



Rev. Tommy K Shields

March 6, 1943 - December 19, 2011

Rev. Tommy K. Shields, 68, of Worthington and formerly of Bloomington died on Monday, Dec. 19, 2011 at I.U. Health-Bloomington Hospital. He was born on March 20, 1943 the son of Thomas M. and Helen P. (Owens) Shields. As a minister, Bro. Shields ministered at the First Apostolic Church of Worthington for the past 25 years. He was a graduate of Bloomington High School and was also a longtime truck driver. He was a self-employed owner/operator with Sims Motor Transport Co, drove for Ralph Rogers & Co (also known as IMI), Prairie Ready-Mix Co., Hoosier Concrete of Solsberry and most recently retired from school bus driving with the Monroe Co. Community School Corp. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Rev. Shields could never say no. Better known as "Bro. Tommy", he was always willing to help someone in need. A passionate provider to his family, he extended himself to those who may not have known him personally, but would become his friend. He was tireless in serving his Lord and his church, doing whatever possible to make the Church available to those who needed to be blessed by the Love of God.

His family includes his loving wife, LuAnn (Tate) Shields, his daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Darrin May of Bloomington, his son and daughter-in-law, Tyler and Laurissa Shields of Linton, his grandchildren; Hunter and Madelyn Shields and Rebeca May, three sisters; Joyce Rayle of Solsberry, Paula (husband Rev. Joe Williams) Williams of Owasso, MI and Jennifer (husband Rick) Mltchner of Bloomington and one brother, Mike (wife Marlys) Shields of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rebeca Shields-Eads, his parents, one sister in infancy, Thomica Jo Shields and his mother and father-in-law, Wendell and Peggy (Johnson) Tate.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 2011 at Shiloh Pentecostal Temple, 77 W. Smithville Rd in Bloomington with Rev.'s Charles Benninghoff and Jud Sears officiating. Burial will be at Clear Creek Cemetery where the Veterans Honor Guard will conduct Military Graveside Rites. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and one hour preceding the services on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Apostolic Church of

Worthington Building Fund or the American Cancer Society in care of
Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old St Rd. 37, Bloomington, IN
47401. Online condolences may be sent to the family at
www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Cuz your going to missed. I know it is going to be hard on the family this time of year. Everytime I saw you I thought I was seeing my Dad all over again. You are going to be missed. Love you

Dorenda (Shields) Harden - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JW

“ Psalm 72:20 "The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended." David's struggels where over, and his prayers ended because he was ushered into a place where prayers were no longer needed. My uncle was a praying man. Bishop Tommy Shields's prayers have ended, because like David he now resides for eternity, where prayers are no longer needed. To the family, we extend heartfelt blessings of comfort for the loss of a great man.

Joseph P. Williams - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

KO

“ LuAnne and family. I am so sorry for your loss. GOD is a good and faithful GOD and will be right by your side each step of the way.

Love and prayers

Roger and Kay (Prince) Olsen

Kay (Prince) Olsen - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ Tyler, Laurissa and Shields family,

Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. May God give you grace and strength in the coming days, and comfort your hearts as only He can. You are in our thought and prayers.

*Love in Christ,
James & Sheena Winfrey*

James & Sheena Winfrey - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

DE

“ *had no idea Bro Shields went to be with the lord was wanting to go visit the Worthington church some time. It was good to know him and his family. He would pick me up for church when I lived in the Green County area several years ago. God Bless the family.*

Dennis Wright - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

SH

“ *I am very sad to hear that we lost such a great person as Tommy, who I have known since I was knee hi to a grasshopper. Tommy was a ficture in our house when I was little. My Daddy "Garold Hawkins" treated Tommy and Mike like they were part of our family. Tommy came all the way to Mo to do daddys funeral for him. He told some of the best stories of daddy and us kids. And let me tell you there were lots of us kids. Tommy was a great person and a wonderful man of God. So sorry for your loss.*

Sharon Hawkins-Wiley - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

TR

“ Tyler and Julie i am so sorry for your loss of your father. He is with his lord. You and your family are in our prayers. May he be with you in the coming holiday and give you strength and comfort to get you threw this difficult time.

TRESSA DEROUIN - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

KE

“ I first became acquainted with Tommy Shields while in High School at Bloomington. In a play presented to the school and public Tommy played the part of an old time country preacher man. I remember well how, even in that play i felt the power of the Word of God...even though it was a brief scene. When Paula requested prayer for "Bro Tommy Shields" who now was a real old time preacher/pastor, I immediately called Bro Tommy. We talked endlessly, and he explained just how he became that old time preacher in the BHS play . He said, even then, God used that part of his life to call him into ministry. In our conversation he said he felt ready to "leave" and if his death would bring others back to God then he would welcome it. I cherish that phone call. Even then, when others would be down, Pastor Tommy Shields was thinking of the souls of others. Truly, the heart of an 'old time preacher" man. My life has been enriched in knowing Pastor Tommy Shields.
My prayers for his wife and family,

Kenneth McClary - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

LI

“ I was shocked and saddened to see the obituary in the Linton paper. I have lived away from IN for the past several years. I used to attend church at Worthington where Tommy was pastor. He married my husband and I and also married my mother and step-dad. He was a very nice man and I always thought the world of him. He will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Lisa Boston - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

