

# Biography

## Mohammed Sid Tarrabain and Inaam Rahime



Mohammed Sid Tarrabain known as “Jim” was born on August 16, 1928 to Sid Mohammed and Amane Tarrabain of Lala, Lebanon. His father Sid immigrated to Canada in 1927, before Jim was born. He had one sister. Their mother passed away when he was an infant and he was raised by his grandmothers and uncle. Sid, a successful merchant in Edmonton was one of the pioneers who helped shape the Lebanese and Muslim community in Edmonton. Jim joined his father in August of 1950, no doubt his journey here was remarkable given he was the first person from Lala to travel by air as opposed to sea.

Upon his arrival, he went to work in his father’s business in the dry goods store on Jasper Avenue. After two months of working with his father, and despite the urging to go the school, he chose to join his childhood friend, Ameen Abougoush, who lived in Lac La Biche, and to try his hand at the fur business. His father, unable to convince this independent, determined young man otherwise assisted him and on a cold November day, Jim travelled to Lac La Biche

and started in the mink fur business that year.

Behind every successful man there is a successful woman. In 1953, a beautiful ,young lady, Inaam Rahime, immigrated to Canada to visit her sister Ramzie Tarrabain in Edmonton. Inaam came from a well known and respected family from Saadnaya, Lebanon; her journey was by sea. During her journey she made an oath that if she ever had children they would all get an education. She arrived in Edmonton with the intention of returning after a few months of visiting with her sister; however, the handsome Jim swept her off her feet. They were married in Edmonton on April 10 1954.

They began their married life in Lac La Biche. For the next 27 years, the mink business flourished as Jim bred his stock and refined his Canada Majestic Mink. Jim was well respected in the fur business and had an eye for detail. This was illustrated as his fur farm produced high quality mink, which earn him many awards and trophies from the Northern Alberta Live Mink Show, Hudson Bay Co, New York Show Champion, Seattle Fur Exchange, Fur Farmers Association, Western Canadian Raw Fur Auction and others. His mink were sought after by many ranchers including Russian mink ranchers and Alberta ranchers who wanted to buy breeding stock from him. Jim and Inaam were dedicated to the fur business and loved doing it.

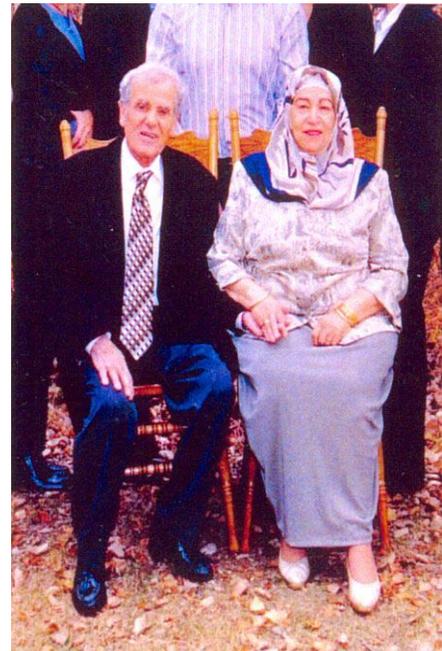
In addition to the fur business, in 1974, Jim bought a service station in town. The business changed and expanded over the years: automotive dealer, R.V. Yamaha dealership, Lakeland Sales and Service Ltd, Carwash, Jim’s Carwash, Gas Stations (Gulf/ Petro Canada/Shell, and in 1981 he acquired the Chrysler Dodge Flag for the area -Tarrabain Chrysler which included two dealerships in LLB and in Athabasca.

From the beginning of their arrival to Lac La Biche Jim and Inaam have been an integral part of their community. They raised one son and nine daughters( Fatima, Seham, Sid, Tamam,

Mysoon, Soad, Amane, Hyatt, Heyam, Senia and 17 grand children. The promise made on that lonely ship was kept as all of their children are educated.

Jim's success in business was met with the same work ethic to help serve his community. He served as the show superintendent for the Northern Alberta Mink Rancher's Association, was appointed twice as the president of Lac La Biche Muslim Association, a member of the chamber of Commerce, Pow Wow Association, member of The Alberta Dealer Association, Canadian Dealer Association, Chrysler Dealer of Canada dealer advisory, contributor to the 4H Clubs and has supported many initiatives in the community of LLB which he loves.

