at 10:08 PM

KC

“ I only had the pleasure of working with Mr Ike, for four months, but a pleasure it was to talk with him every day. He always had a smile and many kind words! He is and will be greatly missed, but his words, kindness and faith will live on in each one of us, that had the honor of knowing him. ❤️🙏🙏🙏❤️

Kathy Carr - January 12, 2019 at 10:23 AM

TS

“ Sincerest condolences to Ike's family. Ike was such a sincere and sweet man. I had the pleasure of working with Ike and learned quite a few things from him. Praying for his family.

Timothy Schmidt - January 11, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Aykut 'Ike' Kazan.



January 11, 2019 at 03:07 PM

AK

“ Canim,kanim,amcam,baba yarim,babam..40 yillik kisacik ömrümde tanidigim en yuce gonullu insan.kimseyi kirmadan incitmeden sessiz sedasiz giden adam.gozden irak olan gonulden irak olmuyormus be amcam..icim aciyor icim paramparca ..seninle doluyum..keske seninle daha cok konusma,seni daha cok dinleme,keske seninle daha cok yasama sansim olsaymis..bunca zamana bunca ayriliga ragmen icimde ne kadar cok yer etmissin..ne kadar bitanemmissin..ne cok sevmisim seni..beni gor beni duy beni hisset amcam.. "vazifede gec kalma" der buyuklerimiz..sana olan vazifemde gec kaldiy sam beni affet amcam..death takes the body..god takes the soul..our minds hold the memories..our hearts keep the love..our faith lets us know we will meet again. Ps: I...Asli Kazancioglu ...love you ..in every language..in every religion..

Asli kazancioglu - January 11, 2019 at 02:28 PM

MK

*Canım Aykut abicim
Seni çok severdim. Seni hep neseli , candan , caring bir insan olarak
bilirim.
Seni çzliyecem.....
Mazhar Kazancioglu*

mazhar kazancioglu - January 11, 2019 at 10:16 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Aykut 'Ike' Kazan.



January 11, 2019 at 11:32 AM

NC

“ Nesli Cayhan lit a candle in memory of Aykut 'Ike' Kazan



Nesli Cayhan - January 11, 2019 at 11:11 AM

NC

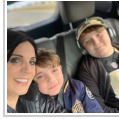
You will always be in my heart and memories..RIP CANIM..I love u

Nesli Cayhan - January 11, 2019 at 11:14 AM

TK

“ Sevgili abiciğim,çıktığın yolculukta sana uğurlar olsun diyorum,inşallah annene-babana ve yaşarken kaybettiğin bütün sevdiklerine kavuşursun,
Sen bulunmaz bir centilmen ve şovelye bir insandın,seni çok özliyeceğim.
Sen bir gün olsun beni kırmadın,eğer ben haddim olmadan seni kırdıysam hakkını helal et,benim eğer bir hakkım geçtiyse sana helal olsun-helal olsun-helal olsun.
Herkes tarafından sevilen bir abiye sahip olduğum için ne kadar gurur duysam azdır,ama inanki kızlarım seni çok az tanımalarına rağmen sana inanılmaz sevgi duyuyorlar ne mutlu,cennet mekanına kavuşman dileği ile oralarda buluşmak ümidiyle elvada canımdan çok sevdiğim aslanların aslanı abiciğim

teoman kazancioglu - January 11, 2019 at 09:53 AM



Canım Teoman Amcam seni çok seviyorum

Ilkin Dunne - January 11, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ Abicim cok kisa bir sure once 53 yillik esimi kaybettim buyuk uzuntu yasadim kendi kendime dedimki iki evladim ve kardeslerim var dayanip guclu olmaliyim . Sonra senin rahatsizligin ve daha fazla dayanamayip bu dunya dan goc edisin beni inanilmaz uzdu .. buraya duygularimi yazmak istedim ama gercekten uzulmekten streslerden oyle yoruldum ki yazmaya gucum kalmadi. Abim olarak herzaman senin guzel kalbini bana hissettirdin . Birbirimize mesafeler nedeniyle hasret kaldik ama daima yuregimde oldun ve hepte ayni yerde olacaksin. Seni cok seviyorum nurlarda yat canim abim anneme babama ve erhanima selam soyle ... mekanin cennet olsun abicigim..

