



Dr. Wassfy M. Hanna

August 8, 1933 - September 2, 2025

Rye- Dr. Wassfy Michael Hanna, lovingly known to his grandchildren as “Fuffuf,” passed away peacefully on September 2, 2025, at the age of 92. He was born on August 8, 1933, in Cairo, Egypt, and lived a life marked by devotion to family, passion for medicine, and an extraordinary ability to make others feel welcomed and cared for.

After completing his medical training in Egypt, Wassfy moved to the United States in the early 1960s, where he met the love of his life, Lynn Van Sicen, whom he married on January 27, 1963. Their 62 years of marriage were filled with love, laughter, and countless cherished memories. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, his four children, Bill, Dina, Leila, Susan and their spouses, and seven grandchildren, Charlie, Isabelle, Reece, Melanie, Serena, Garrett, and Paige, all of whom will carry his legacy of warmth and generosity forward.

For 57 years, Dr. Hanna dedicated his work to Seacoast Mental Health Center in Portsmouth, NH, serving as Medical Director. He also maintained a private practice in Portsmouth, where he continued to see patients until his passing and was unwavering in his support and care for his patients and colleagues. He was an extraordinary psychiatrist who worked tirelessly not only to ensure his patients received the treatment and care they deserved, but also to serve as a mentor and leader to those around him.

Outside of medicine, Wassfy was a generous host and natural storyteller, always ready with a funny anecdote, joke, or a freshly shaken martini. He was happiest when around his loved ones, whether it was on a trip to Egypt, watching the sunset from the dock of his house in Center Harbor, or simply having his children and grandchildren over to watch Patriots games on Sundays. He treasured these moments with his family and friends and always showed deep care for those in his life, whether through a phone call during meaningful events or ensuring his guests' favorite foods were well stocked when they came over. To know Wassfy was to feel joy, laughter, and belonging.

He will be deeply missed by his family, colleagues, patients, and the many friends whose lives he touched.

A wake will be held on Sunday, September 21, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home in Hampton, NH.

To honor Wassfy's memory, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the New Hampshire SPCA (PO Box 196, 104 Portsmouth Avenue, Stratham, NH 03885) or online by clicking here (<https://www.classy.org/give/127067>). You may also remember him by spending time with loved ones, telling stories and jokes and enjoying time together.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ I met Dr. Hanna when I was 17 years old, and am forever grateful that I did. He was my therapist as a teenager, and became my boss when he took on the job of Director of adolescent unit at Portsmouth Pavilion. He was the absolute best. I recently got the chance to thank him for everything he did for me, and to tell him that I continue to use the lessons he taught me to this day. To his family, friends, colleagues, and patients, know that I grieve with you and for you. We were all so fortunate to have the chance to share a part of our lives with him. Thank you Dr. Hanna, rest in peace, you earned it. I know I will see you again, forever grateful.

Jill D'Angelo - December 05, 2025 at 04:19 PM

AN

“ When no one else would listen, Dr. Hanna did. Helped my child get the mental health support she needed, and I believe that it is because of his commitment, kindness, patience, and humor that I now have a child who is healthy and thriving. Thank you, you will be missed. Enjoy this next adventure.

anonymous - October 23, 2025 at 04:31 PM

AN

“ To the best doctor I've ever had, I hope you rest in peace. Thank you for all of your help, kindness and compassion.

anonymous - October 20, 2025 at 09:34 PM

AA

“ Wassfy and I reminisced about Egypt and every memory evoked a time gone by, and a life well lived. He was simply a great guy and funny as anyone I have ever met. Godspeed!

