

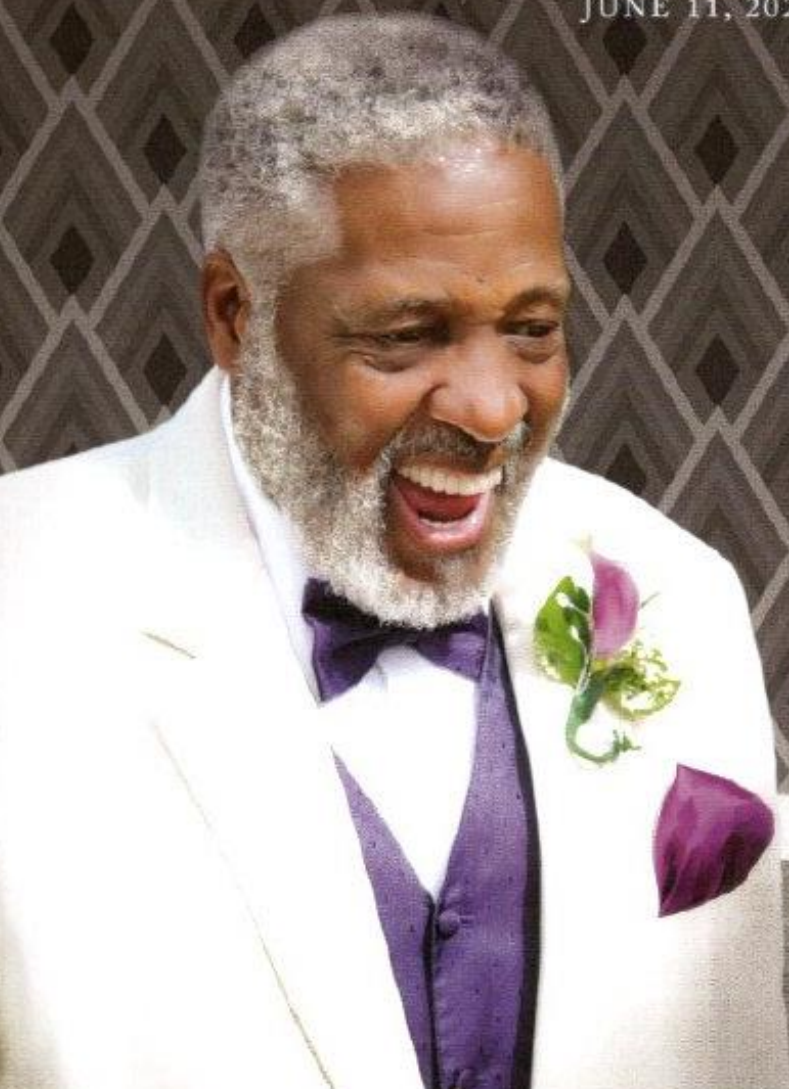
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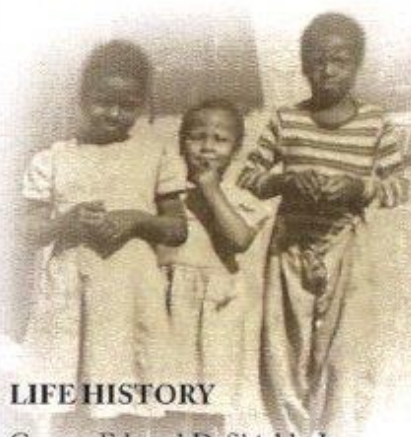
GEORGE EDWARD
DESHIELDS, JR.

SUNRISE
FEBRUARY 1, 1945

SUNSET
JUNE 11, 2026



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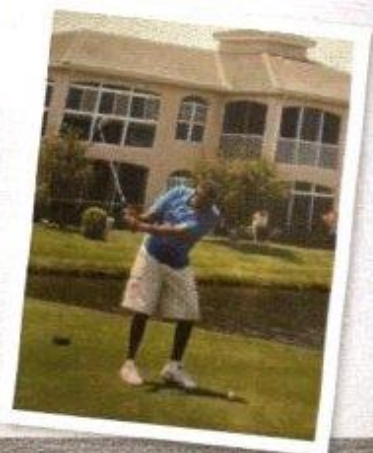


LIFE HISTORY

George Edward DeShields, Jr., "Leaper", 81, of Nottingham, PA, was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 11, 2026, surrounded by the warmth and love of his family. Born in West Chester, PA, George was the cherished son of the late George Edward DeShields, Sr., Rev. Margaret Elisabeth (Burrell), and his stepmother, Aristine "Tina" Thomas.

George was a dedicated husband to Sharon Morton DeShields, with whom he shared 32 years of marriage. Together, they built a life filled with love, faith, and shared experiences.

