

Celebrating The Life of

Pearl (Ann) Millicent Shields

October 2, 1926 - October 5, 2022



Service Information

Sunday, October 23, 2022
Viewing: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Service: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MOUNT VERNON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

230 South Columbus Avenue
Mount Vernon, New York 10553

Officiating Ministers

Assistant Pastor Petrice Omeler Wideman
(Mount Vernon SDA Church)

Pastor Dr. Leacroft Green, Speaker

Repast

A Repast will follow immediately after the funeral service at
the Mount Vernon Seventh-Day Adventist Church in the
Thaddeus Wilson Fellowship Hall

The Cortege will leave from

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC

725 East Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467

on

Monday, October 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Pastor Everton Forsythe, Officiating

(Emmanuel Seventh Day Church Ministries)

Interment

Kensico Cemetery

273 Lakeview Ave • Valhalla, NY

Pallbearers

Baldwin Shields (Stepson)

Cecil Shields (Son)

Lloyd Shields (Son)

Edward Shields (Son)

Maurice Shields (Son)

Carves Shields, Jr. (Son)

Rick Jackson (Grandson)

Paul Shields (Grandson)

Obsequies

Organ Prelude	Kevin Anderson
Processional	Clergy and Family
Invocation	Pastor Dr. Leacroft Green
Welcome/Remarks	Pastor Petrice Omeler Wideman
Hymn of Hope.....	“Hold Fast Till I Come” #600 Sharon Edwards (Niece)
Scriptural Reading	
Thessalonians 4:13-18	Elder Paul Beswick
2 Corinthians 1:3-4	June Ying (Niece)
Poem	“She Is Gone” - Keon Hines (Grandson)
Special Music.....	“Amazing Grace” - Stephanie Johnson-Cato
Special Reflection	“God Inspires Even Children” Dr. Cheryl A. Shields-Proctor, PhD (Granddaughter)
Reflections.....	Dr. Joy P. Shields, DrPH (Daughter), Joan Hines (Daughter), Elder Paul Beswick
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Everton Forsythe
Special Music.....	“The Lord’s Prayer” - Edward Shields (Son)
Obituary	Edward Shields (Son)
Special Music.....	“It Is Well with My Soul” Marlon and Heather James (Friends)
Acknowledgment	Lloyd Shields (Son)
Poem	Cecil Shields (Son) “A Cherished Mother, Grandmother And Great-Grandmother”
Special Music.....	“No More Night” - Stephanie Johnson-Cato
Reflections.....	Baldwin A. Shields (Stepson), Carves Shields, Jr. (Son), Natalie Shields (Granddaughter), Justice Sharon A. M. Aarons (Granddaughter)
Song of Mediation.....	“His Eye is on The Sparrow” Sheryl Marshalleck (Cousin)
Special Music.....	“The Midnight Cry” - Pastor Dr. Leacroft Green
Homily	Pastor Dr. Leacroft Green
Benedictory Hymn	“When we all get to Heaven”#633 Elder Paul Beswick and Sharon Edwards (Niece)
Benediction	Pastor Petrice Omeler Wideman
Final Viewing.....	Eternity Funeral Services Directors
Recessional	Clergy and Family
Organ Postlude.....	Kevin Anderson

Obituary

Pearl (Ann) Millicent Shields, nee Johnstone, 96, was born in Mulgrave, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, on October 2, 1926. She passed away on October 5, 2022, in Yonkers, New York. She was affectionately referred to as Mama or Pearlie.

Pearl was the daughter of the late Irish Johnstone (Johnson) and Wilhelmina Guthrie-Johnstone of St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. In her early years, Pearl attended Mulgrave Primary School and thereafter, Secondary High School. Afterwards, she moved to Kingston, Jamaica. There she worked as an upholsterer, seamstress and fabric designer for the Issa Retail and Hotel Company. Thereafter, she worked as a seamstress exclusively with wedding parties.

While in Kingston, Pearl met and married Carves A. Shields who predeceased her in 1986. Together they had nine children: Joyce (Joy), Cecil (Gary), Lloyd, Carl, Edward (Tony), Joan, Maurice (Danny), Carves (Junior) and Janice (predeceased 2017). In addition to her nine children, she helped raise three stepchildren, Althea (Cherry), Baldwin (Jimmy) and Conroy and her granddaughter, Sharon Aarons.

