



Mr. Merid Bekele

March 5, 1948 - November 11, 2025

Mr. Merid Bekele, 77, passed on Wednesday, November 11, 2025.

Celebration of Life will be held

on Saturday, November 15, 2025 12:00pm at Kidist Mariam Ethiopian Orthodox Cathedral (St. Mary)

1152 S. Stone Mountain Lithonia, Rd. Lithonia, GA 30058.

Interment, Floral Hills Memorial Gardens, 3150 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, GA.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 14, 2025 from 8:30pm to 9:30pm at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes-Scottdale Chapel 351 N. Clarendon Ave. Scottdale, GA 30079.

Please express your condolences on our website. www.levettfuneralhome.com

Professional Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Scottdale Chapel 351 N. Clarendon Ave. Scottdale, GA 30079.
404-294-5500

Cemetery Details

Floral Hills Memorial Gardens

3000 Lawrenceville Hwy,
Tucker, GA 30084

Tribute Wall

“ *In Memory of Merid Bekele*

It is with deep sadness that I learned of the passing of my dear friend and colleague, Merid Bekele, a distinguished journalist and public servant. The news, shared on Facebook by his son-in-law, reminded me of the remarkable journey of a man whose life was dedicated to truth, professionalism, and service.

I first met Merid at the Ethiopian Herald, where I served as Editor of the English Daily and he was Deputy Editor-in-Chief. From the very beginning, I found him to be a gentleman of elegance and warmth, always impeccably dressed, his signature pocket square adding a touch of personal flair. Beyond his outward style, Merid was a man of substance: knowledgeable, approachable, and respected by colleagues for his integrity and insight.

His career advanced with distinction. He later became Editor-in-Chief of Addis Zemen, the Amharic Daily, and subsequently rose to the position of Vice Minister of Information. His diligence, broad professional knowledge, and world outlook earned him this recognition. During my tenure as Head of Planning, Research, and Training Services at the Ministry of Information, our weekly meetings brought us together often. In those moments, I came to know him not only as a colleague but as a trusted friend, someone with whom understanding came naturally.

Merid also introduced me to his beloved wife, Ephrath, whose kindness reflected the strength of their partnership. Later, I met Merid and his wife again in the United States during a SEEDS Appreciation Dinner held in honor of his late brother, Solomon Bekele. That gathering was a reminder of the deep bonds of family and friendship that carried across continents. His family ties were equally meaningful to me, as I had known his brother Gashe Seyoum Bekele, my neighbor in Addis, and shared connections with his wider circle.

Though distance kept us apart, Merid in Atlanta and I in Washington, D.C., our friendship endured through calls and shared memories. Merid Bekele's life was marked by professionalism, elegance, and humanity. His contributions to Ethiopian journalism and public service remain a lasting legacy. May God bless his soul, and may his beloved wife Ephrath and family find comfort in the memory of his remarkable life. 💔🙏🕊️

Alemu Hailu, old friend and colleague.

Alemu Hailu - November 15, 2025 at 12:40 AM

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“ Hayat Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Merid Bekele.

Hayat Y. - November 14, 2025 at 02:54 PM

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“ Sophia Caloiero purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mr. Merid Bekele.



Sophia Caloiero - November 14, 2025 at 11:11 AM

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