



Paul Russell Hammarberg

June 18, 1949 - April 30, 2020

Hammarberg, Rev. Paul Russell passed away suddenly on April 30 at the age of 70. Born June 18, 1949 in St. Paul, MN to Dr. Rev. Melvin and Ruth Hammarberg, he was the youngest of 4 children. He graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1971, and went on to graduate from Luther Seminary in 1975. Paul served as pastor at St. James Lutheran Church in Burnsville, started Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove in 1978, and finished his career at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. Paul and his wife Porat wintered in St. Petersburg, FL and also have a home in Minnetonka. He spent his retirement years working at Trader Joe's, golfing with his buddies, and riding his motorcycle. Fond memories included time at the family cabin on Sand Lake, browsing farmer's markets with Porat in Florida, and teasing his children. Paul was an amazing husband, father, and Grandpa. His pastoral background transcended into real life, helping many. His genuine fun loving spirit put people around him at ease. Survived by his loving wife Porat, children, Megan (Charlie) Hieb, Rachel Hammarberg, granddaughter Nora Hieb, step-children Shiri Cooks, Gali (Keren) Rosenbaum-Cooks, Orr (Mindy) Cooks, Topaz Cooks, and step-grandchildren Rami and Ami Cooks, his siblings Linda (Brian) Willette, Jon (Ruth) Hammarberg, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Mel. A celebration of life will be held at a later time. Memorials preferred to the donor's choice in memory of Paul Hammarberg. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall



“ After 2 years of mini-memorials we are finally able to hold an official Celebration of Life and Interment for Paul Hammarberg. Service to be held on April 30, 2022 at 2pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove. Please join us in laying him to rest.



Rachel Hammarberg - April 11, 2022 at 12:24 PM

SB

“ Sandra Burk lit a candle in memory of Paul Russell Hammarberg



Sandra Burk - May 22, 2020 at 06:50 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sandra Burk - May 22, 2020 at 06:49 PM

LG

“ We are so sad and so sorry to hear of Pastor Paul's passing. We came to know and love him at St Andrew where I (Lori) worked with him, and Dave & I both served with him on multiple Mission Jamaica trips, one with Jon & Ruth. Paul was a good friend, and we remember his beautiful smile and laughter. We often remember his sermons too that always had a message of God's grace and unconditional love, of Christ as Redeemer and Healer. As a pastor, he never strayed from that message.

We're so sorry for your loss, and we understand that this pandemic just makes it more difficult to not be able to share in our grief together. You will all be in our prayers. May God's peace be with you.

Dave & Lori Goble

Lori Goble - May 15, 2020 at 10:40 AM

GC

“ Dearest Porat:

I am deeply saddened by the news of Paul premature departure. Paul and I shared a great deal of time together at TJS, and we shared a lot of jokes and laughter...He was one the best reason why I was excited to go to work at the store, so that I could see him and have a good time together...He was a remarkable kind and generous man, and he loved you very much. He felt blessed that he had found you and that you have made his world whole and complete, as he did say that to me over and over, and how lucky he had been to be with you...He loved you deeply, dear Porat. Find comfort and solace in knowing that he'll be with you forever. Paul will be in my thought and prayers forever. My deepest and felt condolences.

Giorgio Cherubini

GIORGIO CHERUBINI - May 04, 2020 at 01:10 PM

ML

“*Hammarberg family, we are so sorry to hear about Pastor Paul. May the memories of the good times with him carry you through this time of sorrow. We got to know Pastor Paul when he joined our congregation at St. Andrews church. When our first child broke his leg and had to have surgery, Pastor Paul was the first person to come visit us in the hospital the next morning. His calm and compassion at a time of great stress for us new parents was very calming and reassuring. We all are better for having had him in our lives. May he rest in peace.*

The Leestma family.

Marty Leestma - May 03, 2020 at 10:08 AM