Pearl emigrated to the United States in the early 1960s and lived in Mount Vernon, New York with her paternal aunt, Mable McKenzie. Initially, she worked for many years as a housekeeper for a family in Scarsdale, New York. Thereafter, she worked in housekeeping and as a nurse's aide at The Wartburg Nursing Home, Mount Vernon, New York until early retirement in mid-1980. Wherever she worked, Pearl brought a level of care and detail with everything she did.

Pearl was a devoted member of the Seventh Day-Adventist (SDA) church from childhood. Throughout her life, she was an active member of the SDA churches in Mulgrave, St. Elizabeth, Kingston, Jamaica and Mount Vernon and Yonkers, New York. Up until her passing, she was a member of the Yonkers SDA Church for over forty years. There, she served as a Board Member and the Director for the Women's Ministry, Prison Ministry and Personal Ministry. She was Superintendent of Sabbath School, Head of the Religious Liberty Department, and a Choir Member. She regularly attended all services and duties at the Yonkers SDA Church. Every Sunday morning, she fasted and led prayer meetings at the church.


Upon the passing of her father in her early childhood, Pearl came to know the power and goodness of God. She was a steward of the Lord and a testament of His mercy and grace. While Pearl experienced a lifetime of love and happiness, it was in her darkest hours that she came to know and experience God's love for her. She enjoyed all family and friends' gatherings and events, and traveling to new places, but nothing brought her more joy than taking the opportunity to speak about God and to do service for others in his name. Her mentorship led many to come to know the Lord with some becoming members, elders, and pastors of the SDA Church. Pearl's answer to any worry one may have, and life's trials and tribulations, was prayer, worship and fasting. Even when Pearl's health declined and left her homebound, she used her cell phone to continue to minister to others. While she enjoyed ministering, she found pleasure in listening to her favorite songs and comedians, reading the news on google and exchanging photographs with others by navigating the various tools on her phone.

She passed away surrounded by family praying and worshipping at her bedside on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Pearl's life epitomized one of faith, sacrifice, kindness, and generosity.

Pearl was preceded in death by siblings Hortense Miller, Gladstone Johnson, and Stanley Johnson, grandson, Maurice M. Shields, Jr. (2016) and great-grandson, Sanjay Shields (2009). She is survived by siblings Prudence Watson and Gloria Ying, her seventeen grandchildren: Sharon Aarons, Rick Jackson, Cheryl Shields-Proctor, Paul Shields, Garai Shields, Corey Shields, Keith Shields, Cameron Shields, Kanika Shields, Edward A. Shields, Jr., Natalie Shields, Raymar Stevens III, Keon Hines, Kasseem Stevens, Amarri Stevens, Natasha Shields, Faith Stevens, eight great grandchildren: Rick (Ricky) Patrick, Jennifer Jackson, Giovanni Shields, Tyler Shields, Cheron Jenkins, Jaden Shields, Kasseem Stevens II, and Kassari Stevens, and numerous nieces, nephews, grand and great-grandnieces, grand and great-grandnephews, and cousins.

“Blessed be all these my children. Thank you, Lord for this beautiful flock. May they grow in grace each day and come to know and love you who is the order of life.”

We celebrate the life of Pearl (Ann) Millicent Shields and take positive assurance that one day, we will see her again.



A Cherished Mother, Grandmother, and Great-grandmother
You are and were... and will forever be
You loved us throughout a lifetime
And we'll love you throughout eternity

As children, you were our Mom and our strength
The force upon which we relied
You helped us grow through life's laughter and tears
And you always stood by our side

You were so strong and worked so hard
To take good care of us
Hours spent... such time we cannot comprehend!
Proved your faithful devotion to us

And when we brought our own children and
grandchildren home
Your commitment only grew
You helped them, played with, and loved them
As only you can do

And our children and grandchildren...they came to adore you!
For you spoiled them with love and affection
You treasured each one in such special ways
There are too many examples to mention

And though they were denied more days and years
With a Grandmother and
Great-Grandmother as wonderful as you
You've filled their hearts with sweet memories
That'll remain a whole lifetime through
Dearest Mother, Grandmother,
and Great-Grandmother, we love you!
We find we cannot do enough
To express the depths of our gratitude
For your sacrifice and your love

But trust that you'll be remembered
In sweetest memories every day
For you have blessed our lives forever
Through your goodness, love, and strength!

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She is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want:
smile, open your eyes, love, and go on.





Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Pearl (Ann) Millicent Shields** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the expression of love, prayers, and all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.*

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