



Mr. Kenneth Shields

April 29, 1949 - February 6, 2025

Kenneth Shields, passed away on February 6, 2025, at St. Luke's Hospital. Kenneth Michael Shields was born on April 29, 1949 to Joseph B Shields and Margaret Ross Shields. Kenneth grew up in Kansas City, MO and attended Lincoln High School where he graduated in 1968.

After high school, he began working at Hallmark Cards. He married Claresta Robinson and to this union three beautiful daughters were born, Sharese Shields, Sharonca Shields, and Shanese Shields. This marriage was later dissolved.

In 1974, Kenneth began working as a bus driver for the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA). He retired after 35 years in 2009. After retirement with the KCATA, two years later, Kenneth worked as a bus driver for the Independence School District with special needs children and retired in 2021. After retiring from the Independence School District, Kenneth worked as a bus aid with the Raytown School District for 1 year.

Kenneth remarried on June 20, 1992 to Constance Denise Foster. Kenneth had accepted Jesus Christ as his Personal Savior earlier in his life. He joined his wife at Greater Jerusalem Baptist Church under the leadership of her father, the Late Pastor A. J. Foster. He was an active member until his health began to fail. Kenneth enjoyed barbecuing for the church as well as for his

family, neighbors, and friends. He made the best Popcorn on the stove. He also enjoyed cooking (“Shrimp Dish” and his seasonings called “Ken’s Blend”) and making homemade ice cream.

Kenneth enjoyed playing pool. He could play pool for hours at home and sometimes at the pool hall. During his split shift at work with KCATA, he would play pool. He was an excellent pool player.

Kenneth liked to do a variety of things. He was a contestant on Family Feud along with his 2 daughters and 2 sisters-in-law. Also, since his wife is a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc, Kenneth automatically became a “Sigma Gent” which is a husband who is married to a member of the sorority. He would travel with his wife to conferences in different cities and attended events.

Kenneth enjoyed driving. He became a courtesy car driver in 2005 with the Gospel Music Workshop of America along with his sister-in-law. They would travel to the cities where the workshop was located providing transportation to the delegates.

Kenneth is a Silver Life Member of the NAACP Kansas City, MO Branch. He became the Transportation Director for the NAACP National Convention when it was in Kansas City. He was also the Transportation Director for the Church of the Living God and the Shriners.

Kenneth enjoyed family gatherings. He planned a Family Unity Picnic at Swope Park on June 19, 2004. Let’s Not Be Strangers!!! Let’s come together with Family, Food, and Fun!! He also planned a surprised 25th Wedding Anniversary for his wife in June 2017.

Kenneth created a bible book called “Notables of the Bible” and it is being sold

on Amazon. He was very proud of accomplishing this task.

Kenneth was a loving husband, a great father to his daughters, a wonderful grandfather to his grandson and supportive to his other family members, his mother-in-law, and his sisters-in-law. He enjoyed going to church, traveling, attending events, and especially dressing up so that he can wear his hat, suit, shoes to match. He had a warm smile and was fun to be around.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Shields, and Margaret Shields, 1 daughter, Sharonca Shields, 1 sister, Mary Belle, 4 brothers, Joseph Benjamin Shields (Bozo), Maurice Eugene Shields, Jimmy Shields, and Ronald Shields.

Kenneth leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 32 years, Constance Shields; his 2 daughters, Sharese Shields; and Shanese Shields of Atlanta GA; 1 grandson, Jie Shields Lynch of Atlanta GA; 1 sister, Betty Jackson, of Kansas City MO; 1 brother, Ralph Shields of Antioch CA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and the Greater Jerusalem Baptist Church family.

Funeral Service will be held on Saturday February 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Greater Jerusalem Baptist Church 1610 N. 10th Street KCKS 64104.

Interment: Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation: 9-11:00 a.m. at the Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels.

Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

6901 Troost Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64131

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Jerusalem Baptist Church
1610 N. 10th Street
Kansas City, KS 66102

Funeral Service

FEB 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Jerusalem Baptist Church
1610 N. 10th Street
Kansas City, KS 66102

Tribute Wall

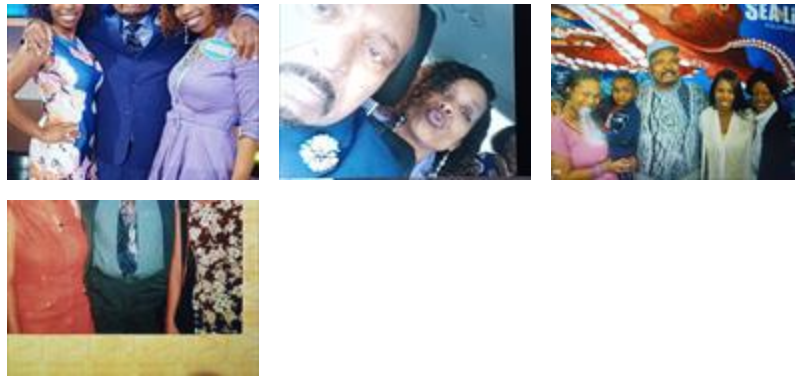
RK

“ Rosalyn K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kenneth Shields.

