



Edward Gabriel Hanna

December 6, 1937 - February 3, 2026

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Announcement

Edward Gabriel Hanna of Northville, MI, passed away at the age of 90 on February 3, 2026, at Fairmont Senior Living of Northville due to natural causes with family and loved ones by his side.

Life Story

Edward lived a full, adventurous, and colorful life punctuated by irreverent wit and humor.

Edward was born on December 6, 1935, in Jerusalem, Palestine, to parents, Gabriel & Labeba (Hazo) Jabo.

He was the eldest of three children, along with his adoring sisters, Margo Paulus (West Bloomfield, MI) and Widad Paulus (West Bloomfield, MI).

Edward grew up in Mosul, Iraq, and then later moved to Basrah, Iraq, where

he studied and attended trade school, served in the Iraqi Army, joined the British Petroleum Company (BPC) and married Rita Minassian (Rita E. Hanna, Dec 13, 1941-May 30, 1994).

Career

Edward had multiple careers spanning multiple continents, showcasing his adventurous and entrepreneurial spirit.

His initial long career was as a Technician with The British Petroleum Company (BPC), which eventually took him to Nigeria, Africa, where he and Rita raised their family.

Edward joined MASCO (Marketing and Shipping Company of West Africa) where he eventually became Managing Director. In this role, he was lovingly known by everyone in Lagos-the man who was able to get anything, Mr. MASCO. MASCO provided the region with groceries, liquor, household goods, clothing (designed by his talented sister Margo) and anything else people needed in the line of essential commodities. Townsfolk came from near and far and were delighted by his pet monkeys out front of Masco Supermarket.

Edward was so influential in the growth, welfare and general well-being of Ikeja, His Royal Highness Oba Momodu Illo bestowed Edward with the Royal Title Fajeroba (Minister of Finance) of Ikeja in Lagos, Nigeria.

In 1991, Edward and Rita immigrated to the United States along with their grown boys to be reunited with Edward's sisters. It was there, in Northville, MI, Edward purchased a corner liquor store and transformed it into the beautiful and popular Northville Gourmet & Wine Shoppe where he created roles for his

sons to help hone their professional skills.

In 2001, to simplify his life, Edward sold the store and joined Busch's Fresh Food Market in Plymouth, MI, as their wine and spirits department specialist, where he became fondly known by the townsfolk as "Ed - The Wine Guy".

Only a pandemic could slow him down. At age 85, Edward was forced into (early) retirement due to the COVID pandemic.

He cheerfully shifted into a lower gear and spent long days at home with his loving partner, Linda Scussel, by his side. Even at his last home, Fairmont Senior Living in Northville, Linda was by his side daily until his last breath.

Activities

Edward grew up with a strong passion for playing football (soccer, for you Americans). He played at a very high level, including for the Iraqi Army and later BPC. He took his passion for football with him to Nigeria, where he co-founded the Ikeja Football Club (IFC). This hobbyist group evolved into a very elite competitive team, becoming one the most dominant teams in Lagos State, earning multiple championships, trophies and tournaments.

Fond family memories include Edward's strong passion for Backgammon. He was a serious player and loved playing with his brother-in-law and closest friend, Farouk Paulus.

Another serious passion of Edward's was wine. He was a wine connoisseur who enjoyed expertly selecting and pairing wines-and enjoying them with friends and family!

Family

Edward is survived by a very large family, including specifically his eldest son, Ussama Hanna and wife Sandra (New Orleans, LA); middle son, Khaled Hanna and wife Joleen Firek (Plymouth, MI), beloved father to son, David Hanna, and daughter, Alexandra Hamsath and husband Akil; youngest son, Tariq Hanna and wife Daisy (Ferndale, MI); eldest sister, Margo Paulus (West Bloomfield, MI); youngest sister, Widad Paulus (West Bloomfield, MI); and devoted partner, Linda Scussel (Northville, MI) and her family.

Edward was predeceased by his father, Gabriel Jabo (1983); mother, Labeba (Hazo) Jabo (2003); and most loving wife, Rita E. (Minassian) Hanna (1994).

Closing

Edward was a playful and fearless adventurer who lived with the utmost integrity and always put family first.

The family would like to give Special Thanks to Fairmont Senior Living of Northville for their diligent care.

Services

Visitation for Edward will be held on Friday, February 6, from 2 - 8 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. the Funeral Mass for Edward will be held on Saturday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. (in-state at 10:30 a.m.) at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Hotel accommodations suggested to <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/find-hotels/select-roomrate?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=998015>

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I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Fabian Catholic Church
32200 W. 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Edward Gabriel Hanna*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - February 06 at 05:20 PM

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“ *George, Irma and Andrew Hallack planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Gabriel Hanna.*

George, Irma and Andrew Hallack - February 05 at 11:13 PM

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“ *George, Irma and Andrew Hallack purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward Gabriel Hanna.*



George, Irma and Andrew Hallack - February 05 at 11:13 PM

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“ *The Hawry Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Edward Gabriel Hanna.*



The Hawry Family - February 05 at 10:26 PM

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“ *The Hawry Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Gabriel Hanna.*

The Hawry Family - February 05 at 10:26 PM

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“ *Bradley, Stephanie, & Finnegan Hensen purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Edward Gabriel Hanna.*



Bradley, Stephanie, & Finnegan Hensen - February 05 at 07:43 PM

KJ

“ *Karla and Jimmy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Edward Gabriel Hanna.*



Karla and Jimmy - February 05 at 05:53 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Gabriel Hanna.*



February 05 at 04:44 PM

KJ

“ Kathryn and Jenna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Gabriel Hanna.

Kathryn and Jenna - February 05 at 04:18 PM

KJ

“ Kathryn and Jenna purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Edward Gabriel Hanna.



Kathryn and Jenna - February 05 at 04:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Gabriel Hanna.



February 05 at 03:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Gabriel Hanna.



February 05 at 12:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edward Gabriel Hanna.*



February 05 at 09:46 AM