



## Cetin Soydemir

July 15, 1935 - September 22, 2014

Soydemir, Çetin (“Chet”) age 79, of Nashua, NH, formerly of Tyngsboro, MA died suddenly on September 22, 2014. Born on July 15, 1935 in Izmir, Turkey. Cetin came to the United States, to continue his studies. Cetin was a graduate of Harvard University, Cambridge MA; Princeton University Princeton, NJ and Massachusetts Institute of Technologies (MIT); Cambridge, MA. Cetin loved his work in the field of Geotechnical Engineering. Cetin continued to work daily and was working as a Senior Geotechnical Consultant at Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. Woburn MA; prior to 2009, he was employed at Geotechnical Services, Inc. (GSI) of Goffstown, NH and had a very distinguished twenty four year career as a VP and Senior Geotechnical Consultant at Haley & Aldrich, Inc. of Boston, MA starting in 1977. He also spent time teaching at University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Lowell, MA. He was a true advocate of learning and education.

Cetin was a devoted husband to his late wife Shirley (Franklin) Soydemir and is survived by his son Kemal Soydemir and his wife Lori and their five grandchildren of Indiana. Cetin is survived by his family from Turkey, his sister Bilge Tuksavul and her husband Teoman Tuksavul; brother Tekin Soydemir and his wife Deniz Soydemir; niece Nazan Basmacı and her husband Ahmet Basmacı and their son and daughter Cevik and Nisan; niece Senay Seymen and her husband Ibrahim Seymen and their daughter Simya Seymen; nephew Serdar Soydemir and his wife Mihaela Soydemir. He is also survived by his extended family, friends in the Northern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire area.

He loved animals, reading, and traveling back to his homeland of Turkey. Cetin was an extremely kind man and a true gentleman who received great joy when gathering with his loving family, extended family, friends and colleagues. Cetin will be greatly missed by all. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in his memory to the charity of one's choice.

Visiting Hours will be held on Monday September 29th from 9-11am at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 370 Main St., Nashua. Burial will take place following services at Blue Hill Cemetery, 700 West Street, Braintree, MA.



# Cemetery

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## Blue Hill Cemetery

700 West Street

Braintree, MA,

# Events

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**SEP** **VISITING HOURS** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Nashua, NH  
370 Main Street, Nashua, NH, US, 03060

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - September 30, 2014 at 09:20 AM

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“ I met Cetin in 1963 in Ankara Turkey. He was doing his military service then and teaching Advanced Soil Mechanics as a part time instructor at the time. I was a graduate student and took his course. He was a source of inspiration as well as a model to me throughout my studies. He was a knowledgeable and kind instructor. I am sure that many graduate students of his followed his footsteps out of their admiration of him. I was able to follow his career in Turkey since I also became part of the staff at the Middle East Technical University. He did a superb doctorate at Princeton and returned to the University. He used to invite me to his house for a glass of martini at times when we chatted about a variety of things. He shared a happy life with his wife Shirley and son Kemal.

Besides being a good professor, he was a sensitive man. When he served as the Vice President of the University at some troubling times, I sensed he was not happy with what he was doing.

We corresponded after he left for the USA in 1977. I surmised that he was successful there too.

He is a big loss to Engineers and the scientific world throughout.

I wish him to rest in piece...

Altay Birand - February 18, 2015 at 08:15 AM

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“ Dr. Soydemir was , a gentleman, a teacher, a researcher. a man of honor, a man of dignity, having high human values. He has genuine affection, towards his wife and their son.. He was a distinguished geotechnical engineer both as a professional and as a teacher. He established Geotechnical Division in Civil Engineering Department of Middle East Technical University, Turkey and was the mentor of doctoral candidates, many faculty members and students. He has great respect and love for his profession. He made numerous professional contributions, both as a researcher an as an engineer in the areas of foundation engineering, environmental geotechnics, geotechnical earthquake engineering. Here in Middle East technical University, we will keep his memory alive.  
M. Yener Özkan

M. Yener Özkan - January 05, 2015 at 12:51 PM

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“ Great man. High intellect and very knowledgeable of the world's affairs. He believed and respected the family values. Highly spoke and proud of his sister. He is a great man no doubt in my mind. Too bad our encounter was short. We (Chet, my son and I) devoured a baguette of French bread while shopping at Market Basket. It was a story telling every time we talked about family and kids. He enjoyed watching the New England patriots. R.I.P Chet. I wish, we met a long time ago.  
Sorry Chet my English is fragmented but I hope people got the message.

Joseph - October 01, 2014 at 05:38 PM

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“ It was an honor to work with Chet over almost 20 years. Always kind, always thoughtful.

I will miss our lunches. "Chet, I think it's my turn, you can pay next time" (he would laugh each time)

My sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

Al Salvato - October 01, 2014 at 10:29 AM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Chet was such a nice person. He will be missed at work. My thoughts are with you.

Amy

**Amy R.** - September 29, 2014 at 10:43 AM

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“ We were very saddened to hear of Mr. Soydemir's passing. He has been a loyal patient of Dr. Steadman's since 1995. We looked forward to seeing him every year for his eye exam; he was such a nice gentlemen. We send our condolences. He will be missed.

Sincerely,  
Mark C. Steadman, OD and staff

**Mark C. Steadman. O.D.** - September 29, 2014 at 09:26 AM

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“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. The death of a loved one is one of the most devastating experiences a human can face. At times, the loss can seem unbearable. The Bible promises; "God is near to the brokenhearted." It also says: "Throw your burden on God and he will sustain you." (Psalms 34;18 and 55:22) I hope this message will help you cope with the loss of your loved one.

**Ashley T** - September 26, 2014 at 07:55 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Chet was a gentlemen & I will cherish some wonderful memories of the time together in NH and walking Tasha.. My thoughts and prayers are with his family in your time of loss .. my reading for him- "I have a new understanding, I understand life so much better now that I'm not physically alive, of course, my soul like everyone else's -is very much alive. Nothing can harm our souls, because they are God's Handiwork...."

**Victoria C** - September 27, 2014 at 11:35 AM