Alain Ades - September 19, 2025 at 06:46 PM

MI

Your article you wrote in the newspaper was amazing & heartfelt. Thank you

michele - September 21, 2025 at 10:38 PM

LW

“ *To Dr. Hanna’s family and friends. I worked alongside Dr. Hanna at a local inpatient facility and admired his wisdom, the care and time he spent with his patients and with us as RN’s. He was certainly a very devoted and compassionate psychiatrist whom I will always fondly remember. May he rest in peace and may you find comfort in all of your memories. Lyn Whitehead RN,BC*

Lyn Whitehead - September 16, 2025 at 06:46 PM

SL

“ *Impossible to imagine our family without Wasfy. He was a best friend and brother to my father, Dr. Wael Lotfi. A gravitational force of kindness, warmth, wisdom and generosity. Our hearts go out to Lynn, the light that allowed him to shine, Bill, Dina, Susan, Leila and all his beautiful grandchildren.*

Sherif Lotfi - September 16, 2025 at 05:32 PM

AN

“ *Dr. Hanna, we will deeply miss you. You were so great to our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Anonymous - September 15, 2025 at 11:47 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dr. Wassfy M. Hanna.



September 14, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ Wassfy was the dearest friend of my dad, Edward M. “Ned” Merrick MD. Later he took me under his own wing I had so many happy times with him at Center Harbor, he induced me to buy a cottage on the lake at nearby Moultonborough . What joyous times we had. Such memories. I love you, Wassfy. RIP. Love and condolences from all the Merricks on the loss of our “Uncle Wassfy” to Lynne, Bill, Dina, Leila and Susan and their families.

Hon. Brian R. Merrick - September 11, 2025 at 06:00 PM



Sorry that's Brian R. Merrick

Brian R. Merrick - September 11, 2025 at 06:05 PM

CM

“Wassfy was a kind and compassionate man. He and my Dad worked together at Met State in Waltham. They were best friends. They complimented each other like brothers would. They both were caring and passionate and were not adverse to a shaken martini or a good story. After our Dad passed Wassfy provided solace to us all. (We were 9 of us then). Always had time for us. How he was able to be in 6 different places and still seem to have a calm and peaceful presence will always be a mystery to me. Godspeed Zhivago. God bless Lynn and all his children.

Christopher Merrick - September 11, 2025 at 04:19 PM

DH

“Such a kind and caring man! He was truly extraordinary and a huge asset to our community. May he rest in peace, knowing that many benefitted by his exemplary care.

Dr. David R Heller - September 11, 2025 at 11:05 AM

CC

“Wassfy’s will be forever in our hearts. Our trip to Egypt, our visits up at the lake, our Sunday football games, holiday dinners, cooking, laughing and making us feel as part of his beautiful family. Lynn, Children and grandchildren, we are forever grateful and will miss him terribly.

Chris & Jim Clifford - September 11, 2025 at 07:38 AM

BE

Wassfy was my dearest friend. His love included everyone. His dedication to his friends, his family and his profession had no limits. Some members of his family were also some of his closest friend. His belief was beyond the confines of institutions. His spirit hovers in pure love. We pray for his eternal redemption. May he be blessed as he has blessed our lives with his friendship and compassion.

Bahieldin H.Z Elibrachy - September 11, 2025 at 08:48 PM

SR

He was an incredible man and a huge influence to me personally. Over the 20+ years he was my doctor, I could always count on him to advocate for me. Simply walking through his office door and seeing him would give me such comfort, I knew he was always in my corner and rooting for me. I'll never forget him. Thank you for everything, Dr. Hanna.

Sarah Rafferty - September 12, 2025 at 09:55 AM

HW

Hearing of Wassfy's passing was a blast from the past. I lost track of him many years ago. I was aware, however, of his dedication to the mental health services in Portsmouth, NH. My condolences to Lynn and his family.

Henry Wolstat, M.D.

Henry Wolstat - September 12, 2025 at 03:35 PM

PH

I worked alongside Wassfy on the Adolescent unit at Portsmouth Hospital. Enjoyed many lunches and laughs with him and MAV when I was nurse manager and he was medical director. I still have treasures he gifted me on his trips to Egypt. He also treated my daughter and grandson in times of stress. He was a gentle and compassionate soul and I was honored to work with and learn from him. He was truly a gift to all those he treated and his co workers. My condolences to all his friends and family as they honor his legacy.

Pam Hagan

Pam Hagan - September 19, 2025 at 07:56 PM