



Michael A. Fields Sr.

July 6, 1952 - March 17, 2026

OBITUARY

Sergeant First Class Michael A. Fields Sr. (U.S. Army, Retired), age 73, of Salisbury, Maryland, transitioned from this life on March 17, 2026.

Born on July 6, 1952, in Salisbury, Maryland, Michael was the beloved son of the late Rev. Dr. Oris P. Fields Sr. and the late Mary Ida Fields. He was raised in a strong foundation of faith, growing up in the church under the leadership of Rev. Charles H. Mack at St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in Salisbury, Maryland. Later, when his father was appointed to St. John A.M.E. Zion Church in Ross Point, Delaware, Michael continued his spiritual journey, lending his voice to the Praise and Worship Ministry—a voice many would come to know and love.

Michael received his early education in Salisbury, Maryland, attending Salisbury Elementary School and Salisbury High School before graduating from Wicomico Senior High School in June 1971. During his school years, he was an exceptional athlete, running track and playing football. He held a track and field record in hurdles and also played football for the Salvation Army on Oak Street in Salisbury during his youth.

Shortly after graduation, Michael enlisted in the United States Army on November 2, 1971. He faithfully served his country for 20 years, retiring honorably on December 31, 1991, with the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). During his distinguished military career, he served as a recruiter for the final ten years, guiding and mentoring others into military service.

On June 1, 1974, Michael married the love of his life, Carolyn S. Fields, in Augusta, Georgia, beginning a lifelong union rooted in love and family. Following his military retirement, Michael continued his service to the community by working as a correctional officer in Cambridge, MD. Michael was truly the life of the party, energetic, charismatic, and full of laughter. His sense of humor was unforgettable, often compared to the lively spirit of Mr. Brown from Madea. He had a natural ability to bring joy into any room he entered. Known for his deep love of 70s soul music, Michael also possessed a beautiful singing voice that left a lasting impression on everyone who heard it.

He was more than a father, he was a favorite uncle, a cherished cousin, a loyal friend, and a man whose presence could never be ignored. His love for family and his vibrant personality created memories that will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Dr. Oris P. Fields Sr. and Mary Ida Fields; his siblings William Doane and Sharon Fields-West; and his brothers-in-law, Pete Henry and James R. West Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 51 years, Carolyn S. Fields; his children, Michael A. Fields Jr. and Crystal S. Dennard (Son-in-Love Alexander Duffy); his grandchildren, Alexander S. Dennard III, Jay'Sean M. Dennard, Aalayah Bailey-Fields, Ananda S. Dennard, and Jordan C. Dennard, and bonus grandson Lyrik A. Duffy; his great-grandson, Jayonn M. Jackson.

He is also survived by his siblings, Cleo Henry, Larry Fields Sr., Oris P. Fields Jr. (Audrey), and Cresandre Barkley (Roscoe); his sister-in-love Debbie Fields; special loved ones Marilyn "Peaches" Reid and Bonita Williams, nephew Michael Keith Fields, and maternal aunt Dorothy Coles; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Augusta, GA)
3135 Church Road
Augusta, , GA 30909

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

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3135 Church Road
Augusta, , GA 30909

Visitation

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Powerhouse Church of God In Christ (Salisbury)
1002 Mineola Ave.
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

APR 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Powerhouse Church of God In Christ (Salisbury)
1002 Mineola Ave.
Salisbury, MD 21801

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael A. Fields Sr.* ”



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - April 03 at 11:42 AM

VT

“ *Vannessa Townsend lit a candle in memory of Michael A. Fields Sr.* ”



Vannessa Townsend - April 03 at 05:41 AM

PN

“ *Pamela And Natalie lit a candle in memory of Michael A. Fields Sr.* ”



Pamela and Natalie - March 31 at 09:52 PM

SB

“ *Suzanne Burton lit a candle in memory of Michael A. Fields Sr.*



Suzanne Burton - March 31 at 01:17 PM

RB

“ *Carolyn, losing a husband is an unimaginable pain. Please remember that you're not alone in your grief. Lean on God's unchanging hands. Also, the love and support of friends and family as you navigate through this difficult journey. I will always remember the times we had together at the Cambridge, Easton, MD and Seaford, DE recruiting stations. I will never forget the times his mother would fry us pork chops when we were hanging out in Salisbury, MD. I'm going miss talking with my good brother and visiting him in Augusta, GA. Old soldiers never die! RIP! Love you Mike!💜*