DG

“ *LuAnn & Family,
My sincerest condolences for your loss. Tommy is a wonderful man.
I speak in the present because Tommy's presence will live on
through many people. Tommy touched so many lives; he was a man
of many words. Comforting words, helping words, teaching words
and the most important words are that he spoke from his heart the
messages God sent through him. God bless you, my thoughts and
prayers are with you.*
Dottie,

Dottie Gilliland - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

DA

“ *Tyler, Laurissa, Hunter, and to all the Shields family, I offer you my
condolences for your loss. You all are in my prayers.*

Dan

Dan Lents - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JF

“ *God answered our prayers in the way that followed His perfect plan
for Tommy's life. This will be his first Christmas in the presence of
the Lord of Christmas, Jesus. How glorious!*

Janie (Shields) Fivecoate - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

RO

“ *Sorry for the loss.*

Rosemary Bixler - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

MA

“ Tommy has always been a wonderful caring person. He explained to me when I was very young that we were double cousins because He was a Shields and his uncle had married my mother's sister. Again he was so kind to family, friends and those he had just met. I've known him most of my life and look forward to being with him in the next life. God bless and comfort Tommy's family and friends. We were all blessed for having known hiim.

Sincerely,
Marianne Shields-Nordberg

Marianne Sheidls-Nordberg - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

DO

“ Mike and family sorry for your loss tommy was A great guy will be missed alot Don Waldrip

Donald Waldrip - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

SH

“ LuAnn, Julie and Tyler - My sincerest condolences on your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers - Shawn

Shawn Featherstone - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JA

“ Luanne,
We weren't aware Tommy was sick and this totally came as a shock to us. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. I know this is a tough time of year to lose a loved one, but knowing that he knew the Lord, only makes it easier. He'll be celebrating with Jesus on his birthday!

Jackie Tate - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

J(

“ *My Uncle Tommy, I will never forget when my father and I spent a summer at your house when I was about ten years old! I enjoyed seeing you when my family and I would go to Indiana! You were a wonderful uncle! We will all miss you very much! Love your niece, Jodi*

Jodi Andres (Williams) - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

AP

“ *we are so sorry . tommy was family to all of us. he was at our house as much as any where else.we will never forget all of the things we did together,*

allen and phyllis park - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

PA

“ *My big brother Tommy Kent, TK!! I will forever cherish the moments we had together. How you taught me to ride a Harley, even though I couldn't reach the feet rest!! You definately took care of me and ran off any boy friends if they were mean to me!! I really didn't want you to leave just yet, but I do know and believe God has much better plans for you. I know without a doubt you did more than your fair share of suffering. Glad you are at peace and rest!! Hope I can live such a life as to join you someday!!Love you so very much!
Your other baby sister, Paula Dayle-*

Paula Williams - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JE

“ *Beautiful article and great picture!*

Jennifer Mitchner - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JE

“ Tommy,
You were a wonderful person and you will be dearly missed. You were such a role model for so many people and I will never forget you buddy. Love you Tommy and I bet you are throwing one heck of a party upstairs!!! Wish I was there...
Jeremy Hooten.

Jeremy Hooten - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

P(

“ LuAnn, Julie, and Tyler -

My prayers are with you. We love you all! Just remember -- to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Tommy is already shouting on the hills of Glory!

Patty Hooten (Tate) - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JD

“ Brother Tommy was a wonderful man. He was so good to me and my family. I will never forget his kindness and friendship. We are going to miss you Tommy.
To the family, please know you are in my family's hearts and prayers. We will miss him terribly.

John & Donna Poole - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

A(

“ Tyler and Laurissa,

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I really got to know him thru Laurissa when we worked together. He seemed like such a generous and loving man. I know you will miss him dearly. Losing a parent is so hard no matter what age you are. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.

Adelia (Della) Miller - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

DE

“ *I knew Tommy and LuAnn many years ago before Tommy became Rev. Tommy Shields and he was such a kind man way back then. May God bless you all during this time.*

Dee Robertson - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

RV

“ *Sending our sincere heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Bro. Shield's family. Bro. Shields was an amazing and wonderful individual. So many of us were blessed and our lives enriched from him touching us. He was such an awesome example of being Christ-like. Sincerely, Robin & Ron Vandeventer*

Robin Vandeventer - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

NC

“ Luanne, Julie, Jennifer, Joyce and Mikey! - Tommy was like a brother to me since I was 13 years old. He's seen our family through lots of bad and good times. We all feel he was a wonderful man and would do everything for anyone he could. He will be missed must by everyone!!! If there is EVER anything any of you need do not hesitate to call. Our prayers are with your family now and always.

Nancy and Bill Cowden

Nancy League Cowden - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

GL

“ As a Pentecostal brother, and father of Glenn WrightsmanII, as well as father-in-law to Tracy Cox Wrightsman whom was married by this Pastor, I give my thanks to Pastor Shields. Revelation 21:4.

glenn wrightsman - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JO

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Tommy. Have known him for many years, since high school. He was a family friend. Musically inclined. He and his children made a tape of them which I wore out. Blessed me every time I played it. Was good company on my drive from work in the middle of the night.

Joyce Buis - October 26, 2015 at 04:20 PM