He received his education from the Kennett School District. He ran track in high school, where he held a record for the mile. A 1964 graduate of Kennett Consolidated High School, he furthered his education at Goldie Beacom College, earning an associate degree. George served his country with honor in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966 during the Vietnam War. He was an aircraft mechanic. He received several medals for his valiant efforts and served until he was honorably discharged.

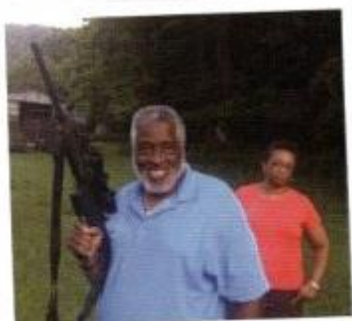


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His ability to fix anything was remarkable. His family and friends benefited from his ability to fix cars, appliances, and anything else.

George took classes at the Philadelphia Wireless Technical Institute, where he received a certificate for HVAC. Professionally, he worked as a skilled HVAC-R technician at Wyeth Laboratories in West Chester until his retirement. He volunteered as a firefighter in Kennett Square and was also given a certificate from the borough of Kennett for the plumbing work he provided.

George loved to watch Western cowboy shows on television. He was an avid golfer, camper, and dancer, with a love for traveling to places like Cancun, Mexico, and Myrtle Beach, SC. He had a passion for fashionable hats, fast cars, and trucks. He enjoyed listening to jazz music. He was a regular attendee of the Berks Jazz Festival, particularly enjoying performances by Brian Culbertson.



A fitness enthusiast, George worked out regularly at the YMCA. He enjoyed Hershey's chocolate and seafood, especially snow and king crab legs from Joe's Crab Shack and Red Lobster.

Most of all, he loved the Lord and his family. George was a faithful member and Deacon at New Life in Christ Fellowship in Coatesville, PA. He served in the Safety and Wellness Ministry and the Medical Team. His commitment to his faith and community was unwavering.

George leaves a treasure of precious memories to his loving wife, Sharon DeShields; sons, George DeShields III (Carisa) and Terrance DeShields, both of Murfreesboro, TN; daughters, Traci Morton of Corona, CA, Keshia DeShields of Crestview, FL, Tia Brown of Kennett Square, PA, and a grandson he raised, Ernest Joint III. He is also survived by his siblings, Rev. Margaret DeShields



Cornelius (Alan) and Catherine I. DeShields; sister-in-law, Karen A. Dickinson (David) of Waimea, Kawai; brother-in-law, Albert "Deet" Morton III of Coatesville; 15 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents and his stepmother, George was preceded in death by his first wife, Freda E. DeShields; his son, Jeffrey

DeShields, Sr.; his grandson, James Morton Bookman, and his siblings, Florence DeShields, Charles Irvin DeShields, Sr., John DeShields; and his in-laws, Albert and Jennie Morton.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family





Order of Service

Pastor Clarence Smith, Officiating

Processional Clergy & Family

The Anthem *New Life In Christ Fellowship Choir*

Final Viewing

Opening Hymn #341 "It is Well" *New Life In Christ Fellowship Choir*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-6. Pastor Clarence Smith

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ... Pastor Robert Marshall

Prayer of Comfort

Music Selection *New Life In Christ Fellowship Choir*
"I've Got a Home up in that Kingdom"

Reading of Cards, Condolences & the Obituary ... *Karen Elliott-Young*

Solo "I Can Only Imagine" *Karen Dickinson*

Reflections *George DeShields III*
Ernest Joint III
Traci Morton

Sermonic Selection "Total Praise" .. *New Life In Christ Fellowship Choir*

Eulogy *Dr. Dan Williams, Pastor*

Remarks *Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director*

Recessional *Clergy & Family*

Benediction

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, June 20, 2026
8 AM VIEWING | 10 AM SERVICE

New Life in Christ Fellowship
1 South Fifth Avenue
Coatesville, Pennsylvania
Rev. Dr. Dan K. Williams, Senior Pastor

PALLBEARERS

George DeShields III	George DeShields IV
Ernest Joint III	Anders Sorensen
Albert Morton III	James Sorensen

HONORARY BEARERS

Fonz Newsuan	Daryl Holder
Maurice Good	Darris Tinson
Andy Washington	Gbone Garyeazone
Ja'nas Gballah	

COMMITAL & INTERMENT

with Military Honors
Union Hill Cemetery
424 North Union Street
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

A NOTE OF THANKS

We extend our heartfelt thanks for every card, message, phone call, flower arrangement, and visit. Your outpouring of love and care has provided us with comfort during this difficult time. We are profoundly grateful for your continued prayers and support. Special thanks to Matt and Melisa Ricketts, Michael and Pat Bauers, John and Kari Hardin and granddaughter Emerson Shae McMasters, James and Della Mae Phipps, Compassionate Senior Care, and Compassus Hospice Care for their exceptional kindness and support. Your generosity and compassion have touched our hearts deeply, and we are forever thankful.
Sincerely, The Family



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