



## James Edward Shields Jr.

December 14, 1959 - December 20, 2021

James Edward Shields, Jr., born December 14, 1959, in Manchester, TN, son of Ada Kaye Chambers Shields and James Edward Shields, died Monday, December 20, 2021, in Birmingham, AL. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Elizabeth Shields (Renninger); his sister, Jaimie Kaye Shields Barrow; his children, James Edward Shields III, Jennifer Ellen Shields Dawson, Rhianna Doris Bradford, and David William Shields; his grandchildren James IV, Lilah, Eleanor, Zachary, Madilyn, Raelynn, Addilynn, Noah, Michael, Emma, and soon-to-be Everlynn; and many cherished nieces and nephews, among others. James grew up in the Birmingham area after his family moved here so his father could work on the construction of the Talladega Superspeedway. James served in the Navy, including time on the USS Forrestal, and then held various jobs in the Pell City and Birmingham area but seemed to find his calling when he was hired to work at the J. Clyde restaurant. He spent several years working there in support of the burgeoning craft beer scene, then moved on to Ghost Train Brewing Company. Most recently, he fulfilled his childhood wish of being a “cowboy” by working with Dustin Akers at his cattle ranch. After moving to Irondale, James said he became a homebody, often spending Saturday mornings on the back porch watching the birds or taking his dog Rebel for a ride in the truck. He also enjoyed getting out and about Birmingham, meeting new people and visiting with folks he knew. He was a staunch supporter of the University of Alabama but felt that if “our team” can’t win the national championship, it is ok if that other Alabama team did, saying

it's good for the state. Visitation will be held on Monday, December 27, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral home, followed by a service and burial at Forest Crest Cemetery. A short reception will follow from 4:00 to 6:00 at Avondale Brewing Company upstairs.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Crest Cemetery

5730 US-78 Highway  
Birmingham, AL 35210

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home  
5360 Deerfoot Parkway  
Trussville, AL 35173

## Funeral Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Trussville, AL 35173

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Edward Shields Jr..*



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December 27, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Shields Jr..*



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December 26, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Shields Jr..*

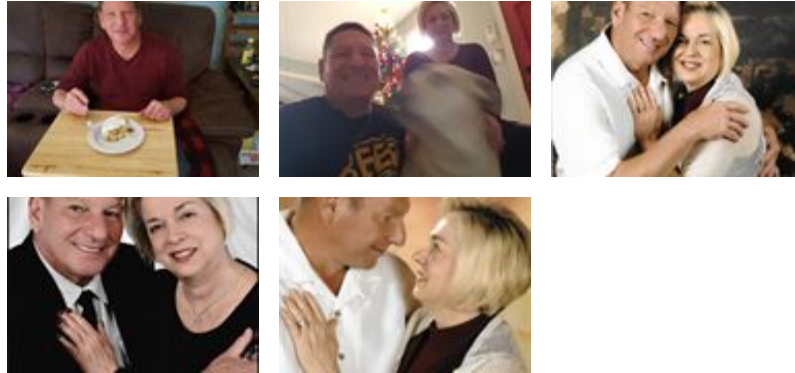


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Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - December 24, 2021 at 09:28 AM

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*Ruth we are so sorry for your loss. May you feel the love and prayers we send for strength at this tough time. May your memories and faith guide you. We love you. ❤️🙏*

Tami Reigle - December 27, 2021 at 02:01 PM

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“ *Ruth, I didn't get a chance to spend much time with James, but I do remember the huge and warm smile he always had on his face. And I know how happy he made you, which told me a lot about him. I'm sending love and support to you.*

*Delanea Shafer*

Delanea Shafer - December 22, 2021 at 07:23 PM

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**Sara Renninger** - December 22, 2021 at 06:36 PM