



Essam Azmi Mikhail

August 16, 1959 - March 30, 2026

Essam Azmi Mikhail passed away peacefully in Westerville, Ohio, on March 30, 2026. He was born on August 16, 1959, to Azmi and Insaf Mikhail, in Columbus, Ohio.

He is preceded in death by his beloved mother, Insaf Mikhail.

He is survived by his father, Azmi Mikhail; brothers, Emad (Michelle), Attef (Linda), Adel (Kelly), and Awni (Jean); along with many other family members and friends.

Essam graduated from Athens High School in 1977 and went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Ohio University in 1981.

He was self-employed and passionate about social justice. Essam will be remembered for his loyalty and his affection for his family. His memory and values will live on through those he loved. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

A service will be held Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 10:00am at St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church with burial to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, 5600 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43213.

Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the Mikhail family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn

5600 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43213

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church
200 Old Village Road
Columbus, OH 43228

Graveside Service

APR 2. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Forest Lawn
5600 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43213

Tribute Wall

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“ *Tad Cuckler lit a candle in memory of Essam Azmi Mikhail*



Tad Cuckler - April 27 at 09:39 AM

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“ *I recently learned of Essam's passing and was very saddened. My first interactions with Essam involved the Ohio University international street fairs and the Athens Friends of International Students (AFIS) coffee hours. His wholistic world view coupled with his travels greatly influenced my own world view. Essam was very passionate and vocal about world injustices. I deeply respect his father and his late, beloved mother. Their patriarchal and matriarchal bearings are akin to my own upbringing with my similar family structure and inherent respect for my parents. Essam's legacy to me is his friendship, loyalty and global vision. We consumed a lot of "pizza" together! I will be making donations to several international student groups at Ohio University in Essam's memory. My prayers are with the family!*

Tad Cuckler - April 27 at 09:36 AM