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## Remembering Karimullah Zirvi Sahib

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Dr. Karimullah Zirvi sahib was born on May 20, 1940, in Lahore, Pakistan. He was son of Sufi Khuda Baksh Zirvi sahib (who did bai'at during the era of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II ra and served in Waqf-e-Jadid, Rabwah, Pakistan as Nazim Maal when Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad sahib was Nazim Irshad Waqf-e-Jadid).

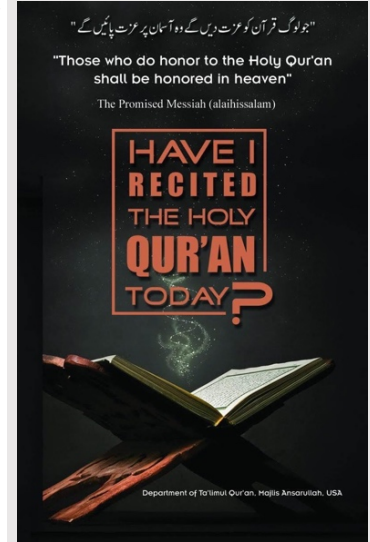


Dr. Zirvi sahib completed his undergraduate education in 1959 at Ta'limul Islam College, Rabwah, Pakistan. He completed his M.Sc. (Chemistry) from Karachi University in 1963. In 1968, he came to the US on a Fulbright scholarship to do his Ph.D. (Pharmacology) in the laboratory of Dr. Charles H. Jarboe, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1966, Dr. Zirvi sahib married Amatul Latif sahiba, daughter of Malik Saifur Rahman sahib, former Mufti of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at and elder sister of Mujeebur Rahman Malik sahib and Ather Malik sahib (North Virginia Jama'at) and Hisham Malik sahib (Toronto Jama'at). In 1978, Dr. Zirvi sahib migrated to USA with his family.

Dr. Zirvi sahib served in the USA Jama'at as the Na'ib Sadr North Jersey Jama'at, National Secretary Talim, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Scientists Association, General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association, member of Qadha Board. He also authored and published half a dozen books in the Jama'at.

During the Amarat of Hadhrat Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar sahib in 1998, as the National Secretary Ta'lim, Dr. Zirvi sahib started Ta'lim-ul-Qur'an classes in different regions of the US. He would travel with Hafiz Samiullah Chaudhry sahib to conduct those classes. He also served as an editor of the USA Ahmadiyya Gazette for a long time.





When the North Jersey Jama'at started hosting I'tikaf in mosque, Dr. Zirvi sahib was among the first to do I'tikaf and continued to do so as long as his health permitted. He travelled to London to attend the UK Jalsa Salana for 13 years in a row and only stopped due to being on dialysis.

Abdul Ghayyur Mannan Khan sahib stated that he served as Qaid Ithar when Dr. Zirvi sahib was Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA. Zirvi sahib told him that Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV ra on

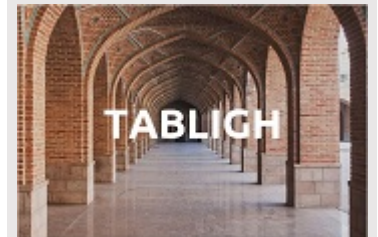
his trip to USA instructed him to distribute MTA dishes (with no Internet in those days, that was the only way to watch MTA) free of cost. Majlis Ansarullah USA allocated about \$10,000 for that noble task and as Qa'id Ithar he would distribute the dishes to the needy families who could not afford them. As the demand increased, he asked Zirvi sahib how to define a needy family. Zirvi sahib gently advised him Hadhur ra had asked them to distribute the dishes, so it was not for them to determine who is needy; give the dish to anyone who would ask.

Dr. Zirvi sahib was my predecessor as Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA, till 1999. I found him to be a very down to earth but highly focused and resolute leader and writer. May Allah bless him with a high status in paradise and console his family and friends. Ameen.

Dr. Zirvi sahib was survived by his wife Amatul Latif Zirvi sahiba, three sons, Nasir Mahmood Zirvi sahib (wife Uzma sahiba), Dr. Monib Ahmad Tahir Zirvi sahib (wife Shazia sahiba), Dr. Khalid Mahmood Zirvi sahib (wife Kaukab sahiba), and a daughter, Sumra-tul-Hai Zirvi sahiba, and eleven grandchildren. May Allah bless him with His grace and mercy and a lofty station in high heaven and bless his bereaved family with patience and solace.

Dr. Zirvi sahib passed away in his home on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, his funeral prayer was held on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, in the Baitur Rahman Mosque and he was buried the next day in Maqbara-tus-Salam, Sykesville, Maryland. Inna lillahe wa inna elaihe raje'oon. After attending Zirvi sahib's funeral prayer, his beloved wife of 57 years, Amatul Latif sahiba, also passed away peacefully in her home. Inna lillahe wa inna elaihe raje'oon.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) graciously mentioned the demise of Dr. Zirvi sahib and his wife in his Friday sermon on January 20, 2023 and led their funeral prayers in-absentia.



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