



## Dr. Nadine E. Sabbagh, M.D.

September 10, 1947 - July 30, 2021

Biography of Dr. Nadine E. Sabbagh, M.D. (ENGLISH)

b. Sept. 10th 1947 ~ d. July 30th 2021

**EDUCATION:** Nadine attended the Ecole des Soers Franciscains de Marie and the Mere de Dieu academies in Cairo, Egypt for the duration of her elementary education followed by the Sacre Cœur (Sacred Heart) Academy for her secondary education. She was one of the first of ~15 women to complete the full medical (MD) programme the University of Cairo (Kasr AlAiny School of Medicine) and went on to complete specialized training in pediatric surgery through a fellowship at the Cite Universitaire in France. She later returned to Cairo to serve in the Doctors Without Borders initiative and completed a variety of advanced medical training and certifications before being recruited to St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City for her residency and fellowship in pediatrics and allergy. Ever the diligent student and aspiring physician, Nadine maintained first place throughout her academic path.

**PROFESSIONAL TITLES:** Nadine dedicated her life to helping others as a physician specializing in pediatrics and allergy. In this capacity, she served the communities at St. Vincent's Hospital, St. Clair's Hospital, and the Hotel Union; she also engaged in pro bono rotations at six other local hospitals and clinics across the five boroughs of New York in addition to running her own

private practice in pediatrics and allergy.

In the years to follow, Nadine was recruited to work for the New York City Department of Health & Human Services (NYC DOHHS), where she was the first woman to hold each of the following titles: Medical Director of Quality Assurance, Head of STD Control, Deputy Commissioner, Acting Assistant Commissioner. In these capacities she (1) managed the resolution of several major defects in the city-wide healthcare system, (2) created a sustainable checks and balances on examinations and reporting that are still used today, (3) she worked vehemently to the alleviation and rescue of those who had fallen victim to AIDS/HIV, sexual assault, and more, (4) spoke at several elementary and secondary schools as well as prominent colleges and universities to educate youth on preventative medical protocols, etc.

**AWARDS:** Nadine earned several recognition awards including a special plaque for her outstanding efforts in the medical industry from former President George H. Bush.

**FAMILY LIFE:** Family spirit, unity and love was a core value in Nadine's life and the greatest legacy she has imparted to her daughters, Christine and Anne-Marie, and to her grandchildren, Keegan and Zoe. Ever the wise and generous hostess of our hearts, everyone was always made to feel welcome at her table, welcome to confide, and welcome to seek refuge or assistance. Like the widow in Mark 12:41-44, she gave everything that she was, body mind and soul, to the service of her family, friends and the greater community. Through every word and action Nadine truly imparted the values of faith, courage, wisdom and attentiveness in work and in life.

**SHARE YOUR STORIES & MEMORIES:** We invite family and friends to share a few of their stories and memories in the Tribute Wall. We thank you in advance for sharing your fond memories of Nadine, beloved daughter, sister,

cousin, mother, grandmother, physician, mentor and friend.

**SERVICE DETAILS:**

Funeral Mass: 11:00 AM EST on the 14th of August, 2021.

Burial: 11AM EST on the 10th of September, 2021.

Memorial Masses (US): September 12th and December 19th.

(Additional details will be emailed to family and friends separately.)

**DONATIONS:** As a staunch advocate for families and youth in the U.S. and beyond, the family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Philo4Thought Inc., the Hellenic Mentoring Initiative (<https://philo4thought.org>), which was inspired by the philanthropic and professional work of Nadine and her parents, Elie and Annette Sabbagh. Paypal Donation Link: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=EX6RJJM F4ZBJS](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=EX6RJJM F4ZBJS)

**LIEN POUR LA TRADUCTION FRANCAISE:**

<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com/obituaries/Nadine-Sabbagh/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000/b8ddb4e6-8ec9-45a8-8510-361678ce2205>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
1050 Celebration Avenue  
Celebration, FL 34747

# Tribute Wall



“ Love you, Mama. #MothersDay.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdTnuc3ktzo>



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Chris Salboudis - May 07, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ All Soul's Day (Nov 2nd): Praying for the souls of all the beloved family and friends who have passed. May we grow stronger and more prayerful. My our anxieties about the departed pass and their positive memories live on eternally in our hearts, bringing us joy and better vigilance on the road ahead.

