



## Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III

November 14, 1952 - January 14, 2024

Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III, 71, of Westfield, unexpectedly went home to be with the Lord early Sunday morning, January 14, 2024.

He was born on November 14, 1952, in Chiclayo, Peru, the son of the late Merton Rundell, Jr. and Emma (Mitchell) Rundell.

Rusty met the love of his life and faithful ministry partner, Isabel Fiskeaux, at Hobe Sound Bible College, and they married on June 5, 1976. Shortly following their marriage, they moved to Honduras, where they would serve as missionaries for many years. Throughout life Rusty was always at his best when he was ministering to the Hispanic people.

Rev. Rundell founded the Instituto Teológico Emanuel in San Luis, Santa Bárbara, Honduras, and leaves behind a legacy of 20 years of ministry with Evangelistic Faith Missions in Honduras and over 20 years serving with the Holiness Hispanic Churches in Indiana. In addition to his mission work, he served 25 years in various capacities at Union Bible College in Westfield, preparing young people for ministry. Rev. Rundell retired from UBC in May 2023.

He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and business administration from Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida and an MBA from Indiana

Wesleyan University. He was a long-term ordained minister with the Midwest Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Rusty was a gentle, patient man with a great sense of humor who loved telling jokes. His college minor in engineering would show up often in his love of fixing things. Rusty could repair about anything without getting his white dress shirt dirty. He loved fast cars and was notorious for dropping Chevy 350 engines in his Toyota Land Cruisers. Rusty was a Good Samaritan in Honduras and the US, fixing anything for anyone in need. He also enjoyed being a pilot and a ham radio operator. Rusty loved his family dearly and was a shining example of Jesus to them and many others.

Those left to cherish Rusty's memory include his wife of 47 years, Isabel Rundell; four children, Merton Russell (Cindy) Rundell, IV of Fargo, ND, Sarah Joy (Zechariah) Robberts of Ottawa, KS, Daniel Mark (Sarah) Rundell of Elwood, and Lorna Ruth (Amit) Dutta of Cincinnati, OH; nine grandchildren, Merton Russell "Reece" Rundell V, Larissa, Eleya, and Nathanael Robberts, Quinn, Adelaide, and Gabriel Rundell, and Priya and Ruchi Dutta; two sisters, Mary (Paul) Holmes of Blue Island, IL and Rebecca Veyon of Hobe Sound, FL; a brother-in-law, Steve Veyon of Zanesville, OH; several cousins, nieces and nephews and a host of Hispanic people who consider him their spiritual father and grandfather.

In addition to his parents, Rusty was preceded in death by four grandchildren who died before birth. The family is comforted by knowing he is enjoying his grandchildren that he wasn't able to hold on earth.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Friday, January 19, 2024, at the Pilgrim Holiness Church, 1413 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN, with Pastor John Forsee officiating. Burial will follow at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

You may view the funeral service via livestream by Clicking Here (<http://noblesvillephc.com/live>).

Visitation will be held 4 – 8 pm Thursday and one hour before the service Friday, all at the church.

Memorial Contributions may be offered to the Iglesia Evangélica de Santidad Monte Sinaí by Clicking Here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/online-payments-and-donations/>) or to the Merton Rundell III Missions Scholarship Fund through EFM by Clicking Here (<https://efm.kindful.com/>).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rev. Merton Rundell III.

El Reverendo Merton Russell Rundell III, de 71 años, hizo su entrada a la patria celestial para estar con su Señor y Salvador en la madrugada del domingo, 14 de enero, 2024.

Nació el 14 de noviembre, 1952, en Chiclayo, Perú, hijo de Merton Rundell, Jr, y Emma (Mitchell) Rundell. Ambos lo recibieron a paz eterna.

Merton conoció al amor de su vida, y fiel compañera de ministerio, Isabel Fiskeaux, en Hobe Sound Bible College, en Florida. Se casaron el 5 de junio 1976. Poco después de casados, se trasladaron a Honduras, donde sirvieron como misioneros por muchos años. Durante su vida, Merton se sentía más a

gusto cuando estaba ministrando y compartiendo con el pueblo hispano.

Hno. Merton fue el fundador del Instituto Teológico Emanuel en San Luis, Santa Barbara, Honduras, y deja un legado de 20 años de ministerio con Misiones Evangélicas de la Fe, y la Asociación de la Iglesia Emanuel de Honduras. También ministró por más de 20 años en las Iglesias Hispánicas de Santidad en Indiana. Aparte de su labor misionera, sirvió en varias capacidades en Union Bible College en Westfield, IN, ayudando a preparar jóvenes para el ministerio. Hno. Merton se retiró de su trabajo en Union Bible College en mayo del 2023, pero siguió su ministerio entre la comunidad hispana.

