

A few days before his death Harry *Arick*

said:

"My dear friends, I must tell you something important. Man has no choice as to when and where he is born, but he has some choice as to when and how he dies. Although I do appreciate the good intentions you all have for me, a man understands when his time has come and nothing in this world can change this fact of life. I wish I could stay, but I accept this fact of life as truth, and have no regrets. I had a beautiful life and I am not afraid. Man is not important. Humanity is what counts, to which I feel I have given my contribution. Humanity shall continue without me, but I am not going away...I am not leaving you. Every time you see some treetops moving in the wind, you will think of me, or if you see some beautiful flower...you will think of me. I have never been a very religious man, not in the formal way, but each time I took a walk in the woods - I felt the presence of a superior force around me.

...I thank you all for your good intentions.

(as noted down by Dr. Franco Toso and sent
to Mrs. Bertoia)

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