

In Loving Memory of Wesley Samuel (1938 - 2016)

Crescentia DeGoede
September 26, 2016



Name: Wesley Samuel

Spouse: Gladys Samuel

Birth Date: December 13, 1938

Blessing Date: February 28, 1969

Ascension Date: September 23, 2016

Our beloved elder brother, Wesley Samuel ascended to the Spirit World on Friday, September 23, 2016 at a hospital near his home in Florida.

Wesley is the first African-American brother to join the Unification Movement. He and his wife Gladys joined the Unification Movement in New York in September of 1966. Wesley from Quitman Georgia and Gladys from Adjuntas Puerto Rico.

Wesley and Gladys received the Marriage Blessing from True Parents as one of the first 13 American couples at the first Blessing Ceremony held in

America in Washington D.C. on February 28, 1969, as part of the 43 Couples' Blessing. They have six children, eighteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Wesley has served in various capacities in the New York Church and participated in many missionary activities over the years, in Thailand, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Albania and Liechtenstein, where he served as National Messiah.



Wesley was a faithful brother and loved True Parents. He was always pleasant and soft spoken, and was always ready to advise, encourage and support other brothers and sisters and help them when they were troubled. We will miss him.

Memorial services for Wesley are planned in the Florida, New York and Pennsylvania. Let us support Wesley's family in this special time and pray for his transition to his new life in the Spirit World.

