



Dalila "Dali" A. Amend

November 29, 1928 - July 3, 2025

Dalila "Dali" Agostini Amend, was born on November 29, 1928, in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico to Pedro Jose and Margarita Rodriguez Agostini, the youngest of their four children. A 1949 graduate of Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia, she was teaching foreign languages at Robinson School in Santurce, Puerto Rico, when she met Edward Amend, a Lutheran seminary intern. They married on September 3, 1954, in Wisner, Nebraska.

The couple moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1955, where their three children were born: Eric (1955), Kurt (1958), and Laura (1959). While raising her family, Dali taught Spanish at Edison High School.

Their journey continued to Chicago (1963-1966), where Ed pursued doctoral studies at the University of Chicago while Dali taught at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. The family spent a year in Marburg-am-Lahn, Germany (1966-1967) before settling in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where they became members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Dali taught French and Spanish at various Waterloo high schools until her retirement in 1990. Ed was a professor of philosophy and religion at the University of Northern Iowa from 1967 until his retirement in 1997.

In retirement, Dali and Ed developed their property on the Shell Rock River

near Finchford, and traveled extensively across Central America, Europe, and South Asia. Dali volunteered for twenty years at World's Window, a fair-trade store. They returned to Cedar Falls in 2003.

Dali was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-six years, Ed; her parents; and siblings Victor, Pedro, and Eneida. She is survived by her son Eric (La Canada, California), his wife Dawn, granddaughters Liv (Eliot) and Mari, and great-grandsons Luther and Bram; son Kurt (Arlington, Virginia), his wife Alice, and their children Helen, Isaac, and Phoebe; and daughter Laura (Chicago, Illinois).

A memorial service to celebrate Dali's life will be held at 11am Saturday, July 26, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service and luncheon will follow. Memorial donations may be directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
4000 Hudson Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3541
<http://bethlehemcf.org>

Memorial Service

JUL **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Richardson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dalila "Dali" A. Amend



Richardson Funeral Service - July 23, 2025 at 10:05 AM

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“ She was my Spanish teacher all through high school (Waterloo Central). What a wonderful human being she was. I'll always know her as "Nora." When I was a freshman, the seniors had given her that nickname...it stuck and we called her that forever more. She was always confused... "why "Nora?" but she seemed to enjoy it. I was kind of a goof-off in school. She was patient, kind, and forgiving. I'll never forget her.

Bill Wade - July 17, 2025 at 09:28 AM

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Kurt Amend - July 04, 2025 at 05:12 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kurt Amend - July 04, 2025 at 03:45 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Dalila "Dali" Amend



Diana Theiss - July 04, 2025 at 01:40 PM