



## William A. Fields Jr

August 26, 1951 - May 3, 2024

William A. Fields Jr, known as Billie, Bill, or Chief Fields, went home to be with the Lord on May 3, 2024. He was a devoted husband, a cherished father, and a pillar of strength for his family and community. Bill was born on August 26, 1951, in Columbus, Ohio, to Hazel and William A. Fields, Sr. After graduating from high school in 1970, he married his wife, Debi, in 1977. He joined the Sharon Township Fire Department during that time, serving for thirty-four years. While working his way through the ranks, he became battalion Chief, dedicating his life to serving and protecting his community with unwavering courage and commitment. In 1985, he was awarded the Firefighter of the Year award by American Legion Post 239. In 2009, he obtained the Columbus Division of Fire Citizen's Distinguished Award for his life-saving efforts at an automobile accident. His leadership, integrity, and selflessness were admirable and inspired all who worked alongside him. After retiring, he became an interim Liberty Township Chief for six months and then worked part-time at 1-800-BOARDUP. In addition, he put effort into his beautiful family and church, St. John AME, where he was a Head Trustee and life-long member. In addition to his professional achievements, Bill will be remembered for his warm smile, generous spirit, and love of life. He was an AVID Ohio State Buckeye and Cleveland Browns fan! Bill was predeceased by his parents, Hazel and William Fields, Sr., brother David, sister Sharon, and grandparents Viola and Lawrence Fields. He leaves behind his loving wife, Debi Fields, and two children, Derek Fields and Kim Fields-Hamilton (Larry).

Grandchildren: Alissa Fields, Aliyah Jones, Jordan Collins, Brianna Collins, and Great-granddaughter Zaira. Brothers Brian Fields and Gary Fields, sisters Jeani Gray (Ron), Lynn Fields, Lisa Fields, and other loving family members and friends. His family was the center of his world, and he cherished every moment spent with them. Bill was a source of strength and inspiration, guiding his loved ones with wisdom and unwavering support. Though he may no longer walk amongst us, Bill's spirit will continue to live on in the memories of those lives he touched. His legacy will live forever, and his beacon of light will burn brightly in our hearts forever. Rest peacefully, dear Chief, husband, father, and brother; your presence will always be felt. Visitation will occur at St. John AME Church, 7700 Crosswoods Dr, Cols. OH 43235, on Saturday, May 11th, from 9:00 to 10:30a.m. Funeral services will follow at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow service at Glen Rest Memorial Estate, 8029 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. Donations and contributions can be made to St. John AME church in William A. Fields, Jr.'s name. The family wishes to express gratitude for the cards, calls, prayers, and all your expressions of love and condolences. Arrangements are in care of Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Rest Memorial Estate

8029 E. Main St.  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068  
(614) 866-3082

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY 11. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John AME Church  
7700 Crosswoods Dr.  
Columbus, OH 43235  
<http://stjohnameccol.org/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

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7700 Crosswoods Dr.  
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# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Deborah F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Fields Jr.

Deborah F. - June 04, 2024 at 08:59 AM

DF

“ I went to high school with Billy and, even though we lived many miles apart, we were able to meet up a few times over the years and correspond until we were in our 70's. I remember him as the Worthington Homecoming King, along with Stephanie Hill as his Queen (1970), and whenever Steph, Billie and I met up, we had a good laugh about that. He was as fine a man as anyone I have ever known. The love and pride he had for his family was unquestionable, and I am so deeply sorry for Debi's, his children's, and his extended family's loss. You were, and are, well-loved, Billy -- always in our hearts.



Deb Fugate - June 04, 2024 at 08:58 AM

BF

“ I have known Billy since grade school. He was one of the most respected people I have ever known. I have never heard anyone ever say anything but great things about him. He truly brought the light and the world is missing a beautiful soul.

Brad Forward - May 18, 2024 at 05:54 PM

TO

“ Sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Bill for a short while, he was a good man.

Tony - May 14, 2024 at 12:49 PM

MC

“ *MC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William A. Fields Jr.*



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**MC** - May 11, 2024 at 03:41 AM

ML

“ I first met Billy Fields at Wilson Hills school the first year it opened in 1963. I was in 5th grade, Billy was in the 6th grade. We would talk, occasionally comparing family similarities. His siblings and my siblings knew each other and attended school together.

