

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Luther Clayton Mitchell

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In Memory of Luther Clayton Mitchell

Spouse: Crystal Mitchell

Children: Matthew, Katherine, and Rita

DOB: January 31, 1954

Blessing: May 17, 2008

Ascension: February 2, 2026

Seonghwa Ceremony: 12 pm, Friday, February 27, 2026 at Lavenia and Summers Funeral Home

5811 East 38th St Indianapolis, IN 46218

Viewing: 10 am-12 pm

Luther Clayton Mitchell, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and devoted disciple of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, ascended to the spirit world on February 2, 2026, at the age of 72.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 31, 1954,

Luther was the second-oldest son of eight children. Even in those early years, it was clear that a deep internal compass guided him; he felt called toward a life of profound purpose and meaning, a calling that would shape the decades to follow.

In 1972, Luther set out on a journey of faith with the Unification Church, traveling as a missionary and dedicating himself to fundraising efforts that included selling terrariums and bags of peanuts. Those years reflected his adventurous spirit and his heartfelt desire to serve a greater purpose. Though he later stepped away from the church for a season, the quiet strength of his calling and the deep roots of his faith never left him. In 2000, after a meaningful and unexpected encounter with his spiritual mother, Marica, in the church parking lot, he felt drawn home once more. That reunion rekindled his devotion and marked the beginning of a renewed chapter in his spiritual life - one filled with reflection, reconnection, and enduring hope.

Throughout his life, Luther worked tirelessly in numerous jobs, doing whatever was needed to provide faithfully for his first wife and their three children. He carried his responsibilities with quiet determination, always placing his family's needs above his own aspirations. Though he long held the dream of furthering his education, he chose to wait until his children had graduated from high school before pursuing that goal himself. With steadfast dedication and pride, he returned to school and in 2012 earned his Associate degree in Paralegal Studies from Ivy Tech Community College - a milestone that reflected his perseverance, love of learning, and the example he set of lifelong commitment and sacrifice for those he cherished most.

He met his beloved wife, Crystal, in 2005 while they were both at SMC, forming a friendship that blossomed over three years before receiving their blessing in marriage. United by faith, they studied the

Bible together, and he lovingly introduced Crystal to the Unification Church, a community that meant so much to him. Within just three months of her first visit, they received the Marriage Blessing in 2008 in Washington, D.C., officiated by Reverend Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Their union was rooted in friendship, shared devotion, and a deep commitment to building a life of faith and love together.



His true work and ministry were found in his service to others. A man of immense compassion, he spent ten years as a devoted volunteer with Hope 4 2morrow. Through this community outreach organization, he became a pillar of support for the less fortunate, tirelessly distributing food and clothing to those in need. His decade of service stood as a testament to his belief in the inherent dignity of every person. Throughout the entirety of his ministry to others, Luther faithfully served while undergoing medical dialysis, quietly carrying his own physical burdens even as he lifted the burdens of so many around him. He believed he had been called by his spirit to do this work, and he answered that calling with unwavering dedication and grace. In Luther's last months, he increased his impact on the world and began donating to the ASPCA to support lifesaving animal rescue and rehabilitation efforts.

Luther's strength was drawn from his unwavering walk with the Lord. He navigated the complexities of life and health challenges with a rare grace, firmly believing that God held the blueprint for his journey. When faced with the inevitable obstacles and vicissitudes of life, Luther did not waver. Instead, he leaned into his faith, trusting completely in the divine plan. His life served as a living example of the peace that comes from placing one's life in God's hands.

To know Luther was to know his profound love for music. He possessed a particular affinity for the soulful rhythms of Jazz and R and B, and his knowledge was legendary - he could identify a tune or an artist within the first few notes. This passion culminated in a magnificent collection of music, including over 1,000 vinyl records, and a vast library of CDs and tapes. To Luther, music was more than a hobby; it was the soundtrack to a life well-lived.

Beyond music, Luther's interests were as vibrant and varied as his record collection. He delighted in watching movies of all kinds, especially martial arts films and classic western shows and films, often immersing himself in the action and storytelling. Award shows were a special event for him, as he enjoyed celebrating the artistry and achievements of performers across genres. He had a playful side as well, spending time enjoying video games and exploring the latest technology, gadgets, and innovations with curiosity and enthusiasm. His love for collecting extended beyond music to include an impressive archive of records, CDs, tapes, and DVDs. When he wasn't listening or watching, he could often be found reading or enjoying audiobooks, always eager to learn, imagine, and experience new stories.

Notably, Luther's greatest legacy is not found in what he owned, but in the lives he influenced. While he was a foundational role model for his children, his impact extended deeply to his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many of his children's friends as well. He was a man of principle who taught the younger generation the value of integrity, the necessity of taking responsibility for one's actions, and the importance of celebrating every victory over adversity.

Luther was a man defined by his vibrant spirit and infectious positivity, which touched everyone he met. His melody lives on in the hearts of all who loved him. He leaves behind a family strengthened by his guidance and a community made better by his presence.

Luther Clayton Mitchell traded time for eternity on February 2, 2026. He leaves to cherish his memory and legacy a very loving and devoted wife, Crystal; caring son, Matthew; faithful daughters, Katherine and Rita; cherished grandchildren; loving mother, brother, and beloved sisters; and a host of loving nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends.

Homegoing Services for Luther C. Mitchell will be held at:

Lavenia and Summers Funeral Home
5811 East 38th St
Indianapolis, IN 46218

Friday, February 27, 2026

The Viewing is from 10 am-12 noon.

The service begins at noon.

The Final Committal at:
Memorial Park Cemetery
9350 East Washington St
Indianapolis, IN 46229