

The Warrior

Major General Doctor : Abdel Kader Othman Hassan, FRCS (1928 – 2004)



Greatness in cardiac surgery is less a function of technical bravado than it is humility in approaching the patient and the disease

Doctor Abd El Kader Othman Hassan; was Previous head of the Cardio – Thoracic surgical department at Maadi Armed Forces Hospital (1973 – 1981) Former Consultant and Professor of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery Military Medical Academy and senior surgical consultant to the Egyptian Army and Egyptian President; but Despite this surrounding he remained very humble and devoted most of his time to service ordinary, poor and needy patients whether military or civilian without looking to any financial reward or benefit to gain during this distinguished career .

Dr. Abdel Kader was an example to follow in every aspect. He shared in all the wars the Egyptian Army fought starting from 1956 when he was captured for 8 months in Ghaza while serving at Al Zohoor Hospital.

After which he was honored with:

- The first Note of military service.
- Medal of good example.
- Certificate & Medal of distinction from the Egyptian medical syndicate
- 1973 October war Medal.
- Yemen War Medal.

This In addition to several Medical Certificates of distinction granted from the Egyptian Medical Syndicate and Egyptian Society of Cardio – thoracic surgery (2003).

Many were the Colleagues , Nurses , Ancillary Staff and patients whose lives have been enriched by the help and friendship of Dr. Othman who kept as well very loyal to his previous Professors and attached to his students.

During his service he treated many of famous personnel like President Anwar El Sadat (1981) former Emperor Reza Bahlawi of Iran(during his stay in Egypt) .

Dr Abdel Kader was one of the pioneers who drove the open heart surgery forwards in Egypt .After retirement from the military service 1981 he continued to serve at National Health Insurance Hospitals and before complete retirement from Medical practice, he donated for free his personal surgical instruments to one of the Egyptian Hospital .

Mr Abdel Kadr had a distinguished Post Graduate Cardio-Thoracic training at Hare-Field Hospital during his stay in England 1963 – 1964 . During that period he succeeded as well to pass the Fellowship Examination At the Royal College of surgeons of Edinburgh 1963.

By the end of his training at Hare-Field He has been offered a permanent Cardio-Thoracic surgery job and this was an exceptional offer which he declined preferring to return back to Egypt transferring the experience he acquired overseas to his country serving his people; which he did until he died

what a Great Man !!

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