



Dr. William Eugene Shiels II

April 2, 1954 - May 5, 2015

Dr. William Eugene Shiels II, age 61, of Dublin, Ohio, went home to his Lord at The James Cancer Hospital on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Preceded in death by his father Richard Shiels, and his mother Marjorie DuBrul Shiels. Survived by his daughters, Courtney Shiels and Moira (Michael Halperin) Shiels; his siblings, Patricia (George) Carr, Hugh (Kathy) Shiels, Mary McCarty, Betty Shiels, Fran (Tom) Eagen, Daniel (Stephanie) Shiels, Marc (Leslie) Shiels, Gina (Mark) Davis, Janet Nelson, Martha (Dave) Summa; and many nieces and nephews. Bill was a graduate of Purcell Marian High School in Cincinnati, OH, Villanova University, and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He served as an army physician for 12 1/2 years including a term as the Radiology Consultant to the Army Surgeon General. Bill's tenure at Nationwide Children's Hospital began in 1995. He was the Chief of Radiology and a Pediatric Interventional Radiologist. Over the course of his innovative career he received numerous awards including a two time recipient of the Society for Pediatric Radiology "John Caffey Gold Medal Award", the SPR "Pioneer Award", and a grant from the Department of Defense to teach new interventional radiology techniques to aid in the removal of shrapnel in wounded veterans. He was a member of St. Brigid of Kildare Church and also regularly attended the Ohio State University's Newman Center. He was a lively, compassionate, and generous man who dedicated his life to helping others. His greatest passions in life were his family and his work as a doctor. Viewing will be at ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 7179

Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017 on SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015 from 4:30-8 p.m., where the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to Nationwide Children's Hospital to support an endowed chair in his name to continue his research. Donations can be sent to the "Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation in Memory of Dr. William Shiels" at The Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 16810, Columbus, OH 43216-6810. Donations can also be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at pancan.org "in memory of William Shiels". Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to the Shiels Family.

Read more about Dr. Sheils Here:

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/05/07/dr-william-sheils-obit-pioneer-in-treating-with-ultrasound.html>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church
7179 Avery Road
Dublin, OH 43017
<http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church
7179 Avery Road
Dublin, OH 43017
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. William Eugene Shiels II*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I trained as a resident occasionally under Dr Shiels in Columbus OH. His passion for healthcare and teaching was always evident. I think of him whenever certain procedures come up because he mentored and taught them to me. A great physician and an even greater person. His positive impact certainly still thrives in so many physicians. Wish we could have him back!*

Josh

Joshua Blunck - July 31, 2020 at 12:37 AM

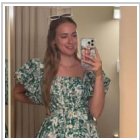
SA

“ I'm so grateful to have met, and have been under the care of, Dr. Shiels. And I'm so sorry to learn that he passed away. I suffered from a lymphangioma in my eye orbit that manifested at age 13. Despite having three other surgeries that temporarily improved the problem, for the next decade it plagued me on a daily basis until my surgery with Dr. Shiels in 2013.

Dr. Shiels changed my life when he and his team healed me of a horrible medical condition that other cynical, less pioneering surgeons had told me was basically hopeless. Beyond that, he was deeply kind and treated me with dignity and respect. (These are rare qualities in a gifted surgeon!) He also honored my need to be informed and took time to patiently detail the art and science of his work and how he planned to operate on me. I know that if Dr. Shiels hadn't dedicated his life and brilliance to studying how to unconventionally treat a rare medical condition that others in the medical establishment largely ignored, I and so many others would still be suffering from our illnesses. Thank you, Dr. Shiels.

-Sam

Sam - September 26, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ Thanks for helping my little brother!

Cassie Hagerman - March 02, 2016 at 11:43 AM

JM

Dr Shiels treated my Daughter with his brilliant sklerra therapy . He did this treatment 3 times and reduced her inoperable hemangioma from 19mm to 2mm . Today I am returning after having seen him in 2012 and am Just learning of his death what a terrible loss this world has been dealt . Dr Shiels thank you for all you did for my daughter and others . Go with God

jasper McDonald - June 19, 2017 at 03:25 PM

DE

“ I never met Dr William shields .but certainly he was an angel whose research about ABC tumor has saved my 4 years old son. It was the time when an year back we were feeling so helpless. the treatment in india was not helping Us at all .my baby was in Sever pain .at that time we got to know about Dr shiel's reasearch through Internet .that was a ray of hope.but unfortunately when we reached USA he had already departed for his journey to heaven. His colleague Dr murakami did the successful treatment of my child .we are back to India with our heart filled with the love given by people of USA and nationwide hospital.thank you Dr William shiels ,you will always remain alive in our hearts.

