



## Gary Wade Shields

May 23, 1942 - November 26, 2016

Gary Wade Shields, Sr., of Rock Hall, MD, died on November 26, 2016, at Whispering Pines Care Center in Rock Hall. He was 74.

He was born in Oil City, PA, on May 23, 1942, the son of the late Charles Willard Shields and the late Verna Alice Moore Shields Black. He was a graduate from Otto Eldred High School in Duke Center, PA, in 1960. For nearly 50 years he worked in the nursery industry as a manager for various nurseries including Quail Run Nursery in Millington, MD, before beginning his own nursery with his wife. They owned and operated Shields Nursery in Bridgeton, NJ until retiring in 2007 and moving to Rock Hall, MD. He helped found and was a life member of the Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association where he served as their first president. A nurseryman at heart, he loved to garden but also enjoyed boating, fishing, and crabbing on the Chester River. He was active in Lions Club and was currently a member of the Rock Hall Chapter. He loved to travel and since 1993 had spent part of each winter in Barbados, West Indies.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Edith "Edie" Gulnac Shields, whom he married July 10, 1960, in Knapp Creek, NY. He is also survived by his children: Gary Shields Jr. (Jackie) of Worton, MD, Diana Higgins (Ronnie) of Rock Hall, MD, and Lisa Bork of Westminster, MD; grandchildren, Steve Batchelor (Krista), Gary, David, and Rachel Shields, and Lauren and Andrew

Bork; step grandchildren, R J Higgins (Erica) and Ben Higgins (Anne); great grandchildren,: Brayden and Kyleigh Batchelor; step great grandchildren; Skylar, Trey, and Emily Higgins, along with his brother James Shields of Lewis Run, PA.

A Celebration of his life will be held on Friday, December 9, 2016, from 1:00-5:00 PM at the Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion Post in Rock Hall, MD. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Living at Home Health Services LLC P.O. Box 101 Crumpton, MD 21628 or Rock Hall Lions Club P.O. Box 285 Rock Hall, MD 21661.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

DEC 9. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Sgt Preston Ashley Post 228  
Sharp St.  
Rock Hall, MD 21661

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Wade Shields

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Gary Wade Shields

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Gary Wade Shields

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Gary you were my Best Guy friend and neighbor during our younger years. I have loved you and Edie like you were my Brother and sister since we all went to the proms and Grew up together, Edie will remember the Day At Kahle's camp where you two told us you were not going in the AF and that you were getting Married. I was in that Wedding and I have always been so proud of you, you were a great friend, and a Wonderful husband, father and friend to all that knew you. God Be With your loved ones you have to leave behind. but we all know that someday we will be together again and that you are now watching over us all. RIP Gary. I am not able to be with Edie and your family today, but I hope that they Feel The Hugs that I am feeling for them all now. All My Love to them and God Bless them all Always. Love and Miss you. <3

Pat Kahle - December 09, 2016 at 09:48 AM

FM

“ Fred & Mary purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Wade Shields.



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Fred & Mary - December 09, 2016 at 08:01 AM

MI

“ Sending our love and heartfelt condolences to our Maryland family.  
We will miss him so much

RIP Gary

We love you all ❤️

Nigel, Michelle, Savannah and Alex

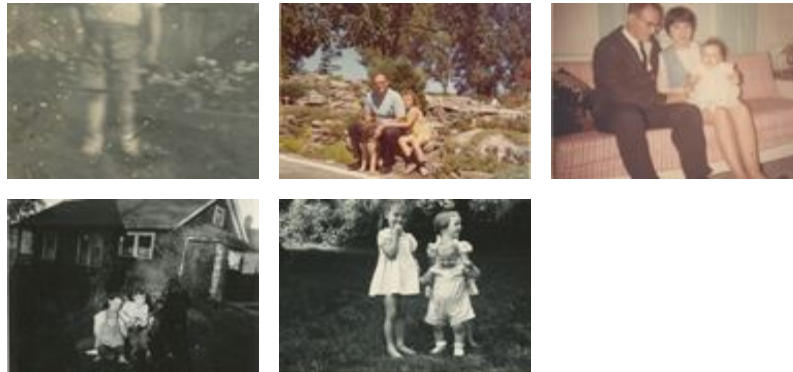


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Michelle - December 07, 2016 at 03:02 PM



“ 169 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 07, 2016 at 09:36 AM

SO

“ Gary will always be in our hearts for the kind loving man he was. Edie and family, you are always in our thoughts and prayers especially during this sad time.

*Sandy and Bill Ostrout*

Sandy Ostrout - December 07, 2016 at 08:56 AM

SC

“ Condolences to Edie and the family. Spent a few wonderful weeks in Barbados with Gary and Edie. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.

*Scott and Christine Carmicle*

Scott Carmicle - December 01, 2016 at 08:18 AM

SZ

“ Mr. Shields was my math teacher for 7th grade. 40 years later, I ran into him at a fire department event and he remembered me. Not sure if it was a good memory he had or a bad one, but I have good ones of him!



Susan Zirkle - November 30, 2016 at 10:53 AM

JB

“ Gary & Jackie sending hugs and prayers!  
Miss you



Joyce Benton - November 30, 2016 at 09:05 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Joyce & Wayne Bradley*



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**Joyce Bradley** - November 30, 2016 at 08:33 AM

MP

“ *Mindy Piccioni lit a candle in memory of Gary Wade Shields*



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**Mindy Piccioni** - November 30, 2016 at 07:34 AM

MP

*My deepest condolences to the Shields family. Gary was always one of my favorite clients - a true gentleman. I hope all the fond memories of Gary help comfort all of you in the days ahead. XOXO Mindy*

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**Mindy Piccioni** - November 30, 2016 at 07:37 AM

CT

*My condolences to the Shields family. A truly find , wonderful man. Carroll thompson*

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**carroll thompson** - December 01, 2016 at 08:28 AM

TS

“ *Todd & Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Gary Wade Shields*



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**Todd & Diane Smith** - November 30, 2016 at 07:25 AM

AB

“ Rest in peace Pop Pop. You have been an amazing grandfather and friend. 😭😭



Andrew Wade Bork - November 30, 2016 at 02:10 AM

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“ Fest in peace Pop Pop. You have been an amazing grandfather and friend. 😭😭



Andrew Wade Bork - November 30, 2016 at 02:07 AM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Gary Wade Shields



Marie Usilton - November 29, 2016 at 06:25 PM

CA

“ Cheryl Anderson lit a candle in memory of Gary Wade Shields



Cheryl Anderson - November 29, 2016 at 01:04 PM

MB

“ *What a great man!! My condolences to the family!!*



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**Mary Ann Bottomley** - November 29, 2016 at 11:35 AM

DB

“ *We are very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. What a hard working man and a kind gentleman. Edie I know you will have your days but you are so blessed to have had such a wonderful man. We love you and will be praying for you. So glad that Scott got to know you all through the years of nursery and will always have those memories to cherish. Scott and Dawn Baker, Townsend DE*

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**Dawn Baker** - November 29, 2016 at 11:17 AM

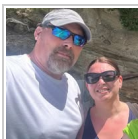
TR

“ *The Russell Zuendel Family Russ, Jean Val & Ray purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Wade Shields.*



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**The Russell Zuendel Family Russ, Jean Val & Ray** -  
November 29, 2016 at 11:07 AM



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**Krista Batchelor** - November 29, 2016 at 08:33 AM

DT

“ Donna And Tony lit a candle in memory of Gary Wade Shields



Donna and Tony - November 28, 2016 at 06:10 PM

LO

“ So very thankful to have been a part of this family. So thankful for all the wonderful memories we've shared at get-togethers and Thanksgiving dinners. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.



Leta O'Neal - November 28, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ Gary was a great man, he will be dearly missed. Thank you for your serves to all in need. Your light will forever burn brightly...



Janine Hopkins - November 28, 2016 at 08:37 AM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Wade Shields



Charles & Donna Edwards - November 28, 2016 at 07:51 AM

CE

*Mr. Gary was truly a wonderful man and will be missed greatly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Love, Donna Hubbard Edwards.*

**Charles & Donna Edwards** - November 28, 2016 at 07:57 AM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Gary Wade Shields*



**Denny and Judy Hickman** - November 27, 2016 at 07:39 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Gary Wade Shields*



**Nancy Hubbard** - November 27, 2016 at 06:43 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Gary Wade Shields*



**Mark & Sandy Joiner** - November 27, 2016 at 06:30 PM