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## INTRODUCTION

### OBITUARY NEWS FROM LAHORE

#### **Announcement by Lahore Ahmadees Moderator**

Dear Members,  
*Assalaam-o-Alaikum Wa Rakhmatullahi Wa Barakaato Hoo.*

We have just received the very sad news from brother A S Abdul Santoe that Shahied Pierkhan brother of late Rashied Pierkhan of our Surinam *Jama'at* has passed away.

*Allazeena iza asabat hum museebatun qaloo Inna Lillahi wa inna elaihi raaji oon.*

Who, when a misfortune befalls them say: "Surely we are Allah's and to Him we shall return" (*Al Baqarah*, 2:156).

Hazrat Ameer and all members of the Central Anjuman are greatly grieved and pray to Allah Ta'ala to grant him a high place in *Jannat ul Firdaus*. May He also grant patience and fortitude to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

*Janaaza ghaaibana* for the departed soul will be offered in Jaamiah Darus Salaam on Friday next. Please arrange *janaaza ghaaibana* in your respective mosques/centres as well.

Seeker of your prayers,

Lahore Ahmadees Moderator  
Mohammad Saeed

#### **Hazrat Ameer on passing away of Shaheed Pierkhan, Suriname**

Dear Faried Pierkhan Saheb and Sister Hila,  
*As-salamu alaikum wa-rahmat-Ullah wa-barakato.*

I was very sorry to hear the sad news of demise of our brother Shaheed Pierkhan through an email I have just received from Santoe saheb. I pray to Allah that he gives you and the family patience to bear this great loss. I pray that Allah grants our late brother a high abode and forgiveness in the life he has entered. Please convey my respects and Salaam and message of condolence to his immediate family. I will Inshallah be arranging a Namaz e Ghaibana for him after the Friday prayer in our center.

I hope to be able to pray in person when I come to the region later in the year.

Please remember me in your prayers.

Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha

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## **OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM**

### **Tribute from Jameela Khan, President, UK *Jama'at***

“O soul that art at rest, Return unto thy Lord, Well-pleased and pleasing Him, So enter among My servants, And enter thou My Garden” (89:27–30).

Mrs Sheila Ali – wife of Walter Aziz Ali, Abdul Majeed Ali’s nephew, and mother of Fareida Ibrahim, died peacefully on Friday Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, the day of her 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. She was buried on Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 days before her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Approx 200 people attended on a bitterly cold, but sunny day — testament to the love and admiration they had for her. Her husband, children, and grandchildren were touched that people travelled from north and south of England, Europe, and the U.S.A.—a fitting send-off for such a warm and caring person.

The U.K. *Jamaat* held a Memorial Service for her on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Again, there was a large crowd. Eulogies came from Mrs Faukia Aziz, Dr. Mujahid Saeed, Mr Shahid Aziz, Dr. Zahid Aziz and Mrs. J Khan. Fareida and her niece replied.

Mr Abdul Majeed Ali founded the Ahmadiyya Anjuman in Guyana. When he came to London, he joined with Moulana Tufail and others to reignite the *Jamaat* after Woking was lost. He got all his nephews and their families to attend and support the Anjuman. Sheila was one of the founder ladies who joined in 1974. Mr Shahid Aziz, who was there at the inception, endorsed the depth of her loyalty to the *Jamaat*.

From the beginning, she took her job as social and welfare officer seriously. She made sure that members were comfortable, and greeted every new person, making them feel welcome and be a part of the *Jamaat*.

The *Jamaat* looked after 150 refugees from Bosnia for about 7 years, spiritually and financially. Sheila was always around, visiting their homes, listening to their stories, and taking whatever aid they required; they were heartbroken to hear of her demise.

Sheila very successfully got all her children and grandchildren to attend and take part in *Jamaat* activities. Dr and Mrs Zahid Aziz ran the ‘Young Peoples Conferences’. She would surprise them by doing the catering when they took the children on educational visits.

Outside the Mosque there are long lists of individuals and families who benefitted from her pleasant smiling ways, soft words of advice, and financial assistance.

It is with great sadness that we close this chapter of her life, and pray sincerely that she has arrived at the place in Heaven which was reserved for her.

*Ameen.*



Sheila Ali



L – R: Sheila Ali, Habiba Anwar, Jameela Khan & Marie Shaw



Sheila Ali & Habiba Anwar



## Editor's note

*Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilehi Rajeeon.*

May Allah (*swt*) with His cherished mercy and graceful blessings grant the dearly departed soul of Sister Sheila Ali a resting abode in high places of *Jannate-Firdouse* and grant the surviving members of her family patience, strength and fortitude to bear the burden of this irreparable personal loss. Aameen.

Members of our worldwide *Jama'ats* are asked to conduct *salat-e-janaza ghaibana* in their respective *jama'ats*.

*Allah Hafiz.*

Br. Akbar Abdullah  
Humble seeker of your prayers

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