

OBITUARY



SAIDA QAISER
(1945-1992)

Mrs. Saida Qaiser died on 12.1.1992 at Liaquat National Hospital, Karachi, after a long illness due to liver cancer. She was 47. May God Almighty shower His blessings upon the departed soul and that her soul may rest in peace in heaven. Amen.

Mrs. Saida Qaiser, daughter of Mr. Abdul Malik Qureshi, was born in Karachi on 23.10.1945. Mrs. Qaiser obtained her B.Sc. (Hons) degree in 1965 and the M.Sc. degree in Botany in 1966. Her main interest has been with the plant taxonomy and systematics. She joined the University of Karachi as Curator of the herbarium in 1967 and served the Botany Department until 4.11.1991 when due to her illness she took an early retirement. Her contribution in the development and maintenance of the Karachi University Herbarium will long be remembered.

Mrs. Qaiser has made extensive collections of plant specimens from different floristic regions of Pakistan. She also visited the herbarium of the University of Al-Fateh, Tripoli, Libya and Botanischer Garten und Museum, Berlin. Mrs. Saida Qaiser carried out taxonomic studies of the genera *Albizia* and *Cassia* from Pakistan. She also worked on the revision of families Salvadoraceae, Myrsinaceae and Lecythidaceae from Pakistan which has been published in the Flora of Pakistan. A manuscript of cultivated plants of Pakistan is ready for publication.

Mrs. Saida Qaiser, was a very generous and kind person. Mrs. Saida Qaiser was married to Prof. Dr. M. Qaiser in 1972 with whom she had three sons (Ahmed, Umair and Samir). Apart from the members of the family, Mrs. Qaiser would be remembered by her friends, colleagues and students.

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