*A special prayer for the many priests and service providers who have helped countless families cope with their losses, that they may continue to enable others to gain and embrace a more prayerful state of mind during and after the grieving process.*



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Chris Salboudis - November 02, 2021 at 08:20 AM

MC

“ *This is a big shock to me to hear that my godmother is no longer with us I wish I had a chance to say sorry and good bye, my god mother was the best doctor an a great woman, her soul and heart touch so many people, my god mother had so much love for family and she raised her girls very well...*

*Godmother you are in a better place watching over your family , you will be missed greatly*

*You will always be in my heart...*

*To the family I'm so sorry for your lost.....*

*May God keep you safe*



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**Melissa Collins** - September 30, 2021 at 04:52 PM



*Dear Melissa -*

*Her love for each of us is never ending. You and your family hold a special place in our hearts.*

*Mom's words "Always remember, no matter what happens, or where I go, I will always love you. That never stops." Melissa my dear - that is so true. God has truly blessed us with such an angel.*

*May God continue to bless each of you and keep you safe.*

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**A-M S** - October 01, 2021 at 06:57 AM



“ *Link to Vera Lynn, "Till We Meet Again" (ca, 1939): <https://youtu.be/8Nzy1cfnKh4>*

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**Chris Salboudis** - September 15, 2021 at 07:03 AM



“ As the 40 days of heavy mourning come to a close, the family joins in thanking all those who have taken the time and effort to lend a hand (or compassionate ear), share a story/photo, and to stand with us, either solemnly at the services or lovingly from home. We love you all and appreciate this time more than words can express. You're in our hearts and prayers.



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**Chris Salboudis** - September 15, 2021 at 06:41 AM

TS

“ There is nobody who loved her family more than Nadine. Whenever we had the chance to visit, her love and concern for her children were always foremost in her thoughts and words.



*I still keep with me the condolences she shared during he passing of my own mother. They are seeds planted for the comfort and continued strength of those she has left behind. May you receive a great harvest of strength and comfort during this trying time and through the coming years until such time as the scripture is fulfilled "Thou hast turned my mourning into dancing for me and taken away my sackcloth."*

*Although the time I was able to share with Nadine was too limited, I cherish and appreciate those moments and the generosity of her family to share her with the rest of us. Her wisdom, love and kindness will continue to bless this world for generations to come as the lives she has touched and nurtured produce great fruit that brings glory to God.*

*Tina Sacco*

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**Tina Sacco** - September 06, 2021 at 03:42 PM



*Mille Merci Tina*

**A-M S** - October 01, 2021 at 06:58 AM



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**Chris Salboudis** - August 29, 2021 at 05:09 PM



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**Chris Salboudis** - August 22, 2021 at 07:28 PM



*Wild Jasmine (Egyptian "Fullah" Flower)*

**Chris Salboudis** - August 22, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ *Annie & Chrissy*

*Our heartfelt condolences...Your Mom was a very special loving lady...She will be missed! And she will forever be in our hearts❤️.*

*May you feel God's Comfort during this difficult time. Your Canadian Friends Kevin & Terri*

**Neighbour Friends** - August 22, 2021 at 04:58 PM



*Thank you so much Kevin and Terri - I know she truly enjoyed getting to know you both, and I'm certain has kept you in her heart and intentions as she continued into the evolution of eternal life. May God bless you and your family.*

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**A-M S** - October 01, 2021 at 07:01 AM



“ [https://youtu.be/r4j\\_kCQ4f2Q](https://youtu.be/r4j_kCQ4f2Q) ”



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**Chris Salboudis** - August 20, 2021 at 08:52 PM



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**A-M S** - August 18, 2021 at 05:54 AM



*1 Corinthians 15:26*  
*"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."*

*1 Corinthians 15:55*  
*"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"*

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**A-M S** - August 18, 2021 at 06:19 AM

FB

“ I had the privilege to spend several dinners with Nadine and Anne-Marie.

*Nadine was a special soul with a heart of gold. Selfless and kind hearted, her primary goal was to help people and care for others.*

*Christine and I very much enjoyed our time together and seeing her infectious smile and listening to her profound wisdom. She will be sorely missed.*

Love

*Felix Berensteyn*

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**Felix Berensteyn** - August 16, 2021 at 05:29 PM

AS

“ Dr.Sabbagh was an amazing woman who touched the lives of everyone she knew. My condolences to her family and friends. She will truly be missed. May her memory live on.



