



James D. Shields

May 29, 2005

James David Shields, aged 70, of West Hartford, died peacefully at Hartford Hospital on Sunday, May 29, 2005, in the company of Audrey, his wife, and his three sons. The cause of death was pneumonia and heart disease.

Dr. Shields, recipient of a doctorate in comparative literature from Columbia University, retired from Capital Community College in 1999, where he had served as Director of Humanities since 1985. His distinguished teaching career included years at Carnegie Mellon University, St. John's University, and Fairfield University. At Fairleigh Dickenson University, in Teaneck, NJ, he inaugurated the Honors College, served as Chairman of the English Department, and taught both undergraduate and graduate students for fourteen years. Both before and after retirement, Dr. Shields was sought after as a lecturer to various library and adult learning programs. Listeners appreciated his breadth of learning, as well as his ability to entertain audiences. Most important to him was his ability to motivate all levels of students to love learning. He was proud of his personal library of thousands of books, all of which he had assimilated and passed on to hordes of students. His lectures were often televised on CPTV.

Dr. Shields is survived by friends he made throughout his life, some going back to early childhood. He cared deeply about them. Also surviving are his beloved cousins and his daughters-in-law. Most deeply grieving his loss are his sons, Jonathan, Gregory, and Terence and his cherished wife and companion of forty years. The funeral will be Friday at 9:15 a.m. from the

Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours are Thursday from 4:30 ? 8:00 p.m. in the funeral home. Donations in his memory may be made to Missionaries of The Poor, Po Box 8525, 3 North Street, Kingston, C.S.O. Jamaica W.I. mopja@cwjamaica.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I realize that many years have passed; however, I just found out about the passing of Dr. Shields. I was a student of Dr. Shields at FDU and was proud to have him as a friend. He was an amazing teacher and inspired me to go on to get a Doctorate of my own in English and Comparative Lit, specializing in 18thc Lit. I will always remember the fun and brilliant conversations that we had at the Glen Rock Inn with Dr. Mullany. You will be missed, but the memories will never be forgotten.

Mark - February 24 at 06:21 PM



“ To Jon and his family,
May the memories of your Dad stay close to your heart where he will always be with you. My thoughts are with you,
Carol Carlone##imported-begin##Carol Carlone##imported-end##

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“ Dear Audrey and family,
May the memories of a wonderful husband and father help you through these trying times. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Agnes Hamos
Your friend and
neighbor##imported-begin##Agnes Hamos##imported-end##

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“ To John and The Shields Family:
We offer our deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. He was a wonderful man and truly will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Tom and Cheryl###imported-begin##Tom and Cheryl Mullin###imported-end##

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“ I'm very sorry to here of Jim Sheild's passing. I worked with Jim for years at Capital Community College. I enjoyed talking with Jim and he was greatly missed at the college when he retired. My thoughts are with Jim's family in this time of sorrow. Sincerly Steve Spears###imported-begin##Steve Spears###imported-end##

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“ I send my thoughts, prayers and friendship to the Shields family who are and will always be close to my heart.###imported-begin##Matthew Olivar###imported-end##

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“ To John Shields and the Shields family.
James Smith sent us the news that your father passed away. Please know that we are thinking of you at this time of sorrow. It is never easy to lose a father, especially one so accomplished as yours. With Love, Tracy and Jaime Parent###imported-begin##Tracy###imported-end##

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