



## Sara Elizabeth Shields

December 4, 2007

Richmond - Sara Elizabeth Reed Shields passed away December 4, 2007 at the age of 88, after an extended illness. Her loving husband, John Bartram Shields, of 48 years preceded her in death. She is survived by her sisters, Dorothy Washburn and Jeannette Nightengale; her brother, Donald; all six of her children, Dave & wife Liz, Paul & wife Shelley, Beth, Mark & wife Mami, Steve & wife Barb and Phil; 9 grandchildren, Saramoira, Hannah, Nathan, Shune, Jimmy, David, Katie, Sherry and Christina. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence P. Reed, Nettie Hughes Reed; sisters, Gladyce and Edna; and brothers, Harold, Charles and Jack. She graduated from Cleveland Bible College in 1944 with a bachelor of theology. She loved to read, play chess, cook and play the piano. In particular, she loved her husband and children with selfless devotion, and untiring persistence and grace. She was a member of Long Lake Friends Church in Traverse City, Michigan for 38 years. She taught school from kindergarten to college level Greek. She worked at times as a professional cook, and for over 10 years hosted Christian retreats in their northern home Sugartree Hill in Leelenau County, Michigan. Her family lovingly remembers a mother who was always gracious and tender, meekly fierce, and fiercely meek. Her competitive spirit made her a dangerous foe when playing chess, or Scrabble, and losing was only an impetus to try harder. In 1978, she was the Michigan Women's Open Chess Champion. But she was always careful of others feelings, and did not boast of her accomplishments. She loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and in faith, has gone to

be reunited with those who have gone ahead to their reward, and to stand justified in the Presence of the Savior, through her faith. She lived a life of love, and in her extended illness, exemplified that character of love in her every word and action. We love you mom. Services will be Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 1:00 PM, at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson with Pastor Norman Carter officiating. Burial will be in Johnson Cemetery-Graysville, Indiana. Visitation will be from 5-7:00 PM, Friday, December 7, 2007 at the funeral home, south chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends Fellowship Community Center, Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends or Alzheimer's Association. [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the Shields Family. May you find comfort in knowing that just as Jesus received power from his Heavenly Father to raise back to life on earth his dear friend Lazarus John 11;43,44, he will soon use that same God-given power to resurrect Sara to live forever right here on earth under peaceful, righteous conditions where the sting of death will no longer exist. Please read these promises at John 5;28,29; Psalm 37;29; and Rev. 21;3,4. It is God's desire and promise that you see Sara again in the near future. May you rest your hope in these promises during this difficult time. If you would like to contact me, please feel free. Take care,

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**Valerie Thompson** - December 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Tom Harper very thoughtfully called to notify us of Sarah's passing. I am so sorry for your loss, but happy for Sarah that she will now be at peace. I think often of your parents and when I do I feel such warmth and love. Truly exceptional, wonderful people. Their love for everyone was something to behold. They did indeed impact my life. Thoughts of them have helped me through some times that I didn't think I would survive. Remembering their true goodness, love and grace never failed to help. I would enjoy hearing from any or all of you. Please feel free to use my Email address any time. All of you are, and have often been, in my thoughts and prayers. Marcie

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**Marcie Holman Duncan** - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Friends, On behalf of the Holman family, I would like to extend our deepest condolence for your loss. Your mother was a very special person in our lives. She touched each one of us children in a way that is difficult to express in words. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely, Anne Hochstedler

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**ANNE H HOCHSTEDLER 765-628-2414** - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Family, Jerry and I loved both your parents so much and were inspired by their words and actions. They were certainly great role models for so many people. I remember when they were attending IYM Pastor's Short Course many years ago and Bart had to have an appendectomy and they were so concerned about where they would stay during his recuperation. Well, as camp managers, there was no question as to where they would stay QHC Felix Cottage and we would help care for him. We were also so fortunate to be invited to their home when we went north to speak about QHC. Loved waking up in the morning to beautiful snow floating down on the skylight. What great hosts they were and Sara was a great cook. She will be missed so much. Jerry & Tish Dain Retired Managers of Quaker Haven Camp

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**Jerry & Letitia Tish Dain** - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM