



## *Anis Haddad*

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***“Those who die go no further from us than God... and God is very near”***

*Anis Haddad grew up in Lebanon as one of eight children and married his sweetheart Odette and together raised four children. He was the first to migrate to Australia from both sides of our families. He worked extremely hard to bring out to Australia mum's parents, brothers, sisters and relatives as well as his own. This was all made possible by the kindness and generosity of this wonderful man, our dad, who had a big, generous heart.*

*Dad was a very happy and cheerful man who enjoyed and loved life to the fullest. He made you laugh not because of his jokes, but his nature, he just had something about him.*

*Time was all he wanted from his family. He loved his family. If he knew you were coming over he would wait outside at the front gates so as to not waste any precious time in seeing you. He had so much love to give.*

*Dad was diagnosed with Bowel Cancer three days before Christmas. It was heartbreaking when we were told the news that nothing could be done for him. They told us he had days, maybe weeks to live.*

*When dad finally knew the extent of his illness we were all truly inspired by his strength and courage, never did he complain. He wouldn't even accept any pain relief. He was just so happy that we were all around him. He would always just say "Thank You God". He truly was an inspiration to all of us.*

*Seeing him deteriorate so quickly from a man that was supposedly healthy and strong and not have even taken half a panadol in his life, didn't smoke or drink, never been to hospital or had any operations, not even anaesthetic during his dental work, enjoyed long walks a picture of health, so we thought... 'It was extremely hard to comprehend'.*

*Dad passed away quietly five weeks later still maintaining the words 'Thank You God .' Yes we Thank You God for the precious gift you gave us....Our DAD!!!!*

*We pray to our loving God that he will raise our beloved dad to eternal life with him and we will all reunite with him one day as I'm sure dad will be waiting for us at the gates of heaven so as not to waste any precious time.....*

*He will live in our hearts forever. We love and dearly miss you. Your smile, laughter and beautiful memories will be with us always, from your loving wife Odette, children Simon, Gladys, late John, Bernadette, Daughter-in-law Andrea, Son-in-laws Neville, Pierre, grand children Carla, Sabrina, Lucinda, Luke, Lauren and Aidan.*