

## Obituary

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# In dedication to Mustafa Fevzi Sargon (1965–2022)

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## Through the Memories of his Friend by Prof. Deniz Demiryürek

Writing about a close friend after his death is the first time for me. I realised it is so hard.

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fevzi Sargon, among us, Sargon was a very special mentor, teacher, role model and a real friend. I met him at December 1995, at the New Year reception of Anatomy Department; Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine. Those days he was doing his military service and was wearing his army costume when I met him.

Although I knew him from the years we studied at Ankara University Faculty of Medicine, we could not have the chance to meet.

After I started my PhD of Anatomy, he was one my mentors and we studied together with great productivity. My first international publication was done with his great supports. Not only being a great anatomist, Sargon was a real friend. He was always together with me during my whole academic life till his retirement. His sudden decision about retiring was a great shock for me. What would I do after him? It was so hard to adapt the position but I could manage.

We were in close touch with him in his new academic life, first at Atılım University and after Lokman Hekim University. We were gathering for academic studies, social events. But one day, the saddest news from him, the second shock for me about him happened. He left us suddenly.

It is not easy to bare his non-presence. When you lost your real friend, academic role model, it is not easy. I am missing him so much and will always remember him (**Figure 1**).



Figure 1. Mustafa Fevzi Sargon (1965–2022).

## Through the Eyes of his Family by Mert Sargon; Son of Prof. Mustafa Sargon

If I have to introduce you Mustafa Sargon with a few words, ever since I could remember, besides being a thoughtful, responsible and devoted family man who had always been supporting us; he was an ethical scientist with full of passion for studying, learning, teaching and research.

The world of Medicine was an inseparable part of him. As he had taken his first step into this world as an anatomist in Hacettepe University, he regarded Hacettepe as his home and was holding the university in very high esteem.

That world which we can call as “a second home” was not only a home for him individually, but also a home for all of us, as his nuclear family.

His enthusiasm to the science, his colleagues and his students, and his dedication to his profession made our family an integral part of his career, our daily subjects generally based on them. Hence, we were accompanying him in his profession which he has devoted his life.

After his passing, we realized that there was not a “second home” in his “world”. In the world of Mustafa Sargon, there was one and only one world. Hacettepe (& world of medicine) and we were a single family that settled in the same heart, same world. His colleagues, friends and students – whom we have known since early years – are always with us. We feel him mostly in the laboratories and classrooms where he devoted his life mostly. After his retirement, he continued his career in different universities with the same passion. Nevertheless, Hacettepe is enshrined in our (and his) heart as the place he started his career and also the place where his children grew up.

As an exemplary professor who had touched countless students’ life, conducted research and published many articles, he was also regarding his family as his students, teaching us many subjects and sharing issues about his profession. We would often find ourselves reading the books he had written and examining his anatomy models, try to understand him from his eyes. When we regard him as an academician, we were realizing many new things about him and his character which we had not noticed before by only regarding him as a father. Hence, in order to understand and feel him correctly, it is not enough for us to regard him only as a father.

Besides being a great father, due to his influence on his environment and contributions to Anatomy, we feel lucky, proud of being his family and being educated by him. After we lost him, we felt the support and sincerity of all his colleagues and students in such a way that, his efforts to his profession were not in vain. We will stay together, always remember you with respect and proud of you.

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