



"My formula for greatness in a human being is amor fati:
that one wants nothing to be different, not forward, not backward,
not in all eternity. Not merely bear what is necessary, still less conceal it...
but love it."

Friedrich Nietzsche

It is with great sadness and also
immense pride and gratitude for his life and his courage,
that we would like to let you know that we walked our beloved husband
and father home on his final journey.

In loving memory of

Freddy Henri Saelens

Born on 8 October 1944, in Leuven, Belgium and passed away on
27 May 2024 in the Sint Jozef Hospital in Mortsel, Belgium.

"And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring,
when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet,
from every state and every city,
we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children,
Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and
Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old
Negro spiritual:

Free at last. Free at last.

Thank God almighty, we are free at last."

Martin Luther King, "I have a dream", 1963

Are saddened by his departure:

Mitsuko Saelens - Kodama
Naomi Saelens

his wife and daughter,

Willy & Kristine Saelens - Rommelaere.
Liesbeth & Daniele Saelens - Noris and daughters
Wim & Katrien Saelens - Boon and children.

his brother, sister-in-law, nieces and nephews

Ann & Stephan Steins - Vanparijs and daughter

The Kodama family in Japan.

With special gratitude to our home doctor, the many doctors and nurses of the Sint
Augustinus, Sint Vincentius and Sint Jozef hospitals as well as the carers of Thuiszorg and
Nachtzorg.

We will be saying our final farewell to Freddy in an intimate circle in the immediate future. In
a few months, after we have had some rest, we will be organising a celebration of his life and
we look forward to inviting you to join us at that time.

Words of comfort:
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