

**MOHAMMAD SADEGH KAZEMI, FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF IRAN, chairman of Mihan Publishing Inc., president of the Persian Traditional Art and Cultural Foundation, and editor of Rasaneh.**

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Mohammad Sadegh Kazemi, a former deputy prime minister of Iran After studying literature and philosophy in Iran and management studies in England, Kazemi was a founding executive member of Iran Air, the Iranian national airline, and later was elected to the Iranian parliament. In 1976, he became deputy prime minister of Iran in Jamshid Amouzegar's anti-corruption cabinet.

Forced to flee after the 1979 revolution, he and his wife Mihan and son Reza emigrated to Canada, settling in Toronto. There, he became chairman of Mihan Publishing Inc., president of the Persian Traditional Art and Cultural Foundation, and editor of Rasaneh, a newsmagazine. In 1984, he organized an international congress at the Toronto Convention Centre honouring the 800th anniversary of the birth of Sa'di, the Iranian poet. More than 500 people attended. In 1986, he authored a book, *Iranians in Ontario, A New Community in a Land of Opportunity*.

In 2004, diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, he moved to Dunnville, Ont., with his family. Although he was not a practising Muslim, he had a strong sense of God and lived his life through his spiritual being. His most memorable advice was "to measure your wealth by the number of people you touch."

Mr. Kazemi died in Dunnville, Ont. On June 2, 2010 and he left his wife and son and daughter-in-law, Barb, three grandchildren, Yasmin, Mina and Cyrus, and two brothers.