



Berman Shieldes

September 16, 1917 - August 16, 2010

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, August 19, 4:00 pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Dr. Berman Fielder Shieldes, 92 of Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Monsignor Joseph Strickland, JCL and Reverend Joseph Nasser, S.J. will officiate. The Very Reverend Anthony McLaughlin JCD will concelebrate. Berman was born on September 16, 1917 in Tyler. He is a graduate of Northern Illinois College of Optometry, Schreiner Institute and Tyler High School Class of 1932.

Berman was also a graduate of the US Army Air Corps Navigation School at Kelly Field, San Antonio. He served as a navigator in WWII flying 55 combat missions in the North Africa theatre. He received an air medal with nine oak leaf clusters, the EAME Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service stars, and the American Theatre Campaign Medal. Dr. Shieldes owned and operated Texas State Optical on the square in downtown Tyler for over 30 years. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the Cedars of Lebanon Club, and a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Berman was also a charter member of the Tyler Catholic High School/Bishop T.K. Gorman Dad's Club now known as the Booster Club. He was married to the late Beatrice Zwan Shieldes for 56 years. Survivors include sons Dan Shieldes, Tim Shieldes, John Shieldes; daughter Kathy Shieldes Harry and husband Kent Harry; grandchildren, Stephanie Landrum, Jason Shieldes, Carrie Moore, Ashley Jordan, Greg Harry and Rebecca Harry; sisters-in-law Shirley Kamel and Rose Zwan, and six great grandchildren. Pallbearers are Dan Shieldes,

Tim Shieldes, John Shieldes, Kent Harry, Greg Harry, Jason Shieldes, and Chris Moore. ▸ Honorary pallbearers are, Dr. Bryan Zwan, Al Zwan, George Naman, Robert Naman, Paul Naman, Michael Kamel, David Kamel, and Michael Mahfood. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, Old Jacksonville Hwy. The Rosary will be recited at 7:00 pm following visitation. Graveside services will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery following the Funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Gregory Cathedral School Scholarship Fund, 500 S. College Ave., Tyler TX 75702.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ We are very sorry to her about Dr. Shields. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

David J Korkmas - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Kathy and Family,

Sorry for your loss and I know you will miss him so much. My heart and prays are with you all at this time.

Molly de Pamphilis Duncan - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ In 1968 when I first arrived in Texas, as a girl of 18, new to Tyler, Dr. Shieldes was my optometrist. I still remember his gentle professionalism.

Danny, you are blessed to have had such a wonderful father, loved by the community, and who gave so much to those who respected him. May you feel the comfort, love and warmth of our thoughts and prayers.

Martha Bacile Findlay - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Dear Dan,
I am so sorry to hear about your Father.
You and your family is in our prayer.
As always,
Your Ginny

Ginny Studebaker - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Heartfelt thoughts to the family. May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you comfort.

Monique Roberts Dominguez - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To the Shieldes Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sadness. I am so sorry for your loss and pray that God will give you great peace in the wonderful memories He has left you of your father and grandfather. Much love to you all.

Jerra Woldert-Lee - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Tim, We are sorry for your loss, I just lost my dad two weeks ago. You and your family are in our prayers.

Linney & Tammy Patton - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Danny, Tim, Kathy, and Johnny - There are no words to say that will take your pain away. If there were, I would have said them over and over for each one of you. My memories of Berman are a list that will go from here to the moon and back. The most fond memory of your dad was that he loved your mother with all his heart and she loved your dad. They had the type of love that God taught us to have. I will miss Bea and Berman, and my life is much better having them in a big part of my heart all my life. Oh what a reunion there is going on right now. By now, your mother, Lucky and Buddy all three have shown your dad all the places to fish in heaven, and gave him a lawn chair of gold to watch them fish, as he is patting on Trixie. He may have acted like it, but he loved that dog.

What a day that will be when we all reunite as one in a land of no pain, no age, no sadness, and no sorrow. I will keep you all in my prayers as I first hand know the pain you are going through. I am only a block away, and ten digits on the phone. I love you all like my very own family. Teresa Avent

Teresa Avent Hodge - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ My sweet family wish i was there.. my love my herat and soul is with you all i love uncle very much as well as all of you... he is in gods house now daddy aunt bea all the family are with him they are playing cards as we speak..... love you all freda

Dianna Nassimbeni - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences on the loss of your father -- he was a good man.

mike bohr - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ We are so very sorry for your loss and we feel your pain. I, Janet, was blessed to have known Dr. Shieldes for several years and have many fond memories. I always think of the time when I lived on Forest Wood, just around the corner from Berman and Be. He knew how much I loved greens. One night around 10PM my doorbell rang. I went to the door and there stood Berman with a large trash bag full of greens. It was a "Wow" moment that I will never forget. He truly had a good heart and will be missed by all of us who were privileged to know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Melvin and Janet Townsend - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Uncle B you are a great family man and I am so saddened by your death. Please say hello to Sitto Jiddo and my dad Edward. We will always love and miss you.

Frank Zwan and family - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM