



Rev. Jerry M. Amiri

May 27, 1955 - August 10, 2017

Rev. Jerry M. Amiri, age 62 of Alhambra, IL, died Thursday, August 10, 2017, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on May 27, 1955, in Tulsa, OK, the son of Morteza and Frieda (nee DeWitt) Amiri.

On September 20, 1974, he married Carol M. Krueger who survives.

He was the Sr. Pastor of Salem United Church of Christ. He was also a member of the Board of Directors Hitz Memorial Home - Alhambra / Hamel Ministerial Alliance - and was very active in many activities with IL South Conference United Church of Christ.

Jerry was born in Tulsa, OK and his family moved to Oklahoma City, OK and then to St. Louis, MO. He graduated from Pattonville High School in 1973. He attended UMSL. He worked for Edison Brothers and Reliable Life Insurance Co. He taught Confirmation at St. John United Church of Christ in St. Charles, MO, and that drew him to the ministry. He graduated from Eden Theological Seminary in 2006. He was Youth Pastor at St. Lucas UCC in Sunset Hills, Assistant Pastor at Zion UCC in Union, MO and Pastor of Zion-St. Paul in Bay, MO. He came to Alhambra in July 2008 and became Sr. Pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, a position he currently held. Jerry had a love for

music. He performed with his guitar, wrote songs, and sang. He enjoyed reading, trivia, and travel. His family was very important to him and he loved his wife, children and grandchildren very much. His sudden and untimely death will leave a large hole in the Alhambra community and Salem United Church of Christ.

Survivors include :

Wife - Carol M. Amiri, nee Krueger, Alhambra, IL
Father - Morteza Amiri, O'Fallon, MO
Son - Neil M. (Gwendolyn) Amiri, Saint Louis, MO
Son - Benjamin W. Amiri, Pittsburgh, PA
Daughter - Katherine A. (John) Ferch, Palmer, AK
Son - Andrew D. Amiri, O Fallon, IL
Grandchild - Nathaniel M. Amiri
Grandchild - Timothy J. Amiri
Grandchild - Joseph J. Amiri
Grandchild - Lukas W. Amiri
Grandchild - Elizabeth D. Amiri
Grandchild - Elijah H. Ferch
Grandchild - Evangeline L. Ferch
Grandchild - Naya I. Ferch
Brother - Mark N. (Debbie) Amiri, Ballwin, MO
Sister - Sabrina S. (Scott) Follett, Dardenne Prairie, MO
Nephew - Brad (Lauren) Amiri
Nephew - Daniel (Rachel) Amiri
Nephew - Paul Amiri
Niece - Julia (Ross) Heutel
Niece - Elana Follett
Nephew - Greg Follett

He was preceded in death by :

Mother - Frieda A. Amiri nee DeWitt

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, August 14, 2017, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL., with Rev. John Mindrup and Rev. Shana Johnson officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Charles Memorial Gardens in St. Charles, MO at 3:00 PM on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem UCC Christian Education or Kindercottage in East St. Louis.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dale & Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Rev. Jerry M. Amiri



Dale & Rita Rinderer - September 04, 2017 at 06:46 PM

DM

“ Carol and family so sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed teaching Sunday school with Jerry at St. Johns, many years ago.

Debbie Meers - August 14, 2017 at 06:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry M. Amiri.



August 14, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry M. Amiri.



August 14, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry M. Amiri.*



August 14, 2017 at 08:10 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry M. Amiri.*



August 13, 2017 at 08:00 PM



“ *THE MAROON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Rev. Jerry M. Amiri*



THE MAROON FAMILY - August 13, 2017 at 12:29 PM



Just had the pleasure of meeting Pastor Jerry last week, he did my mothers funeral and did a wonderful job along with John Mindrup. He was a wonderful man

THE MAROON FAMILY - August 13, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry M. Amiri.*



August 13, 2017 at 06:25 AM



“ *It seems impossible it's been 9 years since I worked with Jerry installing a rotation model Sunday School at Zion UCC in Union. His warmth and enthusiasm made the work so much fun. I've smiled through the shock and sadness of the last few days thinking of some of the mischievous, funny things he said and did as we worked through the process. He was a lovable person with a delightful sense of humor, and he took great pride and joy in serving as a pastor. He was a lovable person who will live long in the memories of those who knew him. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and those he served at Salem. Sincerely, Gerry Urban*

Gerry Urban - August 12, 2017 at 11:56 PM



“ *Darlene and Elmer Hahn purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rev. Jerry M. Amiri.*



Darlene and Elmer Hahn - August 12, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ *John Bishop lit a candle in memory of Rev. Jerry M. Amiri*



John Bishop - August 12, 2017 at 04:50 PM



Jerry was a friend in High school, a really good guy, My thoughts go out to his family

John Bishop - August 12, 2017 at 04:52 PM

DM

“ *Carol,
I have known your husband since we were in the 7th grade. We shared a lot of good times in choir and drama. He was part of a group that hung out together while in high school. He was a very caring and loving guy even then. I know that you have a lot of good memories and I am so sorry for your loss.
I know that he will be missed by all that knew him and loved him.*

Sincerely,

Diane Sorrell Melson

Diane Sorrell Melson - August 12, 2017 at 09:11 AM

HC

“ *The death of Jerry has knocked the wind out of me. He was my closest friend here. We met regularly for coffee and had just agreed to make those sessions weekly. He laughed when I called them "coffee therapy". He talked about how much he loved Carol, how proud he was of their children and how much we loved our grandchildren. He spoke of the love he had for his congregation and his plans for the next 24 months before he retired. We planned to make a lot of music together.*

Last Friday he asked my to play for a funeral at the church. He spoke of the body as a tent. The sermon and message stuck with me. I looked so forward to our next coffee session which was to be held yesterday. When I got the email that he had died, time stopped for me. I am still numb.

Like most of us, we grieve that this great soul and person has left us far too soon.

I cherished my friendship with Jerry Amiri. My life will be less full without him in it.

But I will remember his wit, his passion, his intellect, his talents as a minister and a musician. I honor him today and will miss him forever. I pray for Carol and his family as they adjust to the new reality of life without him. And I pray for Salem Church and John as they grieve through and to the next steps for the congregation.

Shalom....my great friend.....Shalom

Harvey Chiles - August 12, 2017 at 08:33 AM

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“ *Pastor Jerry was a true friend to all he met. Pastor was instrumental in starting Salem Seekers Sunday School at Salem UCC. We will do our best to continue your dream with the children. He was a spoke in the wheel for our Board of Christian Ed. You will be truly missed. Carol and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you. Love Patty, Leon, Emily, Chris and Aaron*

Patty Uhe - August 12, 2017 at 07:45 AM