

Ambassador Joseph Shadid passed away February 6, 2015 peacefully in Beirut at age 102. Ambassador Joseph Shadid was the beloved husband of Salma Hourani Shadid, may God rest her soul in peace. He is the Loving father of Leila Masrouah (Zikar), Rima, Mona Zakhour (Dr. Issam) and Nadia Hasrouni (Antoine). Brother of the Late Dr. Emile Shadid, the Late Dr. Ferris Shadid and the Late May Shadid Salameh. He had a life full of achievements, respect and love of his family, Jdeidet, and the larger Lebanese and international community. His Bio is best presented in an article in Lebanon Wire:

"Ambassador Shadid was born 1913 in Jdeidet, Merjayoun. He studied at the American University of Beirut (B.A. Political Science/History, 1939). He is married to Salma Iskandar Hourani and they have four daughters, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

After finishing his studies, Joseph taught in Baghdad and Bir Zeit, Palestine. In 1944 he was appointed first secretary to the first Lebanese Embassy in London headed by Camille Chamoun. His postings then took him to Liberia, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa where he was in charge of the Lebanese missions.

In 1966 he was appointed Ambassador to Turkey and in 1970 Ambassador to Austria. After retirement, he returned to Beirut where he served as advisor to the Institute of Palestine Studies. In 2001 he completed his autobiography *Between Politics and Diplomacy* (in Arabic) published by Dar Al Nahar. The book traces his childhood in Jdeidet Merjayoun, university years, and his later working life as a Lebanese diplomat in various capitals. He was honored at a signing ceremony for the occasion at the Lebanese Press Syndicate.

In March 2004 the Merjayoun Club also honored him and presented him with a plaque.

Place and Date of Birth: Born in Jdeidet Marjeyoun, Lebanon, August 26, 1913.

Family: Son of Dr. Najib Shadid, and Adiba Rahhal, sister of Dr. Adib Asaad Rahhal. Brother of Dr. Ferris Shadid, Dr. Emile Shadid, and May Shadid Salameh, mother of Dr. Moueen Salameh.

Marital Status: Married in 1946 to Salma Hourani, Daughter of Dr. Alexander Hourani, with 4 children, Leila, Rima, Mona, and Nadia.

Education: M.A. in Political Science from the American University of Beirut.

#### Career

- First Secretary, Lebanese Embassy, London (1944-1950);
- Head of Arab Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Beirut (1951-1952);
- Charge d'Affaires AD-Hoc, Lebanese Embassy in Liberia (1953-1955);
- Head of African Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Beirut (1955-1956);
- Consul General for Lebanon in Sydney, Australia, and in New Zealand (1956-1959);
- Consul General for Lebanon in Johannesburg, South Africa (1959-1962);
- Head of U.N.O. department in Beirut (1962-1964); Head of Economic Department in Beirut (1964-1966);
- Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary for Lebanon in Ankara, Turkey (1966-1971);
- Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary for Lebanon to Vienna, Austria (1971-1979);
- Counselor for the Institute of Palestine Studies in Beirut (1979-1985).
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Institute (Al-MUNTADA AL QAWMI).

Decorations: Commander of the Star of Africa, Liberia, Holder of "Le grand insigne d'honneur avec Cordon" Austria.

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