



## Virgil Dean Shields

August 21, 1938 - May 11, 2026

Virgil “Dean” Shields, age 87, passed away surrounded by his loving family at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, IN, on Monday, May 11, 2026. He was born in Monroe County, IN on August 21, 1938, to Henry Shields and Aola Shields-Deckard. Dean graduated from Bloomington South High School. He went on to work for Spriggs Dairy, Smitty gas station as an attendant, Bloomington Meat Packing Company, Otis Elevator, AFL-CIO Union, where he held many offices within the organization, security at the Monroe County Justice Building; and as a guard for Flexitone. On March 15, 1957, Dean married the love of his life, Betty June McCammon; they have been married for over 69 years. Dean loved fishing, hunting, and he enjoyed trading various collectables. He also adored his grandchildren.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Betty June Shields; children, Rickie Dean (Lori) Shields and Julie Trimble-Purdie; grandchildren, Brandie Martindale, Isaac (Nicole) Trimble, Carl Eli Trimble, and Kati (Bret) Hawkins; siblings, Dennis Shields, Judy Staggs, and Betty Deckard; and many nieces and nephews. Dean is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Aola; daughter, Penny Shields; siblings, Dale Shields and Joyce Hollers; and sons-in-law, Gary Trimble and Freddie Purdie.

Friends and family may visit on Friday, May 15, 2026 from 5-7pm at Allen Funeral Home (4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN 47401). A private

graveside service will be held at a later date.

Virgil Dean was known for his outgoing personality and will be missed by many.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Lee Ann, Kerri and Alexa Freeman purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Virgil Dean Shields.



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**Lee Ann, Kerri and Alexa Freeman** - May 14 at 07:49 PM

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“ Robin, MaryAnn, Kyle, and Ellie Simpson purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Virgil Dean Shields.



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**Robin, MaryAnn, Kyle, and Ellie Simpson** - May 14 at 02:54 PM

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“ Robin, MaryAnn, Kyle, and Ellie Simpson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Dean Shields.

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**Robin, MaryAnn, Kyle, and Ellie Simpson** - May 14 at 02:54 PM

SS

“ Stephen and Mabelle Shields purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Virgil Dean Shields.



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**Stephen and Mabelle Shields** - May 14 at 12:31 PM