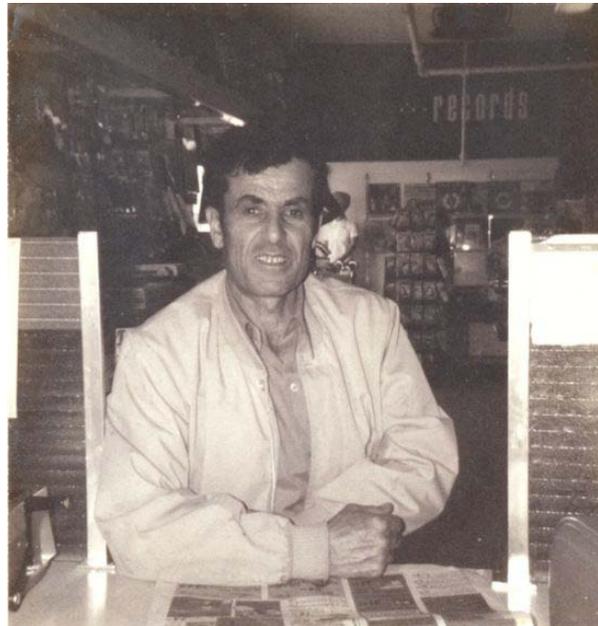
Jim and Inaam take pride in being citizens of LLB for the last 5 decades as they built a life, raised a family and did what they could to help shape and build the community they are happy to call home. They both have strong values which include the importance of family, hard work, honesty, respect and integrity and have always believed in the basic economics of putting back into their community.

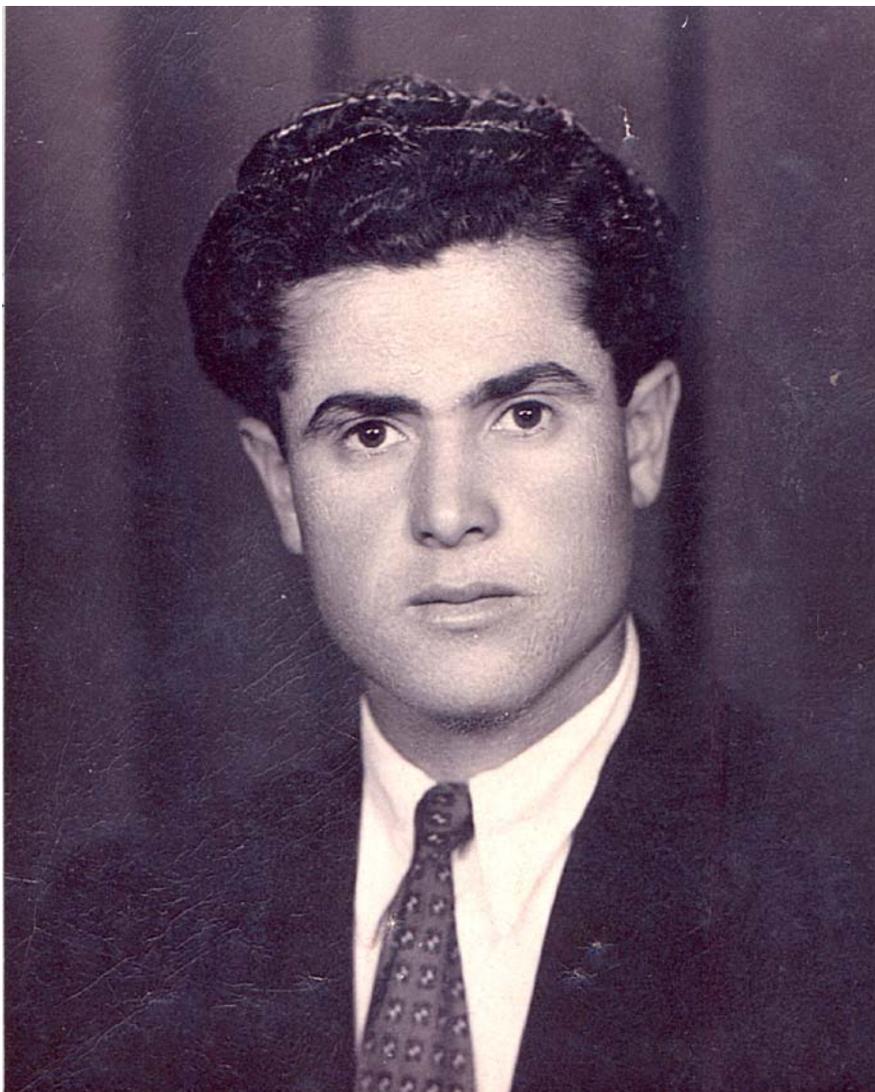


Jim and Inaam with Mink Pelts



Jim at Lakeland Sales and Services





Jim Tarrabain as a  
Young Man