

In Their Names...

With deepest sadness, Peaceful Families Project respectfully acknowledges the domestic homicide that occurred in Chandler, AZ on March 14, 2023 and to ask for the soul of the victim to be admitted to the highest level of Jannah. We raise dua that the four children who witnessed this murder find healing in the days to come.

This tragedy is notable as it took place as we in the Muslim community celebrate the Week of Muslim Marriages.

As Muslims, our sacred texts, and the life of our Prophet (Peace and Blessings Be Upon Him) are unequivocal in describing positive, healthy, models of marital partnership based on love, respect, and mutual consultation. Marriage in Islam is a gift given to create peaceful spaces filled with love and respect so that Muslims can grow strong and clear-minded. Marriage in Islam was not created to be a prison of oppression, violence and mistreatment. These values have no place between Muslims and much less in Muslim homes.

We as Muslims must do better for our families. We must promote premarital education on positive relationships skills. We must make seeking mental health support a blessing and a normal part of life. We must not be silent when we see and hear the whispers of violence and oppression in our communities. We simply must do more.

As we approach the holy month of Ramadan, may we as a community focus our dua in peace for Muslim families everywhere.

**Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji ' un.
Verily, from Allah we came and to him we return.**