



Reverend Samuel Welding Nero

January 15, 1941 - September 6, 2018

Obituary

Pastor Samuel Welding Nero was born on January 15, 1941 in Bristow, Oklahoma to Henry R. Nero and Daisy D. (Fortson) Nero. He was the fourth of six children born to the union. Pastor Nero moved to Kansas City, Kansas with his family at the age of 5.

Pastor Nero accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Greater Jerusalem Baptist Church where his father was the Pastor. He received his education in the Kansas City, Kansas public schools and graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1959. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and served on the USS TULARE AKA-112.

Pastor Nero met Edna Louise Boswell right before leaving for the Navy in May 1961, and he married her 2 years later June 30, 1963 in Kansas City, KS. Together they had two children. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather – commonly referred to as “Poppy”. His favorite pastime was spending time with his family.

Pastor Nero continued his education, after serving two years in the U.S. Navy, at Park College and Western Baptist Bible College. He attended Management schools with the United States Postal Service - retiring after 30 years to become a full-time Pastor of Second Baptist Church in Independence,

Missouri. He was called to pastor there in April 1987. Before coming to Second Baptist, he served as the Pastor of First Baptist Mt. Union Church in St. Joseph, MO. Pastor Nero was an Under Shepherd for the Lord for a total of 50 years - 19 years at First Baptist Mt. Union Church and 31 years at Second Baptist Church.

Pastor Nero served in many capacities in both the church and the community. He was the National Advisor and Instructor for the National Baptist Laymen, Member of the National Baptist Laymen Evangelism Team, Immediate Past Recording Secretary of the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri, Current Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Western Baptist Bible College, former Moderator of the New Era Missionary Baptist District Association, Current President of the New Era District Congress of Christian Education, and Chairman of the Historical Black Colleges & Universities Committee for the Baptist Ministers Union of Kansas City, MO. He was awarded Minister of the Year by the Baptist Ministers Union of Kansas City, MO. and vicinity. An Honorary Doctor of Divinity was bestowed upon him by Western Baptist Bible College of Kansas City, MO. He was a Board Member of One Church One Child of Jackson County, Youth Friend for the Kansas City, MO School District, Chairperson of the Eastern Jackson County Family Court Community Accountability Board, and Member of the NAACP. He was a pillar in the Independence community and served as a Chaplin on the Independence Police Department for the past 10 years.

Pastor Samuel Welding Nero, 77, passed away on September 6, 2018 at CenterPoint Medical Center in Independence, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry R. and Daisy D. Nero; three brothers: Henry Jr., Joseph, and Joel; and one sister, Valeria.

Pastor Nero leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 55 years, Edna, of Kansas City, MO; one son, Samuel W. (Pamela) Nero, Jr., of Joplin, MO; one

daughter, Leonna M. (Craig) Myles, of Kansas City, MO; one sister, Ms. Opzerine Madison, of Kansas City, MO; 9 grandchildren: Samuel W. Nero, III, Ashley (Clevon) Jones, Sia (Charles) Nero, Jordan Bryant, Chantelle Bell, Christian Bell, Kenric (Jasmine) Brown, Mikesia (Richard) Holder, and Marian “Nikki” (Keisha) Jackson; 20 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, spiritual sons and daughters, and friends.

Visitation for Reverend Samuel Nero will be held Friday, September 14, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Church of Independence, 116 E. White Oak Street, Independence, Missouri.

Visitation will be held Saturday, September 15, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church.

Funeral Service for Reverend Sam Nero will be held Saturday, September 15, 11:00 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 3530 Chelsea Drive.

Interment, Monday, September 17, Leavenworth National Cemetery.

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to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Reverend Samuel Welding Nero, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ *My Condolences to the Nero family.Pastor Nero done my son Eulogy back in 2002.My son's grandmother asked him to officiate he did a wonderful job .I can never forget.And I could never figure out how she knew him. Know I know reading his obituary. He resided in kck.And Sam Jr was a classmate.Bless u all*

Shaquana walls - September 16, 2018 at 07:56 PM

NR

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

Nicole Rogers - September 16, 2018 at 12:11 PM

GM

“ *Not many men of the caliber of a SAM NERO. A learned man, yet oh so humble, he was a powerful and prolific proclaimer of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For many years, six or seven I believe he ran the Fall Revival for our small church (Starlight Missionary Baptist in KCMO) and was always so warm and affable. Whenever, where ever you met him his greetings were so amiable, his demeanor so meek. He behaved himself always in my estimation as a Servant-Leader and his love for the brethren was ever present. He is safe in the arms of Jesus now, but he will be sorely missed on this side of heaven. Sleep well Pastor Nero. We'll see you in The Rapture, after the first trumpet sounds. God bless and keep, comfort and strengthen your wife and children is my prayer.*

Gwendolyn Moffett-Pate - September 15, 2018 at 09:13 PM

DA

“ To the family of the late Rev. Samuel W. Nero, I am sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one! Rev. Nero stood beside my family during the passing of my dear brother Darren L. Ross, 6 years ago; who loved his pastor very much! Now we stand with Nero family. Rev. Nero did his work; a good and faithful servant of the Lord! May his soul rest in peace!