One day during lunch time recess another student saw Billy's sack lunch, and tried to kick it and stomp on it. I stopped him; this student and I ended up in a fight; then both of us found our selves in the principals office. I tell this little story because it was the beginning of helping, and covering each others' back. At that time, little did I know it was to continue almost another 50 years. Most of that time as Brothers in the Lord, and as Brother Fire Fighters. I cannot tell you how many times we had each others' back. (It was a lot) Another memory many Brother Fire Fighters may not know was that Billy had an excellent singing voice. His Mama told me so. When we were younger, on several occasions, I heard Billy singing Gospel. He was great.

Debi, you have read and heard how great Billy was with the Fire Service. This is one accolade you may not of known of, and it was due to his leader ship.

We had finished over haul on a decent-sized structure fire. Two Fire Fighters from another Fire Department told one of our officers that “ they like it when 101's is on the assignment, because the fire fighters know that every one on the scene will be able to go home.” This was due to Billy's leadership in augmenting Fire Fighter Survival training.

*I will miss you Brother Billy*

*Prayers for You and the Family*  
*Mikey*

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**Mike Litteral** - May 10, 2024 at 09:41 PM

AC

“ *Andy Castle lit a candle in memory of William A. Fields Jr*



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**Andy Castle** - May 09, 2024 at 09:34 PM

AC

*Godspeed Chief! I will always remember your warm smile and how you always went out of your way to say the right things at the right time. To Derek & Kim - I hope you are passing on the lessons he taught you to your families...that is what your dad would want! My thoughts and prayers are with you today and always!*

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**Andy Castle** - May 09, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William A. Fields Jr.*



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May 09, 2024 at 07:14 PM

MB

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. What a pleasure and a privilege it was to know and care for Bill over a period of decades. A true gem of a gentleman. He will be missed.*  
*Michael Burgin, MD*

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**MICHAEL BURGIN** - May 09, 2024 at 06:28 PM



“ Scott McLean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Fields Jr.

Scott McLean - May 09, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William A. Fields Jr.



May 09, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ At the Sharon Township Division of Fire and the Worthington Division of Fire and EMS, Captain Billy Fields, in addition to being a shift Captain, was the administrator and operational leader of the Fire Department’s hazmat operations. I never had to be concerned about our fire hazmat operations because Billy had everything in control. He was one of the finest Officers I have worked with. He was well-respected, admired and dedicated to the Fire Department, the community, his personnel, and the Fire Service. The community and the Fire Department all benefited from having Billy as part of the Sharon Township Division of Fire and the Worthington Division of Fire and EMS.

Fire Chief Bruce Moore

Bruce Moore - May 09, 2024 at 08:09 AM

JH

“ A wonderful man is now a wonderful angel. I truly will miss the Chief; he always had time to speak with me and give me advice for my work project. Rest in peace Bill.

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**Jaci holland** - May 08, 2024 at 05:39 PM

JH

“ Jacquelin H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Fields Jr.

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**Jacquelin H.** - May 08, 2024 at 05:35 PM

BB

“ Debi and Family,

*It is with great sadness hearing about my good friend billie's passing. I have known him through the Fire Service since 1977. He and I were both on Ladder Trucks, L-101 & L-111. We responded to many fire calls together and were best of friends.*

*The Angels in Heaven are rejoicing at his presents. He will be sadly missed by ALL!*

*God bless you and the Fields Family.*

*Bruce & Judy Barber*

*Westerville Fire Retired*

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**Bruce Barber** - May 07, 2024 at 10:52 AM

CG

“ Crystal Gary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Fields Jr.

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**Crystal Gary** - May 07, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William A. Fields Jr.



May 07, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ Betsy Mierzejewski and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Fields Jr.

**Betsy Mierzejewski and Family** - May 07, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William A. Fields Jr.



May 07, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ Wanda D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Fields Jr.

**Wanda D.** - May 07, 2024 at 08:19 AM

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“ 1-800-BoardUp purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of William A. Fields Jr.



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**1-800-BoardUp** - May 07, 2024 at 07:17 AM

TF

“ The Foust Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Fields Jr.

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**The Foust Family** - May 06, 2024 at 08:58 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William A. Fields Jr.



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May 06, 2024 at 08:58 PM