*Ron Bythwood, 1st Sgt (Ret)
US Army Recruiter*

Ron SR. Bythwood - March 31 at 11:33 AM

RR

“ *Ron Bythwood, 1st Ret, US Army Recruiter purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael A. Fields Sr..*



Ron Bythwood, 1st Ret, US Army Recruiter - March 31 at 11:15 AM

YF

“ *Your CCC 5/3 Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael A. Fields Sr..*



Your CCC 5/3 Family - March 28 at 08:05 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Michael A. Fields Sr..*



March 26 at 01:20 PM

CR

“ *Crystal purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael A. Fields Sr..*



Crystal - March 26 at 01:13 PM

MA

“ *SFC FIELDS HELPED JOIN THE ARMY MANY YEARS AGO. HIM AND SFC BANKS WERE WORKING OUT OF CAMBRIDGE. DID MY TIME GOT OUT JOINED THE AIRFORCE AND RETIRED, THANKS ALOT SFC FIELDS RETIRED A AIRMAN BUT ALWAYS BE A SOLIDER. RIP*

MARZELLE AUTREY - March 25 at 12:52 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - March 25 at 07:01 AM

DD

“ *During the time Michael was a recruiter and I was stationed at Dover AFB, he would always stop by my shop whenever he was in the area. He visited the base and my office so often that all my airman knew who Michael was and our relationship as close cousins. We would talk and laughed most times at least an hour and often even longer. We reminisced of family gatherings, world affairs, and the state of the young folks trying to enter the military. He had so many funny stories and situations with his recruits that kept us continually laughing and shaking our heads. After retirement, we both experienced medical issues and our conversations became less and less. Mike, you are finally home, resting in comfort with our Heavenly Father. Condolences and prayers to Carolyn and the family. It was fantastic seeing him in September during our family reunion. I will always cherish our talks together and forever treasure the memories. RIP Mike.*
Love Deleane

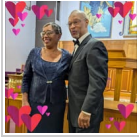
Deleane DeRamus - March 24 at 02:58 PM

VL

“ *Michael you fought a good fight & now your battle is over, you're now reunited with your parents, most importantly your heavenly father. RIP BRO, see you on the other side.*
Love Birdie



Vivian Lawson - March 24 at 02:12 PM



“ *Earth has No Sorrow That Heaven Can't Heal! May God Bless You and Your Family!*
Greta Green

Greta Green - March 24 at 09:03 AM

PH

“ *To the family, my condolences and prayers. Mike will surely be missed. He was a gentle soul and full of laughter. Praying God's strength and blessings during this time of bereavement.*



Phyllis Hardy - March 24 at 07:57 AM

CS

“ *To Mike Fields Sr. Mike we grew up together you lived on Olivia Street and I was on Dennis Street we ran track together at Wi-Hi you ran hurdles and could run I ran the 100 yard dash and 220 yard relay brother that was the best years in our lives and times was very different? and the cost of living was cheap to live. To name some of the track team was Eddie Winder, Larry Davis etc and our best coach George Schoaf? I'm getting older now so please excuse my spelling (lol) as time went on I worked at Grumman's Electronics in Salisbury as a Quality Control Inspector and I met this lady Carolyn Fields and she told me that she was married to Michael Fields and I said I know Mike and the conversation was on about this Mike Fields and we talked and talked Carolyn Mike is gone but not forgotten keep your hands in God's hands and peace be still. Amen again my condolences to the family.*

Calvin H. Harmon Sr. - March 24 at 04:06 AM

EW

“ Prayers and condolences to Fields family and friends Ervin Williams



Ervin Williams - March 23 at 10:28 PM

CS

“ To the Fields family my condolences be with you at your time of loss may God keep the family in his hands and keep your head in peace with God's grace and mercy.Amen 100



Calvin H. Harmon Sr. - March 23 at 06:04 PM