Rosalyn K. - February 22, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SS

“ I am so glad God picked you to be my father. I miss you soooo much. You were the best man I have ever know .
Love,
Shanese



Shanese Shields - February 22, 2025 at 12:28 AM

RS

“ Ralph S. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. Kenneth Shields.



Ralph S. - February 21, 2025 at 04:35 PM

RS

“ Ralph S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kenneth Shields.

Ralph S. - February 21, 2025 at 04:35 PM

SD

“ Soror Denise purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mr. Kenneth Shields.



Soror Denise - February 21, 2025 at 03:01 PM

RW

“ Raynita K. Lang & Ramona D. Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Kenneth Shields.



Raynita K. Lang & Ramona D. Williams - February 21, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Shields.



February 20, 2025 at 11:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Kenneth Shields.

February 20, 2025 at 11:18 PM



“ Donald Washington purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Kenneth Shields.



Donald Washington - February 20, 2025 at 01:16 AM



“ Donald Washington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kenneth Shields.

Donald Washington - February 20, 2025 at 01:16 AM



“ The Smith Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Kenneth Shields.



The Smith Family - February 19, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ My condolences 💙💛

Toni Benjamin - February 18, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Shields.



February 17, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Kenneth Shields.

February 17, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ To Constance and the entire family of Kenneth Shields, you have my sympathy and prayers 🙏



Angie K - February 16, 2025 at 04:07 PM



My condolences 💙💛

Toni Benjamin - February 18, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ Ken and Constance have been our neighbors and friends for over 30 years. Ken was one of the friendliest and kindest people you will ever meet. We will surely miss him. May he rest in peace.

Rick & Cynthia Coleman - February 15, 2025 at 05:25 PM

FC

“ From Rick and Cynthia Coleman purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mr. Kenneth Shields.



From Rick and Cynthia Coleman - February 15, 2025 at 05:08 PM

XK

“ Xavier K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kenneth Shields.

Xavier K. - February 12, 2025 at 05:43 PM

JP

“ Josephine Woods Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Shields

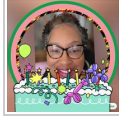


Josephine Woods Patterson - February 12, 2025 at 03:30 PM

SS

“ My father was one of the most generous, lighthearted and fun-loving souls I've ever known. If he wasn't already smiling and making someone else smile, then he was about to smile or make someone smile! His joyful presence in our lives is deeply missed but will forever be cherished.

Sharese Shields - February 11, 2025 at 07:10 AM



Lifting your family up in prayer. May God's grace comfort you all!

Shellye Heath Oatis - February 12, 2025 at 09:50 AM



Kenneth was considered as a Sigma Gent to Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc., Psi Sigma Chapter. He was there with Constance at our local events, regional events and international events. He was always smiling, laughing and helping us out when needed. He was our photographer on many occasions taking pictures for Constance and anyone else who handed him a camera 📷. He will surely be missed.

Sheree Shelton - February 12, 2025 at 11:49 AM



My prayers and condolences to the Shields Family during this difficult time. Sending a hug of love and support to my sorority sister, Shanese.

Claudia Smith - February 12, 2025 at 12:46 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. 🙏

Lynne Boyer - February 12, 2025 at 02:21 PM



*My uncle Kenneth was definitely a man who could light up your day by having a conversation or telling jokes plus he was also someone I looked up to throughout my life along with his other brother's including my father who proceeded death before him and now he's going to be surely missed by the people he came in contact with here. LOVE YOU
❤️ UNCLE KENNETH*

Maurice Jones - February 12, 2025 at 03:24 PM



Kenneth was a kind soul! All who knew him will miss him.

Claudia L. Harris - February 12, 2025 at 04:07 PM

CW

Words can not express my sorrow in this your time of bereavement. I will always remember Kenneth for his kind heart and gentle smile. May your hearts be blessed knowing that his transition is not a loss but a gain. To be absent from the body, present with the Lord. You never lose something or someone when you know where it is. Safe in His Arms. BE BLESSED

clifford Guy Walker - February 12, 2025 at 04:22 PM

CA

Kenneth was my friend and my brother. There will never be another Kenneth. Oh how I will miss 😭 him

Carmelita - February 12, 2025 at 07:05 PM

BV

*Kenneth Shields will truly be missed. He will never be forgotten for who he was and what he stood for.
Bessie VanRoss*

bESSIE Vanross - February 13, 2025 at 04:33 PM

ES

*My brother in law Kenneth will be truly missed. He would keep me informed of family, I was appreciative of that. Constance I'm praying for your strength during this time.
Earie Shields*

Earie Shields - February 18, 2025 at 02:42 PM

EV

*Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Janice and Edith Vaughn*

Edith Vaughn - February 18, 2025 at 07:57 PM