

## Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Michael Candelaresi

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December 27, 2021



### In Memory of Michael Candelaresi

Michael Candelaresi

Spouse: Arlene Candelaresi

Children: Milene, Arael, Andrew, Elishia

Birthdate: February 14, 1948

Seonghwa Ceremony: December 27, 2021

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As an adult Michael continued to pursue education, getting his undergraduate and master's degree in economics after the age of 45. He often grew to like new bands, even into his 70's. He also continued to pursue interests in technology. His newest hobby was taking pictures of the sky on his cellphone. He loved the sky and often interrupted the conversation to have those around look at the moon, stars, or sunset. These are places we will continue to look for signs from Michael.

A Seonghwa Ceremony, which is the memorial service in the Unification Church tradition, will be held at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 27, 2021 at

Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home (5527 Cheviot Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247) for those who would like to attend. A livestream will be available below for those unable to attend. A visitation will be held immediately following from 5p-7pm, also at the funeral home. Masks are preferred by the family for those in attendance.

### **Seonghwa Ceremony**

#### **In-Person and Online**

Date: Monday, December 27, 2021

Time: 3:00 PM EST (followed by a special family visitation at 5PM)

#### **Mihovk Rosenacker Funeral Home**

5527 Cheviot RD  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

Please follow all COVID protocols and masks are preferred by the family for those in attendance.

Online viewing link can be [found here](#) under the obituary.

### **Obituary for Michael R. Candelaresi**

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If you wish to send flowers see this link: [www.mrfh.com](http://www.mrfh.com)

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And whatever you choose, I hope you can also just share a story on his Facebook page or by email to:

[StoriesForMichaelCandelaresi@gmail.com](mailto:StoriesForMichaelCandelaresi@gmail.com)

# Michael Candelaresi memorial and widow fund



Michael's children is organizing this fundraiser.

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Our beloved husband, father, and brother Michael Candelaresi, passed from this physical earth on Wednesday, Dec. 15. While Michael lived a long and full life, his passing was a shocking loss to the physical world.

Throughout his life Michael was full of warmth, wisdom, and stories. He was a devoted husband, unconditionally loving father and grandfather as well as a man who dedicated his life to bringing peace and healing to the world. His passion led him to become the pastor of The Cincinnati Family Church for many years and he remained active in promoting peace by sharing ideal family values with as many people as he could reach. He was a man who wanted to alleviate the suffering of others. We often wonder if this is because he suffered himself as he dealt with Crohn's disease for most of his life. He had a healing energy, Reiki, and would sit or kneel next to people for hours to comfort them and heal their pain. Another thing he was known for was his storytelling and love of words. You could watch his eyes search every corner of his mind as it chose the next path in the woods. He would laugh to prompt your laughter, and raise his eyebrows to let you know this was the really exciting part of the story!

We are devastated by his loss, but we know that he is in a better place. If you would like to give support during this difficult time of transition all donations are greatly appreciated.

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Michael's children  
Organizer  
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## Comments (7)

Louise Honey donated **\$120**  
Our prayers, thoughts, and love to Michael, Arlene, and the family during this trying time. May Heavenly Parent's abundant blessings and grace be with all of you!

4 hrs



Jason & Jenni Tobkin donated **\$100**

Love you guys. See you soon.

2 d



Grace Sasaki donated **\$100**

Sending love and prayers for your family as you cope with this sudden transition

3 d



Larry & Cathy Rolfes donated **\$100**

We were so shocked and saddened to hear about Michael. Wishing you peace.

6 d



Yasu Okamura donated **\$200**

I don't know Michael Candelaresi, I've never met him but he seems like he was a great dad to his kids and an awesome community leader, I just wish his circle was larger so more people could remember him too and honor his passing. Hope this brings... [Read more](#)

7 d



Ernest Patton donated **\$120**

What a great couple and a loving, righteous family. We pray that the love of God and True Parents will guide Michael and comfort his family.

9 d



Michael lamson commented

I love Michael soooooo



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# Michael R. Candelaresi

February 14, 1948 - December 15, 2021



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Live Stream Starting  
3 PM

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## SERVICE

Mihovk Rosenacker Funeral



Monday, December 27, 2021



3:00 PM



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