

## Eric's Pearls of Wisdom

1. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with all your might. (Ecclesiastes 3:10, Colossians 3:23)
2. Always welcome, never expected.
3. You can be macho or you can be stupid, but you cannot be both macho and stupid or you will get hurt.
4. If no one is stepping up to lead, then YOU step up to lead.
5. You can't rationalize with an irrational behavior.
6. You never fail until you stop trying.
7. Control is more important than power.
8. Minimize your losses to make the best of a bad situation - remember, it builds character.
9. The chicken puts his head in the sand, the coward runs away, but a man faces his problems.
10. If you can't rely on your family, who can you rely on? (Your siblings will be the best friend you ever had.)
11. When receiving compliments, just say thank you.
12. Church is your family - you stick with your family.
13. The head and heart should work in tandem.
14. Go the extra mile.
15. You can do anything that you want to do, but you cannot do everything that you want to do.
16. Don't wait to be asked; find a way to serve.
17. You do what you need to do to take care of you.
18. Keep going and don't look back. (When opportunity knocks.)
19. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.
20. If you can find it, you can eat it.



# A Life Remembered



**Eric Gordon Zittel**

1960 - 2022

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ.

- Philippians 1:9-10 (NAS95)

**Eric Gordon Zittel**  
August 30, 1960 - January 18, 2022

Eric Gordon Zittel, 61, passed away peacefully in his own home on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Eric, born on August 30, 1960, was the youngest son of Walter and Mildred (Gerboth) Zittel. He grew up in Wichita, Kansas, where he met his wife, Tammie (Browning) Zittel. They were married on May 22, 1982. He would often describe her as nothing less than a gift from God. In 1995, Eric and Tammie relocated their family to Oregon to work for FiServ Corvallis and settled in Albany, where they became active members of the Hill Street Church of Christ. Eric served as a deacon at Hill Street for about 20 years, until he was appointed as an elder of the church in 2019. He retired in July 2021 and his greatest dream was to spend his retirement as a "preachin', teachin' elder." Eric overcame much in his life, and ultimately is remembered for his knowledge, wisdom, patience, compassion, and conviction in his faith.

Eric was preceded in death by both of his parents and his beloved brother, Warren Zittel.

Eric's legacy carries on with his wife Tammie Zittel; his eldest daughter Kathryn Zittel; his middle daughter Karyn Zittel-Harless along with her husband Jonathan Harless and their children Conner, Kimberly, Josiah, and Miriam; his youngest daughter Kristyn Ruddiman along with her husband Kyle Ruddiman and their two daughters, McCaslin and Renae; and his son Eric Joshua Zittel. His children of the heart Mary Beth and Charles Hill, and their two sons Oliver and Milo, also carry Eric's legacy. Lastly, he is survived by his brother David Zittel and his wife Mary Meacham, his sister-in-law Linda Zittel, and many other friends and family around the world.

In lieu of flowers please donate in Eric's name to either Hill Street Church of Christ/Missions or Project H.E.R. Memorials may be sent in care of AAsum-Dufour 805 Ellsworth St SW Albany, OR 97321.

In Loving Memory of

# Eric Gordon Zittel

August 30, 1960 ~ January 18, 2022

## Opening Remarks

Jonathan Harless

## Congregational Songs

730 - *"We Declare"*

749 - *"Battle Belongs to the Lord"*

## Obituary Reading

Joshua Zittel

## Congregational Songs

712 - *"Jesus is Coming Soon"*

705 - *"A Common Love"*

## Slide Show

by Kathryn Zittel

## Congregational Songs

226 - *"Come Thou Fount"*

176 - *"Lamb of God"*

## Scripture Reading & Prayer

Brian Lovett

## Congregational Songs

448 - *"Greatest Commands"*

449 - *"Thy Word"*

689 - *"Be Still, My Soul"*

## Eulogy

Jonathan Harless

## Congregational Songs

694 - *"Servant Song"*

490 - *"It is Well With My Soul"*

## Closing Prayer

Mike Jackson

## Congregational Songs

711 - *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

882 - *"No Tears in Heaven"*

## Dismissal

Jonathan Harless