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**Asha Omar-El Shaikh** - August 16, 2021 at 02:40 AM



“ "A Love Without End. Amen" George Strait - one of Maman's favorites. When we were little, we changed some of those words to "A Mother's Love, for Mother's Day.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkeZcdDJlk>

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**A-M S** - August 14, 2021 at 11:09 PM



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**Chris Salboudis** - August 14, 2021 at 10:18 PM



*Thanks to all who have contributed to this video compilation! Each photo is a precious memory.*

**Chris Salboudis** - August 14, 2021 at 10:54 PM

YS

*Wonderful memories that speaks loudly to Nadine's love, heart & goodness. Thank you.*

**Yvette Serluco** - August 21, 2021 at 02:16 PM



*This song was recorded by Mom's brothers as a parting gift for her as she left to continue her journey to become "Dr. Mom." One of her ultimate joys was to hear her brothers sing.*

*Family & Friends - Love & Respect - Life's greatest treasures.*

**A-M S** - August 22, 2021 at 07:57 AM



“ *Nadine was an AMAZING woman!! she always had such a beautiful attitude towards life! Loved and accepted everyone without questions. Always helping , giving advises , sharing her adventures, wisdom, funny and crazy stories :), always a smile, a hug, a kiss, a prayer. I will miss you terrible Nadine :( ! Thanks Ann Marie for letting me be a part of Nadine's family.*



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**Cecilia Balbiani** - August 14, 2021 at 01:08 PM

JK

“ *Mamma Killian and Poppa Killian send their heartfelt condolences to you and the rest of the family. May the perpetual light always shine upon her 🙏*

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**John and Ilona Killian** - August 14, 2021 at 12:34 PM

ND

“ *Nadine was a very special Tunt to me, along with being my favorite doctor. She cared for so many and her love was always present. I have so many memories of her laughing with my family, helping and setting us all at ease. We wish you peace and rest, Nadine. Our deepest love to her family, especially Annie and Christine. We love you all very much.*

*- Natalie & Ben*

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**Natalie Davis** - August 14, 2021 at 11:54 AM

SL

“ As today we say goodbye I wanted to pay my respects to a wonderful lady who I had the privilege of. calling Naughty Mum. You truly were inspirational, full of wisdom and always adopted Annie’s friends along the way . Thank you for being my adopted Mum over here all these years . Your strength, guidance and kindness have helped me though some difficult times. I’m so grateful to have had you close by and as a true friend. Until we meet again for hummus and grape leaves ❤️

Sarah , Aidan and Liam - August 14, 2021 at 08:14 AM



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Chris Salboudis - June 06, 2022 at 09:11 AM

PE

“ I have known Nadine for the past 10 years. She was always kind and compassionate, with a smile on her face and a fighting spirit. She would come in with Anne Marie and I have always admired their strong mother/daughter bond.

So sorry to hear of her passing. Deepest condolences to the family.

It has been a privilege knowing her and she will be missed.

Peggy Yih

Peggy - August 14, 2021 at 06:20 AM



Thanks Dr. Yih. She always had so many great things to say about you.

Chris Salboudis - June 06, 2022 at 09:11 AM

AC

“ My name is Ashley Colombier , I know Nadine's daughter AnnMarie . I also feel like I have known Nadine because AnnMarie has such a close relationship with her mom that who she would talk about while doing her hair . She was every so sweet once to stop in not on her appointment day and take a look at my hands that were hurting. AnnMarie and family will miss her so much but feels she is with them and they will see her again in heaven when they will live forever . My deepest condolences to her children and the family she left behind . 💕

Ashley colombier - August 14, 2021 at 05:49 AM



Thanks, Ashley.

Chris Salboudis - June 06, 2022 at 09:12 AM

AR

“ Nadine was such a generous woman. She was like my 2nd mom and doctor all wrapped into one beautiful package. She comforted me and encouraged through multiple health challenges and surgeries. And we always celebrated together in style. Our condolences to Anne Marie and the rest of the family.

Amy & Joe Rogan - August 13, 2021 at 09:47 PM

RS

“ I have know Nadine, Christine and Annie most of my life and their family has been an extension of my own. I am thinking and praying for all of you. Your mother was an amazing and caring woman and will be missed by all.

Randa Stephenson - August 13, 2021 at 08:30 PM



*Thanks, Randa. You guys have all been so amazing during this difficult time. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.*

**Chris Salboudis** - June 06, 2022 at 09:13 AM

RD

“ *It is such a privilege to have known Nadine for over 40 years. She was a dear friend, a loving sister and a compassionate doctor. When my family and I had any concerns,, she responded with care, love along with special prayers; she was a true healer. Sometimes we need reminders in our lives on how much special people mean to us, Nadine you will be missed but your memory will live on forever. Rest In Peace my friend. My heart is saddened by your loss.*

*Christina and Annie- my deepest condolences for the loss of your mom. May you always feel her presence in your heart and soul. Celebrate her life, as I know her memories will always comfort you. May peace be with you*

*Rodeina*

**Rodeina Davis** - August 13, 2021 at 06:54 PM



*Thanks, Tante Rodeina. You guys have all been so amazing during this difficult time. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.*

**Chris Salboudis** - June 06, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *Céline Dion - Because You Loved Me.... <https://youtu.be/fpl4if07ics>*

**Chris Salboudis** - August 13, 2021 at 10:40 AM

CE

“ I met Anne Marie and her lovely mother and family when I was a freshman in high school. What I think of first with Nadine is warm and generous hospitality, and kind and loving friendship. She always made me and my mother feel like family. Two years ago, I visited Florida with my family and Nadine and Anne Marie took me out for a wonderful dinner at a Lebanese restaurant to celebrate my fortieth birthday. I'll never forget her warmth and kindness. My condolences to all the loved ones she leaves behind, may her soul Rest In Peace, and may we meet again someday.

