



Dr. Mokhlis Yacoub Zaki

July 25, 1938 - October 31, 2025

Mokhlis Yacoub Zaki, 87, husband of Ellen Davenport Zaki, of Salem, passed away on Friday, October 31, 2025, at his home from complications of kidney disease. He was a devout Coptic Christian.

After receiving his doctorate from the University of California at Berkley, Dr. Zaki became a professor of economics at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI. He resided in Marquette for forty-two years before moving to Keowee Key in Salem, SC for the last fifteen years.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Zaki is survived by his son: Alec Michael Zaki; and daughter: Laura Jane Zaki.

Entombment will take place at a later date at Northland Chapel Gardens in Negaunee, MI.

Tribute Wall

WL

“ Dr Zaki, when he was at NMU, convinced me to change majors to Econ. Back in 1973-4. Forever grateful. RIP.

William Lempesis - November 21, 2025 at 05:20 PM

RC

“ I played tennis against Zaki several times at our BB&T evenings at Keowee Key. Always a gentleman, and competitive player. He enjoyed that group. I was fortunate to visit Zaki about a month ago with an item from our Medical Loan Closet here in Keowee Key. I missed seeing Ellen. Just he and I sharing time together. I'll always remember that morning. Rodger Chapman

Rodger Chapman - November 02, 2025 at 08:29 PM

BM

Professor Zaki was a teacher of mine at Northern Michigan University in the late 80's to early 90's. We was loved and respected by all and one of my best teachers at NMU.
My heartfelt condolences to his family.

Brian Mishica - November 04, 2025 at 04:49 AM

RC

“ Saddened to hear of Zak's passing but glad he is now healed. Fond memories of a smiling, congenial, competitive Zak on the tennis court and glad I could count him as a friend. RIP Zak!
Ray Cash

Ray Cash - November 02, 2025 at 01:55 PM

GO

“ Zak was always such a gentleman. He was very smart, well educated, and most interesting to talk to. Our tennis guys always enjoyed playing good tennis when Zak was on the court. He will be missed. Rest in Peace friend.

Gary Owens - November 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I will miss lunches with Zak. He was so insightful about the issues with our government and economy. Rest in peace.
Lowell Weaner



Lowell Weaner - November 01, 2025 at 09:34 AM

RH

“ RICKEY HOLDEN lit a candle in memory of Mokhlis Zaki



RICKEY HOLDEN - October 31, 2025 at 07:22 PM