



Nabil Hanna

September 12, 1934 - December 1, 2025

"Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return." - Bahá'u'lláh

Nabil Hanna, 91, of Stevensville, Maryland, passed away at his home in Stevensville, Maryland on December 1, 2025. A lifelong servant of humanity and devoted member of the Bahá'í Faith, Nabil's journey spanned continents and touched countless lives through his unwavering commitment to education, cultural understanding, and the promotion of unity among all peoples.

Born on September 12, 1934, in Suez, Egypt, to Olga Dimitri and Iskandar Hanna, Nabil was raised in a loving family of nine children. His early passion for music led him to become an accomplished pianist and pursue advanced studies in the field. After receiving his master's degree in music, Nabil emigrated to the United States, where he earned a PhD in Ethnomusicology from UCLA.

Nabil's dedication to education began as a professor at Colorado Women's College, but his commitment to service soon led him and his family to Haiti, where they devoted themselves to the work of the Bahá'í Faith. During this period, he served on the National Spiritual Assembly and played an instrumental role in establishing the Anis Zunuzi School in rural Haiti, bringing educational opportunities to an underserved community.

His path of service continued at the Louis Gregory Institute in South Carolina, where he served as director before joining the U.S. Foreign Service. Nabil's diplomatic career took him to numerous countries around the world. Following retirement from federal service, Nabil and his wife served for several years at

the Bahá'í World Centre in Israel.

A scholar of comparative religion, Nabil was deeply knowledgeable about both the Bible and the Quran. His intellectual pursuits culminated in the authorship of two books exploring the prophecies within these sacred texts and their fulfillment through the Bahá'í Faith. Throughout his life, Nabil remained steadfast in his priority of serving the Bahá'í Faith and promoting the unity of mankind.

Nabil is survived by his wife, Dora Jean, his children Kalim, Roya, and Saoussan, his granddaughters Lydia and Amelia, and his brother Labib. He was preceded in death by his daughter Juli.

Following interment, friends are invited to our home in Stevensville for prayers and fellowship. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Mona Foundation, <https://www.monafoundation.org/> or the charity of your choice.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Hanna family,
Knowing our beloved Nabil's brilliant lifelong service to our beloved Faith and his dedication and love to all humans that crossed his path, I have no doubt that he is and will soar in the spiritual realm for eternity.
He will be sorely missed.
Mahin

Mahin Yazdani - December 04, 2025 at 06:44 PM

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Dear Hanna Family,
I regret that due to the inclement weather I was not able to participate in the event today. But my thoughts and prayers were with you all day
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Mahin Yazdani - December 05, 2025 at 02:34 PM

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“ Dear Hanna Family,

It is with deep sadness that I learned of the passing of Nabil Hanna to the Abha Kingdom. May God bless his radiant soul and may it continue to progress toward the Divine Presence. 🙏

With love,
Férial Ayad, Aladine Hanna's aunt

Férial Ayad - December 04, 2025 at 11:17 AM