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**Christine Engesser** - August 12, 2021 at 10:01 PM

JO

“ Words cannot describe the type of person and the contributions your mom made to humanity on this planet. While reading all her accolades and "First" ...the world has lost truly a beautiful angel...but the heavens have received one of their special warriors. She will live inside each and everyone she has ever come in contact with, every person she cared for during her times as a doctor, and the people she has made laugh, and all the countless times she has blessed the world with her gifts. I will miss her but more importantly I will take comfort in knowing that nobody has ever lived out their purpose on earth more completely with grace, class, humor,love, and dignity. God bless you and the family  
Johnny

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**Johnny** - August 12, 2021 at 11:29 AM

AF

“ *The love and friendship that you and your mom have given our family, will never be forgotten. We are thinking of you, and I know that you will find the strength to get through such a sad time. I hope we will see you soon*  
*Anne Marie.*



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**Amanda Walker and family** - August 12, 2021 at 11:14 AM

 Tee  
Hutley

“ *The most beautiful spirit and best bonus mom I have ever been blessed to have. Rest in Power Mommy. I love you!*

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**Tee Hutley** - August 11, 2021 at 09:10 PM

CB

“ *Felix and I are so very sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Your mom was a very special person with a beautiful heart.*

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**christine berensteyn** - August 11, 2021 at 08:47 PM

SA

*Chers Petites Cousines, Chers Cousins,  
Nous vous envoyons nos pensées les plus affectueuses  
accompagnées de nos prières. Nous savons, que cousine Nadine ne  
nous a pas quittés, elle est près de nous et dans nos cœurs*

*Sa générosité, son amour aux autres et son cœur immense  
caractérisent la merveilleuse personne qu'était votre maman, votre  
sœur et nôtre cousine.*

*Nadine a rejoint l'éternité, dans un monde merveilleux, près du Père et  
près des nos absents,*

*Ma Cousine tu fus mon exemple depuis mon enfance. Tu aimais me  
rappeler que nous étions les deux seules filles dans une famille de  
garçons ce qui nous unissait inébranlablement, nous « osions le  
féminisme »*

*Tu me manques terriblement.*

*Vivons dans l'espérance chère famille*

*Nous vous embrassons*

*Nicole, Stéphanie, Julien, Nicolas, Laurene, Joséphine et Augustin*

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**saouaf** - August 12, 2021 at 07:17 AM



*Thanks, Christine. Mom was always sharing lovely stories about her  
dinners with you, Felix and my sister Annie. It's great to have those  
happy stories to fall back on now. May you and your family continue to  
share many a happy memory around the family table in joy and good  
health.*

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**Chris Salboudis** - June 06, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *A-M S sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Nadine E. Sabbagh, M.D.*



**A-M S** - August 11, 2021 at 08:41 PM



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**Chris Salboudis** - August 11, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Mamá. I will miss you more than you know. I loved you like a mother and I know you loved me like a son. I will see you again soon.*

**Ryan Lenda** - August 11, 2021 at 07:22 PM



*She knows, brother. Let's see your trio up north sometime soon.*

**Chris Salboudis** - June 06, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Sending Our Condolences and love to the family. We are better people for having known her. We will miss her and will always hold her memory in our hearts. Love, Laura, Donald, Alice, and Wyatt Murphy*

**Laura Murphy** - August 11, 2021 at 06:33 PM

TF

“ My condolences to the family and thanks for the many years of service to the public - so many people continue to benefit from Dr. Sabbagh's work.

*Tom Frieden*

Tom Frieden - August 11, 2021 at 09:21 AM



Thank you Dr. Frieden. Mom always had such kind words about her time working with you and about all the amazing work that the team you had assembled was able to accomplish for our great city.

Chris Salboudis - June 06, 2022 at 09:18 AM

JK

“ She was an amazing person. God Bless and keep her always. May she Rest In Peace.



J.P. Killian - August 10, 2021 at 11:54 PM



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Chris Salboudis - June 06, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ Chris Salboudis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nadine E. Sabbagh, M.D.



Chris Salboudis - August 10, 2021 at 05:50 PM

LY

“ *Lisa Yaghmour lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nadine E. Sabbagh, M.D.*



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**Lisa Yaghmour** - August 10, 2021 at 04:55 PM