



*"I Am Always With You"*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.  
I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
That it is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome"*

A Celebration OF THE *Life* OF

*Active Pallbearers*

Landon Smith ~ Frank Jefferson  
Bryon Bosley ~ Ronald Jefferson  
LaVell Bosley ~ Amar Pope  
Nathaniel Brannon ~ Kwame Fields, II  
Eriq Fields ~ Eugene W. Fields, Jr

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Randolph Jefferson ~ Tim Brown  
Dennis Fields ~ Donald Fields  
Darrel Fields ~ James Pope  
Keith Smith ~ Rodney Smith  
Charles L. Fields, Jr ~ Vernon Fields  
Kevin Sutton ~ Ronald Fields, Jr  
Larry Fields ~ Christopher Fields  
Kenny Goodson ~ Robert Brannon

*Flowerbearers*

Nieces & Cousins

*Interment*

Evergreen Burial Park

*A Word Of Thanks*

The family of Charles F. Fields would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness, prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers, and meals. Special thanks to the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Lance E. Humphrey, First Lady Nicole Humphrey, Pastors Colin and Imani Jones of Advent United Church of Christ, the staff at Marlan Gary Funeral Home, The Chapel of Peace North, the staff at Mt. Carmel East Hospital, and the Jaquananas.



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*Charles*  
FRANKLIN  
**FIELDS**

NOVEMBER 19, 1944 | OCTOBER 21, 2024

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024, | 11:00 AM  
MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1535 Dewey Ave, Columbus, OH  
Elder Lance E. Humphrey, Eulogist

# Obituary

Charles Franklin Fields was born November 19, 1944, to the union of William A. Fields Sr. and Estella E. Fields. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He served as a devoted trustee at Mt. Zion until his failing health. He always believed in his favorite scripture, Matthew 7:1-3 "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

Charles, or 'Charlie' as he was affectionately known, was a proud product of Columbus public city schools, graduating from East High School. He then dedicated himself to the workforce, joining the Fields Brothers Masonry under the leadership of his father and brother. His commitment led him to the PSB (Porcelain Steel Builders) company associated with the White Castle System, where he retired in 2005 after 40 years of service. On July 15, 1967, he and JoAnn were united in marriage, a union that lasted 57 years and was blessed with two daughters and two sons.

Charles cherished a life filled with love and laughter, often spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed travel cruises, car shows, and was a dedicated health enthusiast, involved in Shaklee products for many years. His love extended to his grandchildren, with whom he shared many precious moments. Charles transitioned from labor to reward at Mt. Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, October 21, 2024, at the age of 79 years and 11 months.

Charles is preceded in death by his father, Williams A. Fields Sr., his mother, Estella E. Fields, and brothers, Williams A. Fields Jr. and Ronald E. Fields.

Charles leaves to cherish his memory, lovely, devoted, and supportive wife, JoAnn Fields; daughters, Antoinette Kennedy and Maia (James) Pope; sons, Craig (Sarah) Fields and Kwame A. Fields, Sr; daughter-in-law, Mekia Fields; a devoted sister, Janice E. Bosley; devoted sisters-in-law, Earlene Fields and Mary R. Trimble; brother-in-law, John H. Brannon; 12 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren, his only living uncle, Carl (Beverly) Fields; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, family, and friends.

## Loving Reflections

Charlie is Janice Bosley's brother and my cousin. He was named after my father, because my dad had gone to the war. Charlie's parents did not think my dad would make it back home from World War II. That's when they named their baby after my dad. Charlie is still following my dad. My dad, Charles, passed away on September 2, 2024. Charlie passed away one month later this month, October 21, 2024. Just a little history of why there are so many named Charles in one family.

~ Baretta Hardimon

I was fortunate to know Charles Fields (Pops is what I called him) not only as Craig and Kwame's father but as a guide and example of what a loving, supportive family should be. He welcomed me as one of his own and showed me, in small gestures and big-hearted actions, what it means to care deeply for those around you. His kindness, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to his family are gifts I'll carry with me always. I will forever be grateful for the laughs, his warmth, and generosity and will hold his memory close.

~ Love Will

Although we lived in a fairly small community back when we grew up, Mr. Fields was a very no nonsense second father to all of us. KEEPING some of the most untamed heathens in line (not me though lol). He will truly be missed but never forgotten.

~ Love Nikya

## Repast

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# ORDER OF Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

PARTING VIEW

SCRIPTURE READING  
Old Testament & New Testament  
Minister Trina Phillips

PRAYER  
Elder Jeffrey Phillips, Sr

SELECTION  
Minister Camille Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES  
Minister Shaniece Spencer

REMARKS  
Darrell Fields, Tim Brown, James Pope  
Pastor Colin Jones, Kwame Fields, Sr

POEM  
Lashaeya Kennedy, Maia Pope, & Craig Fields

SELECTION  
Minister Camille Williams

THE EULOGY  
Elder Lance E. Humphrey  
Senior Pastor

BENEDICTION  
Elder Lance E. Humphrey  
Senior Pastor

RECESSIONAL  
Clergy, Family, and Friends