Dr. Eraina M. Aseme - September 15, 2018 at 05:16 PM

BW

“ My condolences to the family.

Bob Wesley - September 15, 2018 at 09:52 AM

OO

“ A true man of God who had a calming spirit for all he met.

Onita M. Omorodion - September 14, 2018 at 07:50 PM

ED

“ I remember when Pastor & Sis. Nero first came to Second Baptist. Two of the sweetest people I had ever met. They remained that way the whole time I have known them . I will never forget Pastor Nero's sweet spirit and his laugh. A powerful man of God. "Well done thou good and faithful servant". You will truly be missed.

Elouise Dukes - September 14, 2018 at 11:35 AM

IM

“ We have met in our lifetime very few true men of God... You were one of them. Thank you for being a light for us, a mentor. We love you. Praying for Mrs. Nero and family. The Mills

Ira & Carolyn Mills - September 13, 2018 at 08:35 PM

#S

“ May this candle burn a lifetime bring some comfort. Knowing that flame will burn forever in our hearts.

#SB - September 13, 2018 at 06:45 PM

ES

“ A *Dreaming with Angels* was sent on September 13, 2018 Ms. Nero, our heartfelt sympathy goes to this family that we love so much. Pastor was more than a pastor, he was a dear friend. We will miss him dearly. God will comfort you always. Thad & Sandra Jones

Expression of Sympathy - September 13, 2018 at 05:13 PM

ES

“ A *SPATHIPHYLLUM* was ordered on September 13, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - September 13, 2018 at 05:11 PM

B♥

“ Pastor Nero!!”Poppy”..I truly Thank God for ur relationship with the boys and !!! Your Wisdom will never be forgotten!! Thank you for LOVING us as your own!! You will be greatly missed!! Rest in heaven💙💙🙏🙏🙏

Beyonka Devin and Jaylin ♥ - September 13, 2018 at 04:54 PM

RI

“ Rev. Nero was one of the first people I met when I moved to Independence in 1997. My daughter was 18-months old, and when she met him at Boys & Girls Club (where I worked), she got so excited and wouldn't leave him alone! He just smiled and laughed. I was not at all surprised to learn he was a pastor-- he just had a Godly way about him. Over the years I have crossed paths with him several times, and he never failed to ask about her. Until we meet again, he will be missed. Blessings and prayers to the family of this righteous man.

Rev. Sarah Schofield Wimberley, Northern Blvd. UMC, Independence -
September 13, 2018 at 03:45 PM

JW

“ Pastor Nero is a very important person in my life the Lord truly took his time while creating him I'm blessed to have known him for 23 years he was a true confidant in my darkest hours I love u so much
pastor Jasmine

Jasmine Williams - September 13, 2018 at 02:37 PM

TW

“ Rev. Samuel W. Nero Sr. was my pastor for over 31 years, I was 9 years old when he became pastor of Second Baptist Church. He baptized me and years later also baptized my 3 children, has counselled me also been there for me and my children for any spiritual guidance we may have needed. Had been there to celebrate the great moments and been there for the hardest moments of my life. We will always love our pastor! We love you Rev. Nero... until we meet again.


Tina Williams - September 13, 2018 at 02:26 PM

AC

“ Family, Poppy will be greatly missed. Never met a man quite as humbled as Poppy. Such a sweet gentle man. May you rest and wait for you named to be called. "Servant Well Done!"In Loving Memory, Aleece

Aleece Campbell - September 13, 2018 at 01:30 PM

RS

“ Thank you for being my godfather for (let's just say more than 50 years) Over the years the label for my faith may have changed but the reason never has. I owe you for my follow-thru. Thank you Papa Nero. 

Rhonda Stahl - September 12, 2018 at 09:39 PM

ED

“ The obituary reads that Reverend Samuel Nero reached the age of 77...well I guess I known “Brotha Sam” for about 65 or 66 years of his 77 years. He and his family resided 3 doors down from me on Greeley St., K.C.,K. As a life long friend, I am very proud as to what he accomplished while dealing with everyday life. I can remember Brotha Sam assisted me in gaining employment at a bowling alley; we went to school together for awhile; and after graduating from high school we different ways, but wound up working together at the Post Office. I left the K.C. area shortly after our 10 year high school class reunion and we still continued our friendship. In 2015 I returned to K.C.,K to bury my mother, and I was surprised to see Brotha Sam in attendance at mom's funeral...Brotha Sam provided some wonderful words at my mom's funeral, to which I very thankful. There was a time prior to my mother's passing when I came home to attend a funeral for one of our childhood friend's spouse, and while at the funeral, Brotha Sam said to me that “He knew I would come home for the funeral”, well “Brotha Sam” I'm coming home to see you...God bless you and your family.

Elvin T. Donald - September 11, 2018 at 12:20 PM

CH

“ *Rev. Nero spent seven years volunteering after school evenings, and weekends at Milton Moore Elementary school. He was a role model and mentor to many young ladies and men some of which are in the NFL,NBA, MBL, and college. All of the young people now give back to the community due to his selfless service. Thanks again and when you stand before the throne you will hear the words "well done thy good and faithful servant.'Blessings and comfort to the family. Coach Horning*

Coach Horning - September 10, 2018 at 08:53 PM