## In Memory of Miguel Robles (1944 - 2016)

Crescentia DeGoede July 28, 2016



three grandchildren.

Name: Miguel Robles

**Spouse:** Mary Helen Berke

Children: Milen

Birth Date: February 28, 1944

Blessing Date: July 1, 1982

**Ascension Date:** July 12, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved and dear brother Miguel Robles, who recently moved from Kansas to Virginia, ascended to the spirit world late night on Tuesday, July 12, in Virginia in the presence of his wife and son. His heart never wavered since joining the Unification movement in 1973. He used to say, "all I want to do is Father's will centered on God. God knows my heart." He is survived by his wife Mary Helen, his son Milen, his daughter in law Yiyoung, and his

Let us join together in support of Miguel's family during this important and special time and offer our prayers for his victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world.

Following is a biography from his wife Mary Helen and his former pastor in Kansas Peeter Saarna.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim Continental Director

Dr. Michael Balcomb President

Miguel A. Robles was born in Puerto Rico on February 28, 1944. When he was a young boy of five years, his family moved to New York City, where he grew up with his four siblings in the Lower East Side. He met and joined the Unification Church in 1973 and never looked back. His first five years in the church were spent fundraising, followed by restoration work at the World Mission Center at the New Yorker Hotel. He also worked later with Ilhwa Health Food stores in Cleveland and in New York. He was Blessed to Mary Helen (Mertz) Berke in 1982 at the Madison Square Garden as part of the 2075 Couples'

## Blessing.

Miguel loved to make people laugh. He had a quick wit and he was known for his jokes. He moved his family from the Big Apple to the Little Apple in Manhattan, Kansas in 1987, when their only son Milen, was 3 years old. He then initiated his Home Church Ministry where he brought many people to his home for both spiritual and physical food. He kept holding services in his home up until his health began to decline. One of his favorite stories was that once True Father came in the room, and when he looked at Miguel, he started singing Amazing Grace. Miguel always loved to tell this story.

On June 12, 2016, Miguel and Mary Helen moved to Yorktown, VA to be closer to their son's family and closer to their three grandchildren. He ascended in VA one month later on July 12, 2016 in the presence of his wife and son. His Seonghwa ceremony was held on July 17 and attended by the immediate family and close friends.

Miguel has always been very serious about his Tribal Messiah work. He used to say, "All I want to do is Father's will centered on God. God knows my heart."

## **Seonghwa Ceremony**

**Date:** July 17, 2016

**Location:** Miguel Seonghwa ceremony was held on July 17 and attended by the immediate family and close friends.