deepika - December 08, 2015 at 10:46 PM

DG

“ I just completed a tribute to Bill in December RSNA News, under "Simulation". I owe my academic start to Bill as I was a fellow in breast imaging at UC when he was a fellow in Ped Rad. I am honored to have been asked to write that segment and the opportunity to share with everyone wonderful, and amusing anecdotes over turkey RSNA workshops!
I miss him so much!
Dianne Georgian-Smith, MD
Brigham and Women's Hospital

Dianne Georgian-Smith - October 15, 2015 at 11:50 AM

LB

“ Billy was my roommate my last year of college at Villanova. We had such a good time together. Good, clean fun. He encouraged me to do well and to look forward to my life after school. I just discovered today in the VU alumni magazine that Billy is gone. I am honored to have known him.

Lou Bruno - September 15, 2015 at 08:44 PM

GP

I lived down the hall from Bill at Villanova .I was a freshman and Bill was two years ahead of me and a mentor to me in that big world of college . I will never forget his passion and enthusiasm for life ! A man of faith and commitment to whatever challenge he encountered . Our loss

Gary Patchak - September 16, 2015 at 04:18 AM

RM

“ Courtney and Moira,

Your dad was a one-of-a-kind. Through our time together a long time ago at Walter Reed and our long run at the RSNA with the hand's-on ultrasound course, he taught me (and continually reinforced) two messages - 1. think outside the box and 2. own the problem. Whatever success I've enjoyed as a physician, or a husband, father and citizen for that matter, are owed in no small part to those lessons and your Dad. There are many wonderful messages here from colleagues and patients - here's a shout out to his skills as a mentor and those of us who will serve as his legacy. I am grateful to have had Bill Shiels in my life.

Rob Lyon, M.D.

Rob Lyon, M.D. - September 04, 2015 at 01:17 PM

DG

Rob- A wonderful tribute. Because of Bill and "his turkey", we met and developed a life-long friendship.

To Bill's family- I have just completed a tribute and "trip down memory lane at RSNA for the December 2015 issue of "RSNA News" on "Simulation". Because of the turkey phantom workshops, so many learned...and developed friendships. I will try to get to you a personal copy.

To Donna- Over "turkey", I remember when you were pregnant with your first child. I then had the opportunity to meet one of your daughters. You two created a wonderful family. I admired Bill for so many reasons.

My sincere sympathies.

Dianne Georgian-Smith, MD

Dianne Georgian-Smith - October 15, 2015 at 10:43 AM

AK

“ *I first met Bill at an ASOPRS meeting, and then again at an ISSVA meeting. We spent a lot of time together at Malmo, Sweden, and interacted numerous times since then. He was as brilliant as he was kind and generous. I mourn the loss to humanity, and send my deepest condolences to his friends and family.*

Alon Kahana

Alon Kahana - August 07, 2015 at 06:28 PM

NH

“ My daughter became a patient of Dr. Shiels a few years ago. He last treated her in August. I don't recall what made me think of him all of a sudden, but I typed his name into Google - it was some crazy hunch that I needed to check on what was going on with him. The news of his loss makes me so sad. While he was undergoing his own treatment, he still continued treating my daughter. He put on a brave face, was ever the optimist, and made us feel that our daughter was safe in his care. I hope that his family finds comfort in knowing how many lives he changed for the better. Thank you, Dr. Shiels, for everything you did for Sarah.

Nancy Harding - June 16, 2015 at 07:40 PM

DT

“ I have just heard about your loss and am so deeply sorry. Dr. Shiels gave our son, Drew, the gift of a normal childhood. Before finding Dr. Shiels, Drew underwent painful surgeries with lengthy recoveries to treat his lymphatic malformations of his abdomen and pelvis. Dr. Shiels met us, gave us a reassuring smile, and told us everything was going to be just fine. He treated Drew and gave him his life back. We saw him multiple times for interventional procedures while Drew was a toddler, and he was so caring and made us feel like we were his only priority (which was certainly not the case). He spoke so fondly of his own family and was so proud of his children. It takes a special person to innovate the way he did and we feel his presence in our lives was a true miracle. Our son is now 11 and vaguely remembers the impact Dr. Shiels has had because he has been malformation-free for 6 years. We, as his parents, will never forget.

