



William D. Fields, Sr.

May 24, 1941 - August 13, 2021

Zoom Platform for Funeral Services for Mr. William D. Fields, Sr.

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(301) 715-8592

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His Life Lived and Celebrated

William Delanzo Fields, Sr., a dedicated servant of God, was called to glory on

Friday, August 13, 2021, at the Calvert Health Medical Center, Prince Frederick, Maryland.

Raised in Clinton, North Carolina, he was the first of five children born to the late Edmond Jeremiah and Frances Everett Fields, on May 24, 1941. His brother, Edmond Jeremiah Fields, Jr., preceded him in eternal life. Two sisters (Mary Frances and Maxine) preceded him in eternal life as infants. His youngest sibling, Lithia Carol Fields, lives in his hometown of Clinton.

He was a member of Lisbon Street Baptist Church in Clinton and received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age; and as a little boy, he, his father and younger brother would be called upon to perform in different churches as the "Fields' Trio". This early start of singing would be the impetus for his participation in choirs, singing groups and solo performances.

As a student at Sampson High School, he honed his voice as the tenor in the Sampson High School Quartet, affectionately known as the "Harmonizing Four". He was also an athlete who played guard on Sampson High School's varsity basketball team. He graduated from Sampson High School in Clinton where he established many lifetime, loving friends who call him "WD". 'WD' continued his education at Howard University and became affectionately known as "Billy" in the Washington D.C. area. He studied Chemical Engineering, Business Administration, Music, traveled with the Howard University Concert Choir to South and Central America, and generated lasting friendships with his charismatic personality and warm smile. One of those friendships blossomed into a lasting marriage of over 60 years to Loreathea A. Crutchfield of Newport News, VA. This union blessed them with a son, William, Jr. who became an ordained minister. He was proud of his son, and felt extremely blessed by God.

Billy worked for over 51 years with the United States Postal Service,

beginning his career in 1962. Throughout his career he worked several assignments, the latter being the Quality Control Specialist. As the Quality Control Specialist, he was responsible for working with mail operations and providing dialogue with top Management officials. Billy was always focused on the good of the postal service and its overall service to the customer. His unwavering knowledge of all operations assisted in the day-to-day success of mail operations as well as training new employees and assisting newly promoted Managers/Supervisors. Many of his co-workers affectionally called him Billy D. With an effervescent smile and a warmly engaging spirit, he treated friends, co-workers and customers like family. Billy retired in 2013. During his career, he received multiple awards for superior accomplishments.

Billy joined the Brookland Union Baptist Church in March 1965 and immediately shared his gifts of leadership by serving in various capacities, such as, President of the Senior Choir and President of the May Birthday Club. He became an ordained Deacon of the church on December 9, 1990 and was honored to be elected to serve as the Chairman of the Deacon Ministry for over 20 years. During his service at Brookland Union Baptist Church and in the Brookland Community, he took a Christ-like approach as he provided guidance and wisdom to those who sought his counsel.

Billy was gifted with a golden tenor voice and conducted concerts at Brookland Union and surrounding churches throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area. His voice captivated everyone who heard him sing to the extent he was offered a recording contract when he was a young man living in Washington. He obtained national exposure when he performed the National Anthem for "The Washington Football Team" (formerly known as "The Washington Redskins") and "The Washington Wizards". He also traveled to his hometown of Clinton, North Carolina to give a concert at his baptismal church, Lisbon Street Baptist Church.

He was a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge where he served as the Grand Trustee within the Cabinet of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for several years, was elected Worshipful Master of Prudence Lodge 27 in 1969 and received awards of recognition for outstanding services of time and effort to Prudence Lodge 27.

Billy loved and served his Church, participated in many organizations, had a long career, and looked forward to reuniting with his old high school and longtime friends when he could. However, his participation in the church, community, and other activities diminished because of his long-term illness.

Billy leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife, Loreathea A. Crutchfield Fields; a devoted son, Rev. William Delanzo Fields, Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Shirli Pitt-Fields; two grandchildren (Summer-Joy Channelle Fields and William Delanzo Fields, III); a sister, Lithia Carol Fields; two sisters-in-law (Betty Coles Fields and Silvia Crutchfield Daniels); one brother-in-law, Rucker Caesar Crutchfield, III; four nieces (LaRhonda Nicholas [Carl Nicholas, spouse]; Kimberly Fields Smith [Aziz Smith, spouse]; Cicily Daniels-Marcias [Brett Marcias, spouse] and Dana Daniels); two nephews (Jeremy Fields and Rucker C. Johnson [Candice Johnson, spouse]); first cousins, Truman and Bernie Williams; and extended family, Warner T. Brown, III. He also leaves several great nieces, great nephews, cousins, friends, and acquaintances.

Memories are the legacy of love... til we meet again!

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Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

4111 Pennsylvania Ave
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Brookland Union Baptist
3101 14th St. NE
Washington, DC

Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Brookland Union Baptist
3101 14th St. NE
Washington, DC

Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of William D. Fields, Sr.*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - September 13, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *William D. Fields, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *The family of Mrs. Mary A. Sands mourns the loss of our dear friend, role model, and brother in Christ, Deacon William D. Fields, Sr. Your humor, generous spirit, and dedication to service, church, community, family, and hard work have left an indelible example of the Christian walk for us all. May those you leave behind find comfort and abide in the peace of Christ. And may you rest in eternal joy unspeakable in the presence of the one true God to whom you have always belonged.*

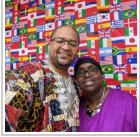
In Christian Love and Sympathy

Mary A. Sands

Troy H. Sands

Fredericka Sands

Mary A. Sands & Family - August 31, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ We cherish fond memories of Deacon Fields and celebrate his life with you all. We know that God's comfort and loving presence will be with you. We love you all.
As we grew up in Brookland Union, Bro. Field's caring words guided us in the right direction and we thank God for his role in our lives.
Blessings,
Ardesial, Jamie, and Tommy Harris

James Harris - August 28, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family....truly Deacon Fields was one of God's faithful servants.

Taylor Family

Patricia Taylor - August 28, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ Rosaline Caldwell West lit a candle in memory of William D. Fields, Sr.



Rosaline Caldwell West - August 28, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ We send our sincere sympathy and love to the Fields family during this time. We will remember all the wonderful time spent over the years at Brookland Union Baptist church.

The James Family - Andrew, Patricia, Alyssia, Marsha and Andrew Jr.

Dr. Alyssia James - August 28, 2021 at 11:35 AM

FO

“ Laurie,

I am so sorry for your loss. You know Bill and I were the best of friends. I pray for you and your family for strength during this time of sadness, May precious memories sustains you and give your peace knowing that he is in a better place. Love you!!

Faye Owens, H U class of 1960

Faye Owens - August 28, 2021 at 10:14 AM

JW

“ *The Wilson family sends our condolences. Today and always may loving memories bring you strength, peace, and comfort.*

Jill Wilson - August 28, 2021 at 08:54 AM



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Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 28, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 27, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ Deborah Ann Newkirk lit a candle in memory of William D. Fields, Sr.



Deborah Ann Newkirk - August 26, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - August 25, 2021 at 04:48 AM

CF

“ Carol Fields lit a candle in memory of William D. Fields, Sr.



Carol Fields - August 24, 2021 at 01:09 PM

FA

“ The Family of Jerry Faison Jr. sends condolences to the family as your former neighbors in Clinton, North Carolina. Many memories.

FaisonBarbara - August 21, 2021 at 07:43 PM

DC

“ To the Fields family Ruth and I was saddened to hear about the loss of WD. We send our condolences 🌸
Donald and Ruth Coles

Donald Coles - August 21, 2021 at 02:25 PM

SB

“ Sandra C. Bibb lit a candle in memory of William D. Fields, Sr.



Sandra C. Bibb - August 21, 2021 at 11:13 AM

PB

“ My brother and I worked together for 33 years . Billy always had something positive to say,a kind word to all who came in contact with him.

He will be surely missed, he was an inspiration to all in the craft and those who was not

I pray Almighty God will continue to fold the strong arms of His love and affection around the family.

Rest In Peace my Brother

PM McArthur Barnett - August 20, 2021 at 11:19 AM

DS

“ I shall long Cherish the memory of BILLY D., His charming personality, His melodious voice, our time in the USPS with Him walking the floor with friendly greeting to all that he met along the way and the times I spent visiting his Masonic Lodge Prudence # 27 where he served as Worshipful Master {smooth as silk} with Dignity and pride. I pray that our HEAVENLY FATHER will bless His Family and Friends with Wisdom to understand and Strength to endure these troubling times. May GOD Bless each and everyone of you richly with HIS richest Blessings.

Brother Donald Lee Harris Redemption #24 Washington D.C.

Donald Lee Harris Sr. - August 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 19, 2021 at 08:40 AM