



## Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.

April 30, 1932 - December 9, 2018

SHIELDS, Supt. Birdies, Sr. - Age 86, passed away Sunday, December 9, 2018 at his residence. Family hour 11:00 AM, Monday December 17, 2018 at Greater Friendship Azusa Church of God In Christ, G-5165 Detroit St, with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM, Bishop John Henry Sheard, officiating. Entombment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Highway. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 11:00 AM Monday. Supt. Shields will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM with family present to receive friends from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM Sunday. Superintendent Birdies Shields, Sr. was born April 30, 1932 in Rison, Arkansas to the union of George Shields, Sr. and Essie Brewer. Superintendent Birdies Shields, Sr. was the third of 10 children. At the tender age of 12, he decided to enter the workforce to assist his father in providing for their large family. And although his educational endeavors were limited, his work ethic surpassed that of many others, allowing him to be successful. As an entrepreneurial legend, his ventures included property investments, foster (adult) care, being a restaurateur, and homeowner in addition to many other ventures that he shared with his wife, Missionary Naomi J. Shields. Superintendent Shields also dedicated 33 years of his life working for General Motors before leaving the workforce permanently. After marrying the love of his life, he relocated to Flint, Michigan in 1955 and began his true labor of love in the Gospel Ministry under the leadership of

Bishop Fred Lewis, attending Hamilton Avenue Church Of God In Christ. After serving faithfully for many years under Bishop Lewis, he answered the call as Pastor. In 1968, beginning with a handful of members including the James Brown, Dorothy Miller, Hosea Thompson and Cooper families, he founded Friendship Chapel Church Of God In Christ at 352 E. Laredo St. in Flint, Michigan. After this humble beginning God blessed him to move to a larger building, 918 E. Spencer, but God didn't stop there. The membership grew and the Lord blessed him to build his beautiful current edifice at G-5165 Detroit St. Superintendent Shields was a great supporter of the Church in God in Christ under the guidance of John Seth Bailey, Prelate of Southwestern Michigan Jurisdiction until 1984. In 1985, Southwestern Michigan was divided into four jurisdictions, his support continued under the guidance of Bishop Willie Leroy Harris and the current leader of Michigan Southwest First Jurisdiction, Bishop John Henry Sheard, Presiding Prelate.

Superintendent Birdies Shields, Sr. leaves to cherish his loving memory: 2 daughters, Pamela (Elder Milton Sr.) Gibson of Grand Blanc, MI and Iva (Elder Jerry) Williams of Flint; 3 sons, Supt. Birdis J. (Cheryl) Shields of Mt. Morris, MI, Ronnie (Vanessa) Shields and Cedric Shields, all of Flint; 3 sisters, Bobbie Jefferson of Coram, NY, Bessie (Peter) Alston of Deptford, NJ and Arzella (John) Thrower of Little Rock, AR; brothers, Joshua (Martha) Shields of Pine Bluff, AR and special brother, Havis B. (Roxie) Shields of Rison, AR; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends with special consideration to Monique Stevenson.

Superintendent Shields was preceded in death by his phenomenal and dedicated wife of 64 years, Missionary Naomi Jean Shields; 2 daughters, Shandelyn Faye Shields and Phyllis Renita Moore; mother, Essie Brewer; father, George Shields, Sr.; brothers, George Shields Jr., Wallace Shields and John Henry Shields "QT"; and sister, Cloutean Shields-Danzy.

The family would like to express special thanks to Darnell V. Hunter, Jarrae Gibson, Elder Jerry Williams Jr., Elder Milton Gibson, Sr., Missionary J. Johnson, McLaren Hospice Care and Dr. Jagdish Bhagat.



# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

DEC 16. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
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## Family hour

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DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Friendship Azusa C.O.G.I.C.  
G-5165 Detroit St.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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DEC 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Friendship Azusa C.O.G.I.C.  
G-5165 Detroit St.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Missing you daddy! It was my pleasure to care for you as well .  
Enjoy being with mama I'm sure you are smiling now!! Love you for  
life! Your baby girl.*

Iva shields - July 05, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ *Mary Hannibal sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



Mary Hannibal - December 19, 2018 at 02:21 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to the Shields family.  
We will continue to keep the family in prayer.  
God Bless and comfort ju.*

*Benny & Mae Vern Spence*

*April Harris*

*Katina Woods & Monty Jr.*

*Marietta Ga.*



Mae V. Spence - December 17, 2018 at 11:53 PM

JR

“ JEAN RIDDLE lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



JEAN RIDDLE - December 17, 2018 at 02:11 PM

JJ

“ JEAN RIDDLE JEFFERSON lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



JEAN RIDDLE JEFFERSON - December 17, 2018 at 02:10 PM

TO

“ My deepest condolences to the Family, Uncle Birdis was a true man of God, loving and caring to all, he had that deep low tone voice that spoke to the heart and encouraged the soul, memories so many of them I will cherish forever. Take your rest Uncle Birdis you are now joined in Heaven with Aunt Naomi, I know there is a Holy Ghost celebration going on, you both will be missed dearly. My prayers to you all, God Bless, 🙏, love to you all. Traci Oliver and family.

Traci Oliver - December 16, 2018 at 12:19 PM

TO

“ *Traci Oliver lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Traci Oliver** - December 16, 2018 at 12:05 PM

MB

“ *Mama Cunningham Beecher lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Mama cunningham Beecher** - December 16, 2018 at 09:49 AM

JS

“ *Joe Shields purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr..*



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**Joe Shields** - December 15, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ *Rozz Garrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Rozz Garrison** - December 15, 2018 at 07:06 PM

CA

“ *Candace Yvette Appling lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*

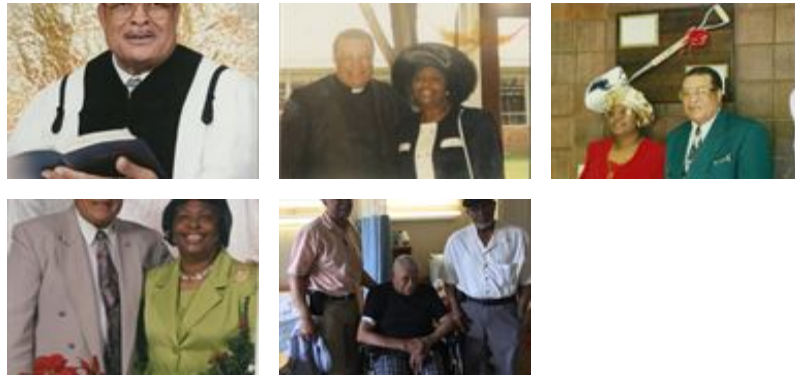


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**Candace Yvette Appling** - December 15, 2018 at 06:22 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - December 14, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr..*



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December 13, 2018 at 05:12 PM

AO

“ *Arnenia Odum lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Arnenia Odum** - December 13, 2018 at 05:02 PM

MJ

“ *Melvin Jackson lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Melvin Jackson** - December 13, 2018 at 01:43 PM

MJ

“ *Melvin Jackson lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Melvin Jackson** - December 13, 2018 at 01:42 PM

AT

“ *Ann And Renee (from Texas) lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Ann and Renee (from Texas)** - December 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JR

“ Jerome & Deborah Relerford sent a virtual gift in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



Jerome & Deborah Relerford - December 13, 2018 at 12:43 AM

JR

“ Jerome, Deborah Relerford lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



Jerome, Deborah Relerford - December 13, 2018 at 12:42 AM

AB

“ AUNT Bernice lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



AUNT Bernice - December 12, 2018 at 08:36 PM

AB

“ AUNT Bernice lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



AUNT Bernice - December 12, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr..



