

Jerry Moya Remembered

By Ricardo Tombo

On Saturday January 4, on a clear picture perfect day, about 250 people gathered at **La Plaza Park** in San Bernardino to celebrate the life and the birthday of **Jerry Moya**. This memorial celebration of life was organized by friends and family members. Jerry described himself as one of the few remaining "old school barbers" in San Bernardino. Jerry passed away on December 11, 2013. The ceremony was held by the gazebo in the center of the park. **Evangelist Art Blajos** presided over the services.

Jerry was born in New Mexico and came to San Bernardino in 1962, at age 4. In 1996 Jerry became a licensed barber and eventually opened his own barbershop near the corner of 5th and Mt. Vernon in San Bernardino. Jerry's commitment and involvement in the community grew along with his business. Jerry's daughter Crystal mentioned that at one point Jerry was appointed as a Fire Commissioner with San Bernardino Fire Department; sponsored several sports teams, coached boxing, and helped on the political campaign for 1st Ward **City Council Member Virginia Marquez**. Jerry spent time as an instructor at the San Bernardino Barber & Beauty College, helping younger barbering students in their careers.

Jerry's Barbershop was filled wall-to-wall with Route 66 memorabilia, photographs, a few old guitars and an old amplifier. Jerry would play his guitar and at times have jamming sessions with customers.

Jerry was a Christian who was involved in several "Victory Outreach" crusades in San Bernardino. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ was important to Jerry. Jerry had the opportunity to personally evangelize to friends, fam-



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ily, and customers. **Adam Moya** said that at one time his brother Jerry was asked give someone a ride, but would not leave his shop without his "Sword"; making reference to his Bible, before helping his friend!

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Crystal Torres (right), Jerry's daughter and Skylar Torres (center) Jerry's only grandchild, released doves, which quickly took flight over the crowds. **Pastor Art Balajos (left)** stood by with the family.

members of the family sang songs and gave words of encouragement to those attending. Pastor "Pepe", a childhood friend of Jerry, eulogized him and recalled how they traveled in their youth.

Crystal Torres, Jerry's daughter and Skylar Torres, Jerry's grand-

child, released doves, which quickly took flight over the crowds. At the end of the event, all of the attending family members gathered in front of the gazebo, and all together released white balloons into the air; covering the skies over the park.

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center receives American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) has received the Get With The Guidelines® – Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association (AHA). The award recognizes ARMC's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care by ensuring that stroke patients receive treatment according to nationally accepted guidelines. This will be the first time that ARMC has been recognized with the Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award.

Get With The Guidelines – Stroke helps the hospital's staff develop and implement acute and secondary prevention guideline processes to improve patient care and outcomes. The program provides hospitals with a web-based patient management tool, best practice discharge protocols and standing orders, along with a robust registry and real-time benchmarking capabilities to track performance. The quick and efficient use of guideline procedures can improve the quality of care for stroke patients and may reduce disability and save lives.

"We are pleased to recognize ARMC for its commitment to

stroke care," said Deepak L. Bhatt, M.D., M.P.H., national chairman of the Get With The Guidelines steering committee and Chief of Cardiology at VA Boston Healthcare System, Senior Physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. "Published scientific studies are providing us with evidence that Get With The Guidelines works. Patients are getting the right care they need when they need it. That is resulting in increased survival."

Following Get With The Guidelines-Stroke treatment guidelines, patients are started on aggressive riskreduction therapies including the use of medications such as tissue plasminogen activator (tPA), antithrombotics and anticoagulation therapy, along with cholesterol reducing drugs and smoking cessation counseling. These are all aimed at reducing death and disability and improving the lives of stroke patients. Hospitals must adhere to these measures at a set level for a designated period of time to be eligible for the achievement awards.

"We are dedicated to making our care for stroke patients among the

best in the country. The AHA's Get With The Guidelines – Stroke program helps us to accomplish this goal," said ARMC Stroke Medical Director, Dr. Dan Miulli. "This recognition demonstrates that we are on the right track and we are very proud of our team."

According to the AHA, stroke is one of the leading causes of death and serious, long-term disability in the United States. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

ARMC earned certification by the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program as a Level 1 Primary Stroke Center in 2010. For more information about ARMC, visit www.arrowheadmedcenter.org.

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