

Salman Shinwari

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Obituary for Salman Shinwari
Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi
raji'un Surely we belong to
Allah, and to Him we shall
return.

Salman Shinwari, age 17, of
Manhattan, Kansas, passed
away on May 21, 2025,
surrounded by loved ones
after a tragic car accident. Born in Kunar Province,
Afghanistan, Salman moved to the United States with his
family in 2017 and proudly became a U.S. citizen in June
2023.

A sophomore at Manhattan High School, Salman was a
bright student, a devoted son and brother, and a talented
athlete. He played football, cricket, and in each with quiet
determination and a spirit of teamwork that made him
beloved by his teammates and coaches.

Salman was wise beyond his years. He provided strength
and support to his family, mentored younger students, and
offered kindness and comfort to many adults in the
community. With a sharp entrepreneurial mind, Salman
often spoke of his dream to open an Afghan-owned
business one that would reflect his roots and serve his new
home in Kansas. He was already preparing for that future,
driven by hope and vision.

He bridged cultures with grace and dignity, honoring his
Afghan identity while embracing the values and
opportunities of American life. He was known for his gentle
smile, generous heart, and unwavering loyalty to those he
loved.

Salman is survived by his loving parents, Matiullah and
Zainab Shinwari; his sisters, Fawzia and Amina; and his
brothers, Rehan, Zaid, and Hussam. He is deeply mourned
by his extended family, friends, classmates, teachers,
coaches, and the entire Manhattan and Afghan communities.
A memorial ceremony will be held at the Islamic Center of
Manhattan, and burial will take place at the Mid-America
Muslim Cemetery in Kansas City. Further details will be
shared by the family.

In honor of Salman's memory, may we live with the
compassion, strength, and dreams that defined his life.
Though his time was brief, his legacy is lasting and his
light will continue to shine in all those who knew and loved
him.

