



Asadollah (Asad) Esmaeily  
(1958-2018)

Asadollah (Asad) Esmaeily, 59, passed away peacefully at the KU Med Center on June 3, 2018, after a short battle with lung cancer. Dr. Esmaeily was a professor of civil engineering at Kansas State University.

Born on August 25, 1958, in Kerman, Iran, he received his B.S. and M.S. in civil engineering from the University of Tehran, and two other master's and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Southern California. After graduation he briefly worked for the California Department of Transportation before joining K-State in 2002.

Dr. Esmaeily rose through the ranks and became a professor in 2014. A prolific teacher, he was a recipient of the James L. Hollis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the Myers-Alford Memorial Teaching Award and the Chi-Epsilon Undergraduate Teaching Award. He also received the ASCE Advisor of the Year award multiple times, as well as outstanding university and professional service, and outstanding graduate faculty awards.

His research focused on smart bridge systems, and he had supervised five doctorate students and more than 30 master's students. He had authored and/or co-authored a book and more than 45 journal papers, and had published/presented more than 130 conference papers at national and international levels. An active member of ASCE and ACI, he served as chair of their technical committees. He was also the associate editor for the ASCE Journal of Bridge Engineering and guest editor for the ASCE Journal of Engineering Mechanics. Among his honors in this area were the George D. Nasser Award, the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute Best Paper Award, and the Best Reviewer Award from the ASCE Journal of Bridge Engineering.

Dr. Esmaeily leaves behind his wife, Shokouh Nassri; son Amir Esmaeily, a junior at K-State; son Daniel Esmaeily, 15; and a daughter, Shokoufa, 8. A scholarship fund for the younger children has been established at the Kansas State Bank — Account Name: Dr. Esmaeily Children Education Fund, Bank Routing Number: 101101536, Account No.:1103350, e-mail: amire@k-state.edu. Contributions to this fund in lieu of flowers will be appreciated.