December 12, 2018 at 05:47 PM



“ GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



**GLORIA MOSES-COLEN** - December 12, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ Sherry Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



**Sherry Williams** - December 12, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



**MINISTER PAM** - December 12, 2018 at 09:08 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie sent a virtual gift in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie** - December 11, 2018 at 11:02 PM

TN

“ *Tanya R. Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Tanya R. Neely** - December 11, 2018 at 08:41 PM

RO

“ *Rosalind lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Rosalind** - December 11, 2018 at 07:52 PM

IH

“ *Iris Hart lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Iris Hart** - December 11, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ Jarrae Gibson lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



Jarrae Gibson - December 11, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ Jennifer Taylor-Scott lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



Jennifer Taylor-Scott - December 11, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ Sincerest condolences and prayers for God's comfort, peace, love, and strength to Supt. Birdies Shields Sr. family. Thank you for your service to our church and enjoy your eternal rest Supt. Shields.



David Stephenson - December 11, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr..



December 11, 2018 at 01:03 PM

JK

“ Julie Koger sent a virtual gift in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



Julie Koger - December 11, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of



ReGina Adams - December 11, 2018 at 11:53 AM

GS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Gwen Jefferson Skinner - December 11, 2018 at 11:24 AM

PT

“ The Brown family would like to send our condolences to the Shields. There will always be a strong connection between our families. Our dad ( the late Dec. James Brown) held Pastor Shields with high standards. We love you. The siblings of James and Geraldine Brownn



patricia taylor - December 11, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr..*



December 11, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ *My heart burns for you. I'm so sorry for your loss. If this can be comforting to you, just know that he is no longer suffering (Ecclesiastes 9:5) and now he, as well as others who have died, awaits the wonderful resurrection that Jehovah God has promised (Acts 24:15). I hope this message brings you comfort.*

**Ann** - December 11, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ *Valarie Shepard lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



**Valarie Shepard** - December 11, 2018 at 06:47 AM



“ *Earlean Shepard lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



**Earlean Shepard** - December 11, 2018 at 06:45 AM

VL

“ *Condolences to the family of Elder Birdis Shields. We pray that the Lord give you strength and peace during this time of sorrow. "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal."*



**Vivian Lowe** - December 10, 2018 at 11:02 PM

LC

“ *Lydia Coleman lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



**Lydia Coleman** - December 10, 2018 at 10:42 PM

KS

“ *Kimberley Smith-Skipper lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



**Kimberley Smith-Skipper** - December 10, 2018 at 08:59 PM

CH

“ *Carol Hill lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



**Carol Hill** - December 10, 2018 at 07:58 PM

TF

“ Praying for the Shields family in your time of sorrow !



The Abron Family - December 10, 2018 at 06:07 PM

IB

“ To The Shields Family:  
So sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved father, Supt. Birdies Shields. We send our heartfelt sympathy and pray you will feel the comfort of God love.  
Irma Baker & Family



Irma Baker - December 10, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



A Jeffrey LaValley - December 10, 2018 at 12:26 PM

CH

“ Calvin And Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.



Calvin and Pamela Hightower - December 10, 2018 at 11:13 AM

NA

“ *Condolence to the family, just remember memories are forever.*

narvella - December 10, 2018 at 11:01 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



MINISTER PAM - December 10, 2018 at 07:25 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



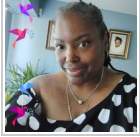
MINISTER PAM - December 10, 2018 at 07:24 AM



“ *RE-NAYE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Supt. Birdies Shields Sr.*



RE-NAYE SANDERS - December 10, 2018 at 04:32 AM



“ *To Pastor Shields  
I'm so sorry to hear bout you're dad  
Supt. Shields. I first met him threw my  
neighbor niece I felt so welcome there. May  
God give you strength you need and I will  
continue to send up prayers for you and you're beloved family...  
R.i.H God has a special 🕯️*



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**Sparkle Jones** - December 09, 2018 at 11:38 PM



“ *Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Supt.  
Birdies Shields Sr.*



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**Tresia Givens** - December 09, 2018 at 11:34 PM