



## Joseph W. Shields

December 6, 2008

Joseph W. Shields age 95 of Forest, OH who had been residing at Grand Court, Findlay, OH died on Sat. Dec. 6, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. in the Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay, OH.

He was born Dec. 2, 1913 in Forest, OH to the late Harvey D. and Lenora (Blue) Shields.

He married Frances E. Hune on June 20, 1937 and she preceded him in death on November 10, 2003. Mr. Shields is survived by a son William H. (Patricia) Shields, Forest, OH, a daughter Patricia J. (Ron) Cook, Findlay, OH, 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and was preceded in death by a brother Halbert D. Shields.

Mr. Shields was a 1931 graduate of Forest High School and was a member of Forest Alumni Asso. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University where he was a member of the marching band, he then attended Cleveland College of Mortuary Science.

He founded Shields Funeral Home in 1935.

He was a member of Forest United Methodist Church where he taught the high school Sunday School class for over 50 years, directed the church choir

for many years and was a former associate lay leader of the West Ohio United Methodist Conference, he was a lay delegate representing Forest United Methodist Church at the West Ohio Annual Conference, Lakeside, OH. Former Lima District United Methodist Lay Speaker and spoke in over 75 churches. While living in Findlay he attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Joseph served on the Board of Directors of the Community 1st Bank, N.A. from 1964-1979. Chairman of the 1954 Forest Centennial Pageant. The 1982 Tree Town Festival Parade Grand Marshall with his wife Fran.

He was a charter member and past president of Forest Lions Club. He was a member and past Master of Senate Lodge F. & A.M. #378, Forest, OH, past patron & member of former Senate Chapter #70 O.E.S., Forest, OH, past Noble Grand & member of former I.O.O.F. #363, Forest, OH, 32nd Degree mason & a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Canton, Canton, OH.

He was past President of the Forest Businessmen's Asso., member of Forest-Jackson Board of Education for 10 years, Hardin Co. Board of Education for 15 years and Hardin Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for 15 years, Kenton, OH.

Funeral services will be held Fri. Dec. 12, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the Forest United Methodist Church with Pastors Dennis Livingston and Greg Creech officiating. Burial will be in Hueston Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thurs. Dec. 11, 2008 from 2-8 p.m. in the CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home, Forest, OH.

Memorial contributions may be made to Forest United Methodist Church or Forest Jackson Library in care of Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH.

To extend a condolence, share a memory or view the Life Tribute Video visit [www.shieldsfh.com](http://www.shieldsfh.com).

<http://videos.lifetributes.com/?id=16688>

# Tribute Wall



“ Bill and family I am sorry about the loss of your father. He was a great man like your self Bill. Wow what a legacy he had. I always looked foreword to seeing him in the Forest Parade with that wonderful smile he always had. We will keep your family in out prayers. Take care and God bless. The Wintringham's##imported-begin##David Rhonda and the girls##imported-end##

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December 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill,Patti,and families,Jo Anne and I would like to extend our sympathy on the passing of your father.We know you will miss him and we all remember him always.God bless you and keep you. Gary and Jo Anne Crawford##imported-begin##gary crawford (orlando fl.)##imported-end##

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December 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Just wanted you to know that you are all in our thoughts at this time. Joe was a wonderful man and I love talking with him. My grandpa enjoyed Joe's company as well. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Bobbi, Chris and Becca Watts##imported-end##

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“ What a great guy! Class act. God bless all the family our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##David Rousculp##imported-end##

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December 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ i want to say how sorry i am for the loss of your father.i know he's finally with his love,fran (your mother ).he talked about how much he missed her and couldn't wait to see her.i am the cook at grand court where he lived,and he was so happy all the time.he was the greatest man i have ever known.i loved him and fran so much,and will miss him very much.##imported-begin##charlene gayhart##imported-end##

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December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill and Family, So sorry to hear about your Dad. Your parents were the greatest. I always remember when we lived next door to them. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jeannette Frederick Reser##imported-end##

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December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill and Family, You have our deepest condolences on the death of your Dad. We always enjoyed talking with him at the various District 7 funeral director meetings. He was forever a gentleman and a class act. He will be missed. Take care Brent and Joann Hartley Hartley Funeral Home...McComb##imported-begin##Brent M. Hartley##imported-end##

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December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patti Jo, Bill and Families,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will always remember the very close friendship and wonderful times that our parents shared. Their memories are now a part of our memories and will be with us always.  
With our love and sympathy,  
Marilyn and Ginny and Families###imported-begin###Ginny and Marilyn###imported-end##*

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December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Joe. I remember having both Joe and Fran as Sunday school teachers and enjoyed those classes tremendously.  
The faith that Joe and Fran shown us had a big impact on me. Out of the many people that have passed through my life, they are at the top of being the most faithful servants to the Lord.  
May God bless your family in this time of loss and remember that Joe and Fran are now together playing beautiful music for the Lord.###imported-begin###Mark & Ruth (Musgrave) Sheldon###imported-end##*

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December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ On behalf of all of the Curtin family, please allow me to extend our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Joe Shields. The citizens of Forest and the surrounding area were enriched for many years by having Joe and Fran Shields among us. Theirs was a partnership founded on love and respect and it is now a heavenly love that they share. Forest is poorer because of Joe's passing but the lives of many are fuller due to the pleasure of his company. May God bless and comfort all of you at this time.##imported-begin##Tim Curtin##imported-end##

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December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Joe was a huge influence on my life. I remember him from the time I was a small child as he and Fran were friends of my grandparents. Joe was my high school Sunday school teacher and I still hear his voice when I read certain Bible stories. Later, as an adult I had the privilege of being in Bible studies with Joe and benefited from his insight into Scripture and his great faith in God. Even though my vocation has led me away from the Forest area Joe has come to my mind many times. He was a great man and a wonderful Christian role model. I was blessed to have his influence in my life.##imported-begin##Pat Searfoss##imported-end##

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December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our family reflects on the many times Joe and Fran extended there smiles and sincere interest in our family. It has been many years since that time but the news of Joe's death brought my family back to the memories made at Forest United Methodist Church. We are praying for your family and wanted you to know how special Joe was to us.

*The Babcock Family##imported-begin##Trisha DeAmicis##imported-end##*

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December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill, Patti Jo, and Families, We will always remember your father in a very special way. His smile was so warming even in the darkest of times. Karen remembers him as a wonderful Sunday School teacher. He has been a fixture in the Forest community, and we know you will miss him. Vera, Karen, Al, and families##imported-begin##The Blackburn Family##imported-end##

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December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM