



Richard D. 'Shorty' Fields

June 23, 2016

Richard D. "Shorty" Fields, 92, of Cleona, passed away on June 20, 2016 at the Lebanon Valley Home. He was the husband of Lynne M. (Gassert) Fields with whom he celebrated 58 years of marriage. Richard was born in Lebanon on June 18, 1924. He was the son of the late Paul C. and Lillian V. Kendig Fields. Richard graduated with the Lebanon High School Class of 1942, Lebanon Valley College Class of 1951, and received his master's degree from University of Arizona Class of 1962. He was a classroom teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal and administrator in Northern Lebanon, Lebanon, Hershey, and Annville School Districts. He retired as the principal of Lebanon High School. Richard was instrumental in founding the Renova Center in 1973, where he remained active on the board since its founding. Richard served during WWII with the US Army Air Corp as an engineer aerial gunner on a B17 Flying Fortress stationed in England. Richard was a member of Immanuel United Methodist Church, Cleona. He was past president and VP of Cleona Borough Council, President of MMHR Board of Lebanon County and President of Lebanon/Dauphin Borough's Association. He sat on the Advisory Board for Culinary Arts for LCC Technology Center, was a member of the Shamrock Flying Club in Fredericksburg and was a member of the Mt Olivet Masonic Lodge #704. Richard was also a PA State Constable and Investigating Officer for The Humane Society of Lebanon County. He was the distinguished recipient of WGAL TV's Jefferson Award for community service and the Good Neighbor Award from the Lebanon Lions

Club. He is survived by his wife Lynne, his son Daniel R. Fields and wife Meredith of Lebanon and grandchildren Jackson and Nora Fields. He was preceded in death by his son Gregory Fields, a daughter Melissa Fields, and a brother Ray K. Fields. Funeral services will be held on Thursday June 23, 2016 at 11AM from Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., 618 E. Main Street, Annville. Interment will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. There will be a viewing held on Wednesday June 22, 2016 from 6PM – 8PM at the funeral home. There will be a visitation held on Thursday morning from 10AM – 11AM. There will be a Masonic Service held on Wednesday evening at 5:45PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Renova Center, 25 Metro Drive, Lebanon, PA 17042, The Humane Society of Lebanon County, 150 N. Ramona Road, Myerstown, PA 17067, or Immanuel United Methodist Church, 29 E. Maple Street, Cleona, PA 17042.

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ I was very saddened to hear of Shorty's passing. I started out teaching in Pennsylvania in Lebanon Junior HS when Shorty was the assistant principal. He was fair, stern, funny, a mentor, and a great guy to be around. There was never a dull moment when Shorty was on a roll. The students both feared and admired him as he was compassionate and empathetic when dealing with students. I don't think that there was a teacher or student that ever looked at Mr. Fields as anything but a fair person. May he rest in Peace, knowing that as an educator he had a very positive influence on many thousands of youngsters during his life.

Trey Jackson - August 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ To the Field's family and friends, Shorty was my first contact as a new teacher at Lebanon Junior High. Respected and supported the staff both instructional and non-instructional. Shorty was the go to assistant principal to get action and resolve issues. May you rest assured that he was always a gentleman and made the staff laugh more than once when he would use the public address system. When I reflect back on the decade plus time of working together - well he was always there for the students and staff.

Ed Gahres - June 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Mr Fields was one of my teachers at Henry Houck he was a good teacher but I remember he used to pull on his eyelashes

Cecelia Wertz white - June 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Richard D. 'Shorty' Fields*

Greg Setzer - June 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *As a fellow church member and a former CYS caseworker, I loved when the attorney for the agency would tell me to "get Shorty." He was a hoot! Rest Well , Mr. Fields. You earned it.*

Karen Masser - June 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *A great teacher and mentor. I remember him well from my time at Henry Houck Junior High.*

Tom Gettle - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Farewell Mr. Fields...You were the first and only school administrator that was nice, kind and fair in your discipline. You will always be in my heart as "one of the good guys". May God embrace you in his loving arms. Love Jackie Harlan Gross*

June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family you are all in my prayers god bless him he was a great man and teacher*

Theresa Pire - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Lynne and Dan and family, please know you are in our prayers as you face the difficult days ahead. Through the years of our involvement with Immanuel, our memories of Shorty are of his laughter. He certainly enjoyed joking around. With Love, The Wises*

Eric and Kerri Wise - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *God bless you sir. May you rest in peace.*

susan Montalto - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *R.I.P. Mr. Fields. I have achieved my dream of working with the railroads.*

Carl Phillips - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Lynne, It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well-lived life. You're in my thoughts, my heart, and my prayers.. Love you always. Tookie*

Tookie Peterson - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Farewell my: Masonic Brother, teacher and football coach. LHS 68*

Thomas Gahres - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Fields was my teacher at Henry Hoick. Tried to teach us some aviation one time - he was good - me not so much. He was a very understanding person and a great man. My condolences to your family. He will be greatly missed. Barbara A (Blouch) Arnold Class of 1969*

June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *R.I.P Mr.Fields.*

Gloria Mayberry - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lynn, Daniel and Family, My deepest condolences to you at this time. I thank God Shorty was a part of the life of the Wertz family. What a good guy. Rest in peace! Chuck Wertz*

Charles Wertz - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to Lynn, Dan and family. Shorty was a good friend and neighbor for many years.*

Ron and Faye Schieber - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Fields was one of my teachers at Henry Houck Junior High School. He always made learning interesting, and he always made you feel like you were capable of anything you wanted to do. I'm glad he was part of my educational life. I hope the students today have teachers as dedicated as he.*

Ruth Clark - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *Good man, teacher and coach. Sincere condolences to his family and friends.* ”

Lester Benner III - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.* ”

The Staff of Kreamer Funeral Home - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM