



Richard Shields

Pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church

1958-1961



Richard Maurice Shields was born November 24, 1926 at Beaver Dam, Kentucky, son of Irvin and Iva Shields. Bro. Shields has two sisters, Jo Ann Shields Davis and Ruby Nell Shields Haven.

He was married in October, 1946 to Martha Stith Dowell. To this union were born seven children: Alan Wayne, Andrew Thomas, Paul Maurice, Susan Marie, Richard Neal, Martin Ivan, and Joel Irvin.

He professed faith in Christ in the summer of 1937 at age eleven during revival services at Bold Knob Methodist Church.

He was called to preach in the spring of 1946, while in the Navy, and surrendered in the summer of 1949.

His vocation before entering the ministry was a shoe repairman, operating his own repair shop.

Bro. Shields was ordained at Vine Grove Baptist Church in Vine Grove, Kentucky on November 26, 1950. He was graduated from Vine Grove High School in 1944; Georgetown College in 1954, and attended Southern Baptist Seminary one year in 1961 and 1962.

His pastorates include: Zion Baptist Church, 1950-1952; Lewisburg Baptist Church, 1952-1954; Locust Grove Baptist Church, 1954-1956; Double Springs Baptist Church, 1956-1958; Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church, 1958-1961; Eastwood Baptist Church, 1961-1963; Woodlawn Baptist Church, 1963-1964; Magnolia Baptist Church, 1964-1966; Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 1966-1970; Eastwood Baptist Church, 1970-1972; and Palestine Baptist Church in Taylor County.

In August, 1960, during the time of his pastorate, Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church broke ground for the erection of a new church building.



Martha Dowell Shields passed away October 19, 2020. Her obituary is as follows:

“A Cox’s Creek resident, Mrs. Martha Dowell Shields, age 93, passed away Monday, October 19, 2020 at her residence. She was born June 11, 1927 in Meade County to the late Grover and Hattie Marie Nall Dowell. She was a member of Cox’s Creek Baptist Church, Nelson County Homemakers Club for over 60 years, and enjoyed quilting. Mrs. Shields was a diligent worker for the Lord and enjoyed her church work as well as raising her 7 children and being a devoted Pastor’s wife.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Richard (Debbie) Shields, 3 sisters and 1 brother.

She is survived by her loving husband of 74 years, Bro. Richard M. Shields, former Pastor of Cox’s Creek Baptist Church, her daughter, Susan Shields of Cox’s Creek, 5 sons, Alan Shields of Utica, KY., Tom (Debbie) Shields of Camdenton, Missouri, Paul (Karen) Shields of Indianapolis, Indiana, Marty (Julie) Shields of Campbellsville, Joel (Andrea) Shields of Cox’s Creek, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Dowell Shields will be 3:00 pm Sunday, October 25, 2020 at Cox’s Creek Baptist Church. Bro. Jim Bratcher will officiate. Interment will be in Cox’s Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 4:00-8:00 pm at the Houghlin-Greenwell Funeral Home, 1475 New Shepherdsville Road. The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contribution to Cox’s Creek Baptist Church or the donor’s favorite charity. The Houghlin-Greenwell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.”

Bro. Richard Maurice Shields passed away on February 13, 2021 at the age of 94. Houghlin Greenwell Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements. His obituary is as follows:



A Cox’s Creek resident, Mr. Richard Maurice Shields, age 94, passed away Saturday, February 13, 2021 at his residence. He was born on November 24, 1926 in Beaver Dam, KY., to the late Irvin Omev and Iva Mae Johnson Shields. Brother Richard Shields was the former pastor of Cox’s Creek Baptist Church. Other churches he served over his years of ministering in Kentucky are: Palestine Baptist Church in Campbellsville, Eastwood Baptist Church in Eastwood, Mt. Carmel in Ohio County, Magnolia Baptist Church in Magnolia, Woodlawn Baptist Church in Lebanon, Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church in Marion County, Double Springs Baptist Church in Waynesburg and Locust Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. He was a graduate of Vine Grove High School, received his Bachelors Degree from Georgetown College, attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 74 years Martha Stith Dowell Shields, a son, Richard Neal Shields, a brother, Irvin Omev Shields Jr., and a sister Ruby Nell Haven.

Brother Richard is survived by his daughter, Susan Shields of Cox’s Creek, 5 sons, Alan Shields of Utica, KY., Tom (Debbie) Shields of Camdenton, Missouri, Paul (Karen) Shields of Indiana, Marty (Julie) Shields of Campbellsville, Joel (Andrea) Shields of Cox’s Creek, a sister, Jo Ann Davis of Vine Grove, along with 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family followed Bro. Richard Shields wishes for cremation and a memorial service will be at a later date in April. The Houghlin Greenwell Funeral Home, 1475 New Shepherdsville Road is in charge of arrangements.