Dax, Jan, and Drew Thomas - June 09, 2015 at 01:38 PM

SM

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Bill. He was such a wonderful person and I have great memories of him during our High School years. One time, Karen Wilton Crane and I were with Billy at my house on Floral Ave. He was teaching Karen and I how to use her new Niko camera. We laughed so much and so hard I think we wet our pants. That’s what I remember most about Bill, being so helpful and making us laugh.

What a lovely man, he will be missed.

I am truly sorry for your (our) loss.

Hugs to all the Shield’s family.

Sally Mercurio

Sally Mercurio - June 02, 2015 at 11:28 AM

JD

“ I miss you.....not a minute goes by that I don't miss you. it's hard to see others moving on when I'm waiting for you to walk by my desk. It's hard being at the office without you.....it's hard knowing you're not coming back. You will forever be in my heart <3



Jami Downs - May 18, 2015 at 09:02 PM

“ To a much loved student, colleague and friend.

Dr. William Shiels, II

What a painful loss and sorrowful time for Bill's family, friends, and the medical community that he impacted so profoundly. His accomplishments were great, highlighted by his beautiful girls Courtney and Moira. He was so proud of them.

At the recent Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR) meeting Bill was honored with the Pioneer Award for his contributions to Interventional Treatments of Pediatric Diseases: ultrasound guided, minimally invasive removal of foreign bodies; drainage of cysts and abscesses; cure of vascular malformations; etc. The SPR President, Dr. Brian Coley (a former colleague at Columbus Children's Hospital) recounted Bill's many accomplishments including founding the pediatric radiology department there in Columbus. Older brother Hugh accepted the award for Bill and recounted his childhood escapades and "curious" nature that tested his Mother's patience and endurance. It was so sad that Bill himself was unable to attend, but was watching by remote telecommunication.

Bill came to Cincinnati Children's Hospital in 1988 as a Fellow for 2 years training in pediatric radiology. My initial meeting was when he stood in front of me and asked if he resembled anyone I knew. After a few seconds, I recognized the resemblance to my friend and his brother Buck Shiels. The Shiels family physical appearance and voice are on a dominant gene and easily recognizable in his 10 brothers and sisters. Bill was interested in Interventional Radiology and using ultrasound guidance for a variety of procedures. As Director of the Ultrasound Section, I and others were caught up in his enthusiastic ideas and were willing to try many things. At the end of a long day, Bill would come to my office to work on a project and ensure my cooperation by bringing bribes-chocolates and Chip Wheelies from Graeters. For years he gave his friends boxes of Graeters Florentine cookies, a holiday special.

He held educational courses in Cincinnati, Chicago (RSNA), nationally and internationally, teaching others to perform ultrasound guided procedures. After trying several types of meat, he found turkey breasts to most closely resemble human tissue. Bill found a

butcher at Findley Market to supply the turkey breasts and he would go down there early in the morning and arrive at the hospital with a cooler full to set up for the course!

Bill also became interested in the better treatment of bowel intussusception in children using air instead of barium or water contrast for enema reduction. So off he went to the lab to explore and develop new enema tips and pressure gauges to improve safety as well as outcome. He was recognized for this work by the SPR in 1991 with the Caffey Award.

Then his interest turned to ultrasound imaging of musculoskeletal issues and ultrasound to evaluate congenital foot anomalies and hip dysplasia. Again he organized courses to teach others his techniques.

Bill's curiosity and enthusiasm extended to the military use of ultrasound in the field for removal of shrapnel and diagnosis of fractures.

Bill was exceptional for his enthusiasm and persistence with any project. Sometimes his ideas seemed wild, but in the end-very doable. Others he trained have been schooled in his techniques and surely will carry on his courses.

We will miss his bright face and boundless enthusiasm. I will remember him scanning a turkey breast searching for a needle or grape, in swat team attire shooting a big water gun at the July 4th picnic, dancing enthusiastically at the annual SPR meeting banquet, gifting holiday chocolates....

Bill has "fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith". May he "enjoy the crown of righteousness forever".

From,

*Dr. Diane Babcock and the CCHMC Ultrasound Section