



## Amer A. AL-Zubaidi

June 10, 1945 - January 19, 2025

We were very grieved and sad to receive the news of the demise of a great Muslim, husband, and father, Minister (Imam) Amer A. AL-Zubaidi, Humble Servant. Inna Lilallahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajeoon (To Allah we belong and to Him is our return). The Glorious Qur'an says (2:156-7), "Who, when a calamity befalls them, (by showing perseverance), say: 'Verily we belong to Allah, and certainly unto Him shall we return'." "Those are they on whom are blessings and Mercy from their Lord, and they are the ones that are guided (aright)."

Our father Amer will be missed by his family (wife, his sons, brothers and sisters, and their children) and relatives and friends (brother Hanif Sherali, who was in contact with him and his family.. Our Father did much good in his life and founded the Kufa Center of Islamic Knowledge, dedicated to helping others in need. He served humanity and spread the true Islam. Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala) says in the Glorious Qur'an (9:21), "Their Lord gives them good news of Mercy from Himself and (His) good pleasure, and of gardens wherein for them are lasting bounties."

His love, humor, and sacrifice left lasting memories for his family, relatives, friends and all those who came in contact with him. Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala) says in the Glorious Qur'an (29:57-59 and 50:34), "Every soul tastes of death, then unto Us you shall be returned." "And those who believe and do righteous deeds, We will certainly lodge them in lofty chambers of Paradise beneath which rivers flow, therein dwelling forever; how excellent is the recompense of those who act (aright)." "Those who are (patiently) steadfast and on their Lord do they rely."

"Enter it in Peace and Security; this is a Day of Eternal Life!"

We extend the deepest and most sincere heartfelt condolences, and sympathies, and prayers, to his family, relatives, and friends. We pray to Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala) to alleviate the deep sorrow of his family, relatives, and friends. The Glorious Qur'an says (18:2 and 66:8), "And give good tidings unto the believers who do righteous deeds, that there will be for them a goodly reward." "And those who believe with him; their light shall run on before them and on their right hands; they shall say: Our Lord! Make perfect for us our light, and grant us protection, surely Thou hast power over all things."

May Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala) shroud the departed soul of our father with His mercy and forgiveness, and grant him companionship of, and join his soul with, the Prophets, the Truthful, the Bearers of Witness to the Truth, and the Righteous, and grant him happiness and peace and light in his grave, and appoint for him the highest Gardens of Paradise (Jannat AlFirdaus) with His grandfather, and rest his soul in peace, and reward him for his goodness to others, and let him enter Paradise by several of His gates of pleasure because of his good deeds, by His Kindness, Goodness, Grace, and Mercy. O' Lord, let our brother enter Paradise through one of the gates of Your Forgiveness and by one of the keys of Your Mercy. May Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala), for sake of His chosen one, give his family, relative and friends, patience, courage, and strength to accept His Will, Ameen. In his honor, we will hold to his tradition and the Kufa Center of Islamic Knowledge's tradition of Majlis AlFateha for three days, starting, Today, Sunday, January 19th, 2025 of prayers (Salat), supplications, and with the following recitations of the Glorious Qur'an: Surat Al-Fateha (The Opening the Glorious Qur'an:1:1), Surah Al Baqarah (The Cow 2:1-5), Surah Yasin 36:1-83, Surah Al-Tin (The Fig 95:1-8), Surah Al-Qadr (The Grandeur 97:1-5) seven times, Surah Al-Kauthar (The Abundance of Good 108:1-3), Surah Al-Ikhlâs (Sincerity 112:1-4) three times, Surah Al-Falaq (The Dawn 113: 1-5), Surah Al-Nas (The People) (Mankind 114: 1-6 and Surah Al- Baqarah (The Cow 2:153, 155-6, 255-8 & 285-6). A gift prayer of two Rak'ats will perform for him (this can be done as follows: First Rak'at, recite Surah Al-Fatiha (The Opening of the Glorious Qur'an 1:1-7) and Surah Al-Baqarah-Ayat Al Kursi (The Cow 2:255-258). Second Rak'at recites Surah Al-Fatiha (The Opening of the Glorious Qur'an 1:1-7) and Surah Al-Qadr (The Power 97:1-5) to be recited 10 times.

O' Almighty Lord! Bestow peace and blessing upon Ibrahim and Muhammad (Peace be on them) and their household, and send its reward to the grave of our departed brother, Amer Aziz AL-Zubaidi, Ameen.

We ask our readers to recite Surat Al-Fateha (The Opening the Glorious Qur'an:1:1) for him and his family as well as for the departed souls of beloved ones. May Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala) reward you with goodness, Ameen. May Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala) grant him, the doers of good for his goodness, His Paradise, and reward those who join his family in prayers and Dua'as with abundant goodness, and may He shower all with His blessings, protection, happiness, and good health, with success in this life and in the Hereafter, and may He be merciful to the beloved ones who departed before him, and may He grant happiness for the spirits of the inhabitants of the graves of the beloved ones, by His Kindness, Grace, and Mercy, Ameen.

Tuesday January 21st, 2025

Masjid Prayers will start at 12:30pm:

Islamic Society of the New River Valley:

1284 N Main St, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Immediately following will be the burial:

Islamic Cemetery:

2731 Yellow Sulphur Rd

Christiansburg, VA 24073- 2326.

The Al-Zubaidi Family

January 19, 2025

# Previous Events

## Masjid Prayers

JAN 21. 12:30 PM (ET)

Islamic Society of the New River Valley  
1284 N Main St  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

## Burial

JAN 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Islamic Cemetery  
2731 Yellow Sulphur Rd  
Christiansburg, VA 24073-2326

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Assalamo Alaikom. My condolences to the family of the late Mr. Amer al-Zubaidi, a man I was honored to know when I lived in Virginia. U.S.A., a man dedicated to serving Islam and the Muslim community in the U.S. and the world. May the Almighty open the gates of His mercy for him and let him reside in Paradise, in endless happiness, Allahomma Aameen.*

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“ Amer Al-Zubaidi was a very kind, gentle, caring, loving, soft-spoken, and generous man, and I was truly honored that he considered me to be his friend. He was always ready to help anyone in need, even to the peril of his own health and situation, and he would go out of his way to accommodate any request without ever considering even a thought to decline. He strongly disliked world conflicts and the senseless killing that abounds modern times, to which most people have become insensitive and numb toward. Very often, he would completely stop following the news and watching television because it would make him weep and deeply saddened, especially when innocent women and children and elderly people were being mindlessly slaughtered.

This past Summer (August, 2024) Amer came to visit us in North Carolina where we were vacationing - this would be the last time that we would see him. My wife loves figs and Amer has cultivated beautiful fig trees, but the birds and the bees love the figs as well! So we requested Amer to just bring for us a few figs. A little request is all that Amer needs to go above and beyond! Fending off the birds and waving off the bees while being dressed in home-made protective gear, he collected no fewer than a thousand figs! We still have the image of the rows of ice chests containing figs that occupied the entire back-seat space of his car when he arrived!

People would constantly request him to pray for their health, welfare, and well-being, and he would always comply. Every Friday, without exception, we would have a joint session of reciting Surah Fatiha for several such requests and for other loved ones, including on the Friday just before he passed away. This would be the last time we would speak to each other. His final words, spoken with a heaving sigh when he hung up after the customary salaams, were also ones that were most frequently on his tongue through life - “Ya Allah!”

Amer’s favorite phrase, which was also his defining characteristic, was, “Peace with love for all.” To say the least, Amer was one of a kind, and he will be deeply missed by all who had the good fortune of having their journey through life cross paths with his. May Allah (SWT) have mercy on his soul and grant him closeness to Himself in the highest level of Jannat-ul-Firdaus, by His Grace and Mercy, Ameen.

Hanif D. Sherali



*Amer brother was a great person. He used to be in regular contact with me on Fridays. His duas and messages were so reviving and brought great solace to me. He always referred to me as his sister and always gave his salaams and greetings to my dear mother May God grant him the highest rank of Hannah Ameen summa ameen 🙏*



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