



## Andrew Jackson Shields

May 27, 1923 - November 21, 2019

On Thursday, November 21, 2019, Jack Shields's desire to dance all over Heaven became reality. He knew that there would be no more tears, pain or sorrow there. His bride of almost 73 years, Marguerite Sizemore Shields, had only recently passed away in August.

His survivors include his daughter Harriet, son in law, Tom, grandsons, Mike (Kristen), Andy (Melissa), Brad (Allison) and Matt (Abby). Jack has 3 great grand children Kaylee, Amari, and Brooks. A 2nd great grandson (Jackson) is expected early next year.

Jack was one of 8 siblings who had all predeceased him: Howard, Paul, Wesley, Harold, Bernice, Estelle, and Calvin. A ninth child of Henry and Ruthie Shields had been stillborn. There are many nieces and nephews who have heard some tall tales, jokes and true stories over the years from Uncle Jack. Some of his nephews (Mike, Eddie, Stan and Don) have driven him on some adventures in recent years.

Jack was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He had spent the first part of his service in Panama. There he contracted Malaria. Later he was transferred to a unit that would be sent to Europe where he continued his work in radar. He participated in 5 major battles including the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. The liberation of Dachau was an experience that our service men,

including Jack, would never forget. Some of his medals include the World War II Victory Medal; The D-Day medal; Battle of the Bulge medal and the Croix De Guerre from France. Several years ago Jack traveled to the French Embassy in DC where he was given the French Legion of Honor (Chevalier) (which is the highest order for military merit given by the French Government) for his participation in WWII and the liberation of France. The last part of his service in Europe was under General George Patton who Jack loved to talk about.

Jack was definitely a "jack of all trades" as his family and some friends thought he could fix anything. His training at Electrical school in Chicago would serve him well and for a time he had a business in radio and TV repair. He would continue to do that for friends and family after changing careers. His love of all things CARS would last a life time. He would repair them, paint them, replace engines, and even cut the top off of one to make a hard top convertible. He loved Packards.

He and Marguerite traveled to army reunions after his retirement from VEPCO as well as enjoying his grandsons. There were also several different car clubs that they belonged to.

Jack loved serving his community. There were a number of projects that he participated in over the years. He also spoke about the service of our veterans when given the opportunity at memorial activities including those at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford. He would take other veterans to the VA in Roanoke for their medical care as well as to try to help them receive their service related benefits.

Jack read the paper from cover to cover. He read everything he could about WWII. Many are familiar with his writings in the local papers. He did his research as well as depending on his actual experiences to write an article or speech. He was constantly typing something as well as writing poetry.

In the last several years as Marguerite's health declined greatly Jack was her constant caregiver. He met her at a candy store and he said she had been giving him candy ever since then!

He was a twenty year cancer survivor this year and his family is very grateful to have had him for so long. He was 96 years young.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 25, 2019 at Central Baptist Church, Altavista by the Rev. David Bayse. Interment will follow in Green Hill Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Please visit the online tribute at [www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com](http://www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com) to share a memory or send a condolence to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
515 7th Street  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Funeral Service

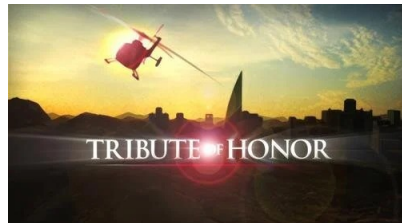
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew Jackson Shields*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - November 24, 2019 at 02:48 PM

LB

*What a beautiful tribute to Jack! Jack and Marguerite was a great couple and I'm so glad I got to know them through my parents. Jack and my dad, Keith White, were in the army together and they became best of friends. Even after my parents passed away, Jack continued to write to me & my husband keeping us informed of other members of the 411 AAA and how he, Marguerite and their family were doing. We appreciated those letters so much. We loved both Jack & Marguerite and they will be missed!*

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**Linda Bruns** - September 23, 2020 at 07:08 PM

AC

“ It was such a delight and honor to have known Jack and learn from him over the years. He was a dear man with a passion for telling not only his story, but the story of his comrades to ensure they received proper recognition for what they achieved over 75 years ago. He was an American hero, a patriot, a friend, and a dear spirit who lives on in our hearts and minds.

*Those of us at the National D-Day Memorial who had the honor of getting to know Jack over the years, will miss his knowledge, his smile and his giving spirit. Our condolences are with the family. I am so sorry to have missed the service as I was dealing with a family medical emergency. I know he is in a better place however with the love of his life and smiling down on us all with a wink and a nod that all is well. He is deeply missed.*

*Sincerely,  
April Cheek-Messier  
National D-Day Memorial*

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**April Cheek-Messier** - December 06, 2019 at 12:19 PM

CW

“ Dear Harriet and Tom, was saddened to learn of your Dad's passing so soon after your Mom's. There are lots of flowery words that are spoken at times like this, but words don't do much for the deep grief you must be going through at this time. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Carol Brown Willis

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**Carol Willis** - November 27, 2019 at 04:37 PM

JW

“ I had the honor of serving as Jack's cardiologist for the past several years. I enjoyed listening to his stories and admired the love between Jack and Marguerite. I can only imagine the joy when they recently were reunited in heaven. Rest in peace, my friend. Thoughts and prayers to all of his family.

