

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Rev.
COLUMBUS
Shields

JULY 27, 1936 - OCTOBER 10, 2020

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 17, 2020

BETHLEHEM JUDAH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
83 GALLOPING HILL ROAD | ELIZABETH, NJ 07208
FUNERAL SERVICE : 9:30AM
BISHOP ANTHONY J. GILYARD | PASTOR
OVERSEER DEXTER HEDGEPEETH | OFFICIATING
APOSTLE KEITH CAREY | ULOGIST

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Musical Prelude.....	Organist
Prayer of comfort	Overseer Dexter Hedgepeth, Zion Cathedral Church of God in Christ, Freeport, NY
Old Testament Scripture.....	William Shields, Jr.
New Testament Scripture.....	Sheryl Shields
Selection.....	Anthony Shields
Remarks	Sean Shields, Apostle Walter L Scott and Missionary Patricia Scott, Deliverance Holy Tabernacle; Patterson, NJ Dexter Smith, Jocelyn Shields
Selection.....	Anthony Shields
Acknowledgements	Melanie Dukes
Reading of the Obituary.....	Jocelyn Cruz
Selection.....	Anthony Shields
Eulogy	Apostle Keith Carey, Deliverance Holy Tabernacle Patterson, NJ
Recessional	





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OBITUARY

Columbus Shields was born to the late Benjamin Lloyd Shields and Gertrude Davis Shields on July 27, 1936 in Halifax County, North Carolina. He departed this life on October 10, 2020 at Saint Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

He grew up in Hobgood, North Carolina and was educated at Brawley High School in Scotland Neck, North Carolina. In 1956, he moved to New York City and married his wife Jennie Mae Shields on February 2, 1958 and later moved to Somerset, New Jersey. During his time in New York and New Jersey he worked at various supermarkets for over 30 years, notably Stop and Shop where he retired as a manager. After retiring, he realized that he couldn't sit still at home and went on to work for another 10 years as a security officer with Allied Barton at Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He was a hard worker who at times worked nights to care for this daughter at home during the day and was proud of all his years of service to his various positions.

Columbus devoted his life to serving God. He worked as part of the Usher Board until he was elevated to a Junior Pastor at the Deliverance Evangelistic Center in Newark, New Jersey under the late Apostle Arturo Skinner followed by Apostle Ralph G. Nichol. After a decade, he worked under Apostle Walter L. Scott as his Assistant Pastor at Deliverance Holy Tabernacle in Paterson, New Jersey. After fourteen years, he moved his worship locally to First Baptist of Lincoln Gardens in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Lloyd Shields and Gertrude Davis Shields; parents-in-law, Joe Henry Smith and Rosa Richardson Smith; brothers, Benjamin Lloyd Shields, Jr., Willie Frank Shields, Sheppard Shields and Raymond Shields; brothers-in-law, Joe H Smith and Fred D Smith; sisters, Emma Jones, Essie Shields, Christine Samuel, Lizzie White, Adell Lee and Louise Smith.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter Jocelyn Shields; his sister, Rosa Baker, (Otis); his brother-in-law, Dexter Smith, (Pam); sister-in-law, Faye Smith, (late husband Samuel) and a host of other nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.



Family Acknowledgements

The family greatly appreciates your many kind expressions of sympathy rendered during our bereavement. The love you displayed, the kindness you gave, the generosity you shared and the time you took to come to be with us will always be remembered and cherished. May God shower his great blessings on each of you.

Interment

Franklin Memorial Park | North Brunswick, NJ



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