Obtuvo un título en matemática y administración de empresas de Palm Beach Atlantic University en Florida, y años después una maestría en administración de empresas de Indiana Wesleyan University. Fue ministro ordenado con la organización Midwest Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Hno. Merton era un hombre paciente y apacible, con un buen sentido de humor. Le gustaba mucho contar chistes y añadía anécdotas en sus mensajes. Sus estudios de ingeniería lo ayudaban a menudo porque le gustaba mucho reparar y arreglar cosas. Podía hacer cualquier trabajo de mecánica sin ensuciar su camisa blanca. Le gustaban los carros veloces, y reemplazaba los motores de sus Toyotas con un motor Chevy 350. Hno. Merton era un buen samaritano, tanto en Honduras como en los Estados Unidos, ayudando y reparando carros y máquinas para quien lo necesitaba. Amaba mucho a su familia y fue un ejemplo fiel de Jesucristo no solo para ellos, sino también para muchos más.

Los que atesoran la memoria de Merton Rundell incluyen su esposa por 47 años, Isabel Rundell; cuatro hijos, Merton Russell (Cindy) Rundell, IV de Fargo, ND, Sarah Joy (Zechariah) Robberts de Ottawa, KS, Daniel Mark

(Sarah) Rundell de Elwood, IN, y Lorna Ruth (Amit) Dutta de Cincinnati, OH; nueve nietos, Merton Russell "Reece" Rundell V, Larissa, Eleya y Nathanael Robberts, Quinn, Adelaide, y Gabriel Rundell, y Priya y Ruchi Dutta; dos hermanas, Mary (Paul) Holmes de Blue Island, IL y Rebecca Veyon de Hobe Sound, FL; un cuñado, Steve Veyon de Zanesville, OH; varios primos, sobrinos y sobrinas, y una multitud de pueblo hispano que le consideran su padre y abuelo espiritual.

Aparte de sus padres, Merton fue recibido al cielo por cuatro nietos que pasaron de este mundo antes de nacer. La familia recibe consuelo sabiendo que está disfrutando de los nietos que no pudo conocer en esta vida.

El servicio fúnebre será el viernes 19 de enero, a la 1 PM en Pilgrim Holiness Church, 1413 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN, con el Pastor John Forsee. El entierro será inmediatamente después en Summit Lawn Cemetery en Westfield.

Puede ver el servicio fúnebre en vivo en este link: aquí (<http://noblesvillephc.com/live>).

La visitación será el jueves de las 4-8 PM y una hora antes del servicio el viernes, siempre en la iglesia.

Contribuciones en memoria de Merton Rundell III pueden hacerse a la Iglesia Evangélica de Santidad Monte Sinaí aquí (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/online-payments-and-donations/>), o por medio de Misiones Evangelistas de la Fe, para el Fondo de Becas Misioneras Merton Rundell III aquí (<https://efm.kindful.com/>).

Los arreglos funerales están a cargo de Sproles Family Funeral Home en New Castle, IN.

La Familia Sproles y personal lo toman como un honor servir a la familia del Reverendo Merton Rundell III.

# Cemetery Details

## Summit Lawn Cemetery

1154 Westfield Blvd  
Westfield, IN 46074

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Noblesville Pilgrim Holiness Church  
1413 Westfield Rd  
Noblesville, IN 46062

## Visitation

JAN 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Noblesville Pilgrim Holiness Church  
1413 Westfield Rd  
Noblesville, IN 46062

## Funeral Service

JAN 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Noblesville Pilgrim Holiness Church  
1413 Westfield Rd  
Noblesville, IN 46062



# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Rundell family, where do I start with memories in Honduras. I remember Brother Rundell driving a truck and trailer load of people to the mountain villages for special services, he would preach many services in Spanish, he tirelessly worked on our vehicles, he was making trips to town on business or exchange money, he always ate at Burger King while in San Pedro Sula. Thank you Bro Rundell for your service to the Lord and in particular in Honduras. The people loved you all there.

*Chris Fleck*

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**Chris Fleck** - February 26, 2024 at 07:52 PM

“ For the last 20 years, I had the privilege of working with Bro. Rundell in the Spanish ministries of Indiana, and also in the Spanish Bible Institute.

*He was a man of utmost integrity whose life of holiness impacted countless lives, especially the Latino people. I watched him love them to the end, and witnessed the deep love and respect they had for him. To so many, he was the spiritual father they never had.*

*Bro. Rundell was a spiritual rock, a man of unwavering conviction to not only teach, but live a life of holiness. His life and legacy will live on until Jesus comes.*

*Sis. Rundell was his perfect match, sharing a love for ministry and faithfully supporting and caring for him until the end.*

*Two days before Bro. Rundell went to heaven, I texted him about the dates in April for his Bible prophecy class. But God had another schedule for him. And now he is LIVING out Revelation 4 and 5 before the Throne of our great God and Father. He has endured to the end and has received his crown of life. There is no doubt in my mind that he heard Jesus say, “Well, done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.”*

*His life and prayers will live on and the eternal impact of his fully surrendered life has not yet been revealed. I mean to be faithful and follow him Home.*

*Durante los últimos 20 años, tuve el privilegio de trabajar con el hermano Rundell en los ministerios hispanos de Indiana, y también en el Instituto Bíblico.*

*Fue un hombre de suma integridad cuya vida de santidad impactó innumerables vidas, en especial del pueblo latino. Lo vi amarlos hasta el final y fui testigo del profundo amor y respeto que le tenían. Para muchos, él fue el padre espiritual que nunca tuvieron.*

*Hermano Rundell era una roca espiritual, un hombre de convicción inquebrantable no sólo de enseñar, sino también de vivir una vida de santidad. Su vida y su legado vivirán hasta que venga Jesús.*

*Hermana Rundell era su pareja perfecta, compartía su amor por el ministerio y lo apoyaba y cuidaba fielmente hasta el fin.*

*Dos días antes de su partida, le envié un mensaje sobre las fechas en abril para su clase de profecía bíblica. Pero Dios tenía otro horario para él. Ahora él está VIVIENDO Apocalipsis 4 y 5 ante el Trono de nuestro gran Dios y Padre. Ha perseverado hasta el fin y ha recibido su corona de vida. No tengo duda de que escuchó a Jesús decir: "Bien hecho, siervo bueno y fiel, entra en el gozo de tu Señor."*

*Su vida y sus oraciones seguirán vivas y el impacto eterno de su vida aún no se revelan. Quiero ser fiel y seguirlo al cielo.*

*- Stephanie (Smith) Martinez*

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**Stephanie (Smith) Martinez** - January 19, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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“*Dear friends, Our prayers are with you in this time of sorrow and change. Thank God for the wonderful memories and legacy of another faithful servant.*

*Sincerely,  
Steve and Janet Geise  
Guatemala*

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**Stephen Geise** - January 18, 2024 at 09:53 AM

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*Fue un privilegio no solamente conocer al hermano merton si no compartir con el tiempo de convivencia fue un gran ejemplo y un hombre entregado a Dios firme con la mirada hacia cristo ya cumplió su meta*

fidel - January 21, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.*



January 17, 2024 at 04:53 PM

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“ *The Fiskeaux' siblings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.*

The Fiskeaux' siblings - January 17, 2024 at 04:53 PM

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“ *Pilgrim Bible Church and Academy purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.*



Pilgrim Bible Church and Academy - January 17, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.*



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January 17, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.*



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January 17, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Your UBCA Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.*

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**Your UBCA Family** - January 17, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.*



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January 17, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ The MPL Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.

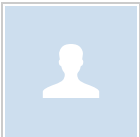
The MPL Team - January 17, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.



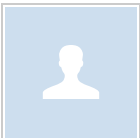
January 17, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.



January 16, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.



January 16, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ Our memories of Rusty go back to early days here in Hobe Sound - friend, fellow-student, and even neighbor for awhile. He has always been a wonderful, godly man; we are sorry for your loss. Dave and Rita Green

Rita Green - January 16, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ Paying tribute to the memory of Rusty Rundell, and giving thanks to Isabel and all the family as they walked together the pathway of obedience to the will of God. We met Rusty when he, as a teenager, and his family arrived in Guatemala; And thus began an acquaintance that spanned decades. Janet and I appreciate the deep dedication with which he served the Lord, missions, Christian education, and other ministries. We pray for comfort and strength for Isabel and the family. Leonard and Janet Sankey

Leonard Sankey - January 16, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.



January 16, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.



January 16, 2024 at 12:01 PM

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“ We are thankful and blessed to have had our lives influenced by Brother and Sister Rundell. We remember well the awesome task of trying to fill his shoes on the mission field in Honduras as young, inexperienced missionaries ourselves, and it didn't take us long to realize that his shoes (nor hers) could ever be filled. Brother Rundell left his influence on many young people's lives that are still in the ministry today in Honduras and beyond. We remember today such a beautiful and devoted man of God, and are praying for his family during this time of grief. May God bless them with comfort, peace, and joy-filled memories.

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**Tom and Sharon McKnight** - January 16, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Rev. Merton "Rusty" Rundell III.



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January 16, 2024 at 09:03 AM

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“ *I worked with Brother Rundell for many years. For a few he was my direct supervisor. I learned many things from him. The most important being to think things through and stick with Biblical principles. Watching him had a big impact on my life. He was truly a man of God.*

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**Scott Benjamin Pyle II** - January 15, 2024 at 07:25 PM