*Dr. James Warner*

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**James Warner** - November 26, 2019 at 10:09 PM

SP

“ Praying for the family. One of the sweetest person we all knew. He will be greatly missed. Love, Sally, Carolyn, Butch, Ella & Christine.



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**Sally Pate** - November 26, 2019 at 09:58 PM

SS

“ So sorry for the loss of Jack but I know he is happy to be with his true love. Jack was an amazing person. Always enjoyed his stories and letters with newspaper clippings. Sorry we could not come but I had a Dr. appointment. Our love to each of you. Wayne and Sue Sizemore.

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**Sue and Wayne Sizemore** - November 26, 2019 at 11:04 AM

LR

“ Larry Roach lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson Shields



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**larry roach** - November 25, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew Jackson Shields.*



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November 24, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ *My most sincere condolences to the Family of Sir Andrew Shields. I had the Honor and privilege of meeting this true American Hero. I was also Honored to be among the few that received a Quilt of Valor alongside this member of our Nations Greatest Generation.*



*I will always remember Sir Andrew each time I look upon his Biography that he shared with me just a few days before receiving our Quilts of Valor. Once again my deepest sympathy goes out to the Family of Sir Andrew Shields. Rest in peace my brother and fellow commrade. Your watch is over.*

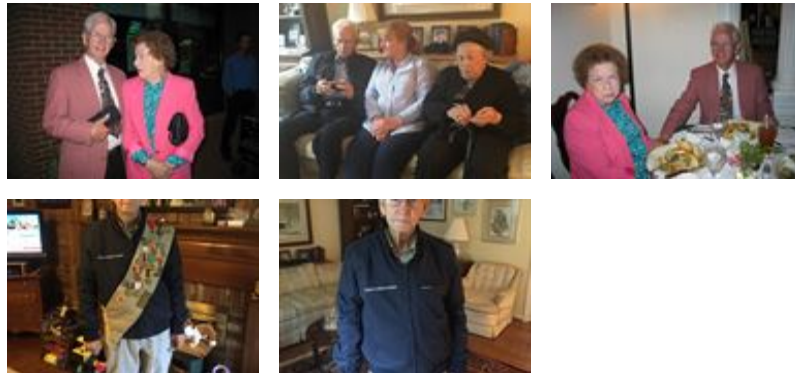
*George Kolar*

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**George Kolar** - November 24, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ 142 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - November 24, 2019 at 02:08 PM

PP

“ *Jack was a friendly, kind and humorous man. He and Margeurite would come to my shop almost every day and get food and brownies. He would always have a story and leave us candy. He was a friend to my late husband always told him stories every time we saw him. He and Margurite were so friendly and kind. I know there was a great reunion in heaven they loved each other so much. They will always be remembered.*

**Patricia kelly. Granny P** - November 24, 2019 at 08:00 AM

KT

“ *Mr.Shields was one in a million with regards to love of country and service.. he worked tirelessly helping vets get VA benefits and worked closely with my Dad.. Our community has lost a great man! Prayers to his family! ~K Taylor & Family*



**kim Taylor** - November 24, 2019 at 04:32 AM

BC

“ *Butch & Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson Shields*



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**Butch & Glenna W. Carr** - November 23, 2019 at 08:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew Jackson Shields.*



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November 23, 2019 at 07:51 PM

PR

“ *In 1963 my family and I moved to a house on Park Street in Altavista and with it came a man that remained my friend all my life. Our backyard was across the alley from Jack and Marguerite Shields. I remained in touch with them as often as I could have. I last visited with Jack in October and we talked on his front porch as we always had about one thing he loved and that is the town of Altavista. 55 plus years I've known this man and he was just as remarkable to me as an 11 year old kid and as a 68 year old man. He will surely be missed by me. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing and I for one will miss him . Phil Raiford*

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**Phil Raiford** - November 23, 2019 at 07:46 PM

LD

“ *Have known him for many years. Worked with Marguerite for 25 years. Prayers for all the family.*

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**Linda Lewis Dalton** - November 23, 2019 at 07:31 PM

GW

“ Prayers for the family. Jack was a very special person. Rest in peace my friend.

Gwenda Willard - November 23, 2019 at 06:35 PM

JM

“ Jimmy Marr lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson Shields



Jimmy Marr - November 23, 2019 at 04:25 PM

PW

“ Patti Jacobs Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson Shields



Patti Jacobs Wolfe - November 23, 2019 at 04:12 PM

GG

“ Gwen Dawson Goggin lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson Shields



Gwen Dawson Goggin - November 23, 2019 at 04:04 PM

BF

“ Jack was a great friend and neighbor for many years. I know he is glad to be back with his loving wife. TOP Jack

Betty Anthony Finch - November 23, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrew Jackson Shields.



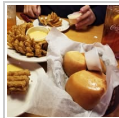
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KW

“ Kathy And Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson Shields



Kathy and Ray Walker - November 23, 2019 at 02:29 PM



I would love to be at service but i have surgery at uva Monday

David Hall - November 23, 2019 at 03:20 PM