Kardesin

Halenur Onal Kazancioglu 11.01.2019

Ozlem onal - January 11, 2019 at 09:50 AM

OO

“ *Canim dayim ilk torun .ilk yegen olmam nedeniyle sizlerin bana cok emegi gecti ve sevgiyle buyudum sayenizde. Bebekken gece gec saatlerde eve geldigin icin beni hep uyurken bulurmussun ve cocuklara olan sevgin bana olan sevgin nedeniyle kucagina alip beni oper koklarmissin ileriki zamanlarda bana bunu anlatmislar bende seninle konustugum son ana kadar bunu hep sana animsatmistim ve yuzundeki o melek ifadeyle gulemseyisin an ve an aklimda. Canim dayim hic unutamadigim diger bir animda , istanbulda bir belediye otobusunda iken cok fazla yagan yagmurda soforun abi montun neguzel demesiyle senin uzerinden cikarip ona hediye etmen ve eve islanmis olarak donmendi. Kocaman bir yurege sahip gonlu bol melek gibi oldun yasamin boyunca.. 17.07.2018 yilinda canimdan cok sevdigim babam rahmetli oldugunda bana demistinki .. uzulme kizim hepimiz yanina gidecegiz erhani cok seviyorum birgun yanina gidip ona sarilacagim ama DAHA ERKEN demistin... daha erkendi dayicim bizler sana hasret kaldik cok istedin istanbula gelip bizlere sarilmaya ama olmadı .. simdi ben sana diyorum koca yurekli altin kalpli dayim birgun bizde yaniniza gelecegiz iste o zaman sarilacagiz AMA DAHA ERKEN DAYICIGIM... 😭 SENI COK SEVIYORUM .. KALBIME BIR MUM DA SEN BIRAKTIN .. Babacigima, anneanneme ,dedeme kavustun huzur icinde uyuyun hepimiz..isiklarda kal canim dayim.... I LOVE YOU AYKUT*

OZLEM ONAL (halenur kiz)
Yegen .11.01.2019

Ozlem onal - January 11, 2019 at 08:29 AM

TP

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! Such an amazing and sweet man! Me. Ike always made my day just being around him! 😭*

Tiffany Pierce - January 10, 2019 at 09:46 PM

LA

“ Sorry for your loss. It was truly a pleasure to have met such a beautiful soul. His smile shined through his pain. May his soul rest in eternal peace and his family be comforted by his memory and the termination of his suffering. God bless.

Latoya - January 10, 2019 at 09:28 PM

FC

“ Dear Sweet Friend, Gail and all of Ike's family, sharing in your sadness but blessed in knowing Ike knew his LORD and Savior. Prayers & comfort to you at this time. God Bless, Francine Champagne

Francine Champagne - January 10, 2019 at 07:43 PM

AM

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gail and the family

Anne and Bob McCarley - January 10, 2019 at 09:28 PM

RP

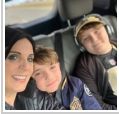
Gail and Family, Ike was one of the most delightful and sweetest persons that I have ever known. He was truly a blessing to all. He will forever be in the hearts of those that knew him. He will always be sadly missed. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Rose and John Piper - January 11, 2019 at 10:13 AM

NC

“ Canım... It's so hard for me to write here but I can just say that you were very special man for me.. I love you so deeply and I'm sure that you're in a very beautiful place and rest in peace.. You always be in my heart and memories..I love you..RIP.

Nesli Cayhan - January 10, 2019 at 05:30 PM



Thank you, Yenge love you!

Ilkin Dunne - January 11, 2019 at 08:11 AM