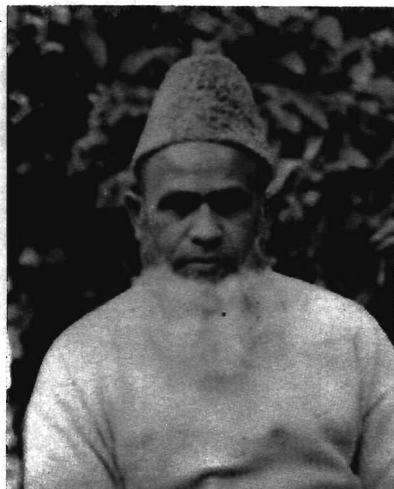


## OBITUARY



**PROF. HAFIZ MOHAMMAD ILYAS HAFIZ**  
(1937-1995)

Professor Hafiz M. Ilyas Hafiz S/O Mohammad Fazle Haq died of heart attack on December 28, 1995 at Lahore. *Verily we are for God and returning unto Him.*

Prof. Hafiz was born on April 14, 1937 at Lahore. When he was only 9 years old he joined "Madrassa Zia-ul-Uloom, Faiz Bagh", at Lahore where he learned the Holy Quran by heart at the age of 11 years. He passed the Matriculation examination from Islamia High School, Sheranwala Gate, Lahore in 1955 and Intermediate in 1957. He obtained the B.Sc. degree (1959) and M. Sc. degree (1962) from the University of Punjab. The University awarded him the Gold Medal for securing first position in the M.Sc. examination. He also obtained M.S. degree in Genetics and Plant Breeding from the University of Wales, U.K. and a diploma in German Language from Germany. During his stay in Germany he was elected as President of Islamic Society for 1973-74 session.

Prof. Hafiz M. Ilyas joined the Department of Botany, University of the Punjab, Lahore and served as a Lecturer (1962-1969), Assistant Professor (1970-1981), Associate Professor (1982-1991) and as Professor of Botany (1992-1995) where he has been involved in teaching Phycology, Genetics, Cytology, Plant Breeding & Biometry. Prof. Hafiz will be remembered as one of the best teachers at the University. During his 33 years at Punjab University a long succession of students, both graduates and postgraduates, gained inspiration and understanding from his communication.

Prof. Hafiz published over 65 scientific papers. He was co-author of *Hafsa Kashi-da Kari* with his daughter Miss Hafsa Bano. He also wrote two volumes of *Fizrik Series of Some Solved Problems of Genetics*.

Prof. Hafiz started recitation of the Holy Quran during the holy month of Ramzan in Travih prayer when he was only 15 years old and continued to do so for more than

40 years. He had a God-gifted ability for recitation of Quran in a beautiful accent. A very remarkable feature of his personality was his simplicity. He always wore Pakistani dress, Shalwar-Qamis and Jinnah cap. He was gifted with pleasant sense of humour and his jokes were very simple.

Prof. Hafiz was a member of Scottish Society for Research in Plant Breeding, U.K., Pakistan Botanical Society; Association for the Advancement of Science; Scientific Society of Pakistan; Biological Society of Pakistan; Club of Agriculturists, Plant Breeders and Botanists. He also served as Editor of Pakphyton.

Prof. Hafiz has left behind 5 sons and 3 daughters and a host of his friend, colleagues and students to mourn the loss. He was buried in the Graveyard near Botanical Garden. Quad-e-Azam Campus, Punjab University, Lahore. May Almighty Allah shower his choicest blessings upon the departed soul and may his soul rest in heaven, Amen.

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