

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says:

"There, she is gone!"

"Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear the load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!" There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: "Here she comes!"

And that is dying ...

*In Loving Memory of*



*William Spencer Shields*

January 3, 1946 - March 31, 2026



# William Spencer Shields

Born January 3, 1946 in Pioche, Nevada. Passed away in Spanish Fork on March 31, 2026 at the age of 80.

Spencer lived his early school years growing up in Los Angeles, California. Then he attended BYU in Provo, Utah where he met and married Bonnie Newquist on March 2, 1972. Spencer and Bonnie graduated from BYU in 1973 from the Youth Leadership Department.

He loved to surf in his younger years, and hunt, fish, hike, camp, target shooting, trapping, archery, ham radio and geocaching with his family.

He was raised in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and loved the gospel with all his heart.

Spencer was preceded in death by his son, Joshua in 1982 and Fawn, his daughter in 2020. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bonnie; his brother Dennis; son, Jacob (Kim); daughter, Josie Reynaud (Todd); daughter, Jessica; daughter, Erin Langford (John); 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

## Pallbearers

Jacob Shields	Todd Reynaud
John Langford	Garrett Manson
Logan Reynaud	Justin Reynaud
Tyler Reynaud	Jeff Kennedy

## Greeters

Josie Reynaud (Daughter)	Emily Shields (Granddaughter)
Samuel Langford (Grandson)	Hannah Langford (Granddaughter)
Sebastian Flores (Great-Grandson)	

## Interment

Fairview Cemetery  
Fairview, Utah

Dedicatory Prayer.....Todd Reynaud (Son-in-law)

# Funeral Services

Monday, April 6, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Wheeler & Sundberg Funeral Homes Chapel  
211 East 200 South, Springville, Utah 84663

Conducting .....Bishop Caldwell  
Family Prayer.....John Langford (Son-in-law)  
Music ..... Angie Cauble  
Opening Hymn.....#300

*“Families Can Be Together Forever”*

Invocation..... Kim Shields (Daughter-in-law)  
Speaker .....Jacob Shields (Son)  
Speaker ..... Dennis Shields (Brother)  
Speaker ..... Jeff Kennedy (Close Friend)

Speaker .....Savannah Manson (Granddaughter)  
Speaker .....Erin Langford (Daughter)  
Violin Solo By ..... Logan Reynaud (Grandson)

*“Nearer My God to Thee”*

Closing Remarks .....Bishop Caldwell  
Closing Hymn ..... #152

*“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*

Benediction .....Jessica Shields (Daughter)