

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Psalm 116:15



## Eleazer (Eli) Perez

1959-2020

## **Memorial Service**

September 26, 2020 3:00 PM

The College Church of Seventh-day Adventists 337 Main Street South Lancaster, Massachusetts

## Life Sketch

Eli was an extremely private person and didn't share a lot of details about his life. There isn't even a published obituary. We'll just say that he was born in Brooklyn, New York, he attended Atlantic Union College, and he was a tremendously talented classical guitarist. He was attracted to classical music early in his life, and when he was young he met the legendary Spanish guitarist Andrés Segovia. Eli spent most of his working life in the mental health field.

One of Eli's friends described him as a true Renaissance man. You could talk to him about almost anything and he would know about it or understand. He was well-spoken and could give you good information on seemingly any subject. Eli was kind, and when he disagreed with you, he didn't do it to offend, but rather to advise, to tell you why he thought there was a better way. Eli didn't accuse, didn't gossip. He had high ideals, but he was down to Earth, not holier than thou.

Eli was a friend you could always count on. He was calm and measured, never seemed to get angry, and he was a steadying presence. He will be forever missed by those who knew and loved him, and we look forward to the day we will see him again at the resurrection of the just when Christ comes to claim His own.



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Musical Prelude: Eli Perez<sup>1</sup>

Welcome and Prayer: Pastor Einar Rom

**Scripture:** Alan Delillo

1 Thessalonians 4:14–17

**Life Sketch:** Matthew Seymour

**Memories:** Congregation

Slide Show

Music: Eli Perez and Marcia Kidder Desilets<sup>2</sup>

**Homily:** Pastor Einar Rom

Music: Eli Perez<sup>1, 3</sup>

**Closing Prayer:** Ed Collins

Postlude: Eli Perez<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> From the wedding reception of Matthew and Elizabeth Seymour, August 6, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> From the College Church worship service, July 24, 1993.

<sup>3</sup> Shown as bonus video at the end of the edited online video.

We thank Miguel Perez for today's guitar flower arrangement.

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