



Amal Centers Sr.

May 3, 1957 - December 16, 2024

Amal Centers, Sr., born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1957, passed away at the age of 67 after a courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma and Amyloidosis. Diagnosed only a few months ago, Amal faced his illness with the strength and grace that defined his life.

Amal is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Judy; his beloved son, Amal Jr. (Karin); his siblings, Ouida, Gladys, and Billy; and countless friends and mentees whose lives he touched deeply. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Frankie Mae Centers, who resided in Hazard, Kentucky. Amal's legacy is one of unwavering dedication to family, community, and service. For over 40 years, he was a cornerstone of the Scouting program in the Chicago area, serving as a Troop Scoutmaster, Assistant District Commissioner, and mentor to more than 75 Eagle Scouts. His guidance extended beyond Scouting, as he became a father figure to many young people throughout his life.

A devoted member of his local Catholic Church. Amal was an active participant in the churches Men's Club, having served multiple terms as one of the club's Presidents, and he was proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Professionally, he spent over 38 years as a truck driver, earning the respect of his peers as a Union Steward and longtime member of Teamsters Local 710. Before his civilian career, Amal served his country honorably as a Combat Engineer in the U.S. Army and was a proud member of the American Legion Post #735 in Chicago.

Amal's life was a testament to service, love, and leadership. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Visitation is Saturday from 2 PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th street just west of Harlem). A Service in Celebration of Amal's life will begin at 6:30 PM with military honors, and a Broken Arrow Ceremony by the Boy's Scouts.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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American Legion Ceremony

DEC **21**. 5:30 PM (CT)

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Military Honors

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Celebration of Life Service

DEC 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Broken Arrow Boy Scouts Ceremony

DEC 21. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Amal Centers Sr.*



Foran Funeral Home - December 21, 2024 at 06:55 PM

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“ *I went to Philo Carpenters grade school with Amal. He was always a super nice person and part of our group of buddies. So sorry for your loss.*

Jorge Solis - January 03, 2025 at 10:06 PM

AJ

“ *Amal Jr lit a candle in memory of Amal Centers Sr.*



Amal Jr - December 22, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ 78 files added to the album Life Tributes



Foran Funeral Home - December 21, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ I have known Amal for over 30 years through Scouting. He was always there for advice on the Scouting Program & also as a friend. Rest now and enjoy your well deserved rest with the Lord and your family in heaven.



Jim Koziel
Troop 465 / Pack 3465

James Koziel - December 20, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ Proud to have Amal as a member of the Justice Senior Club

Ray Hodson - December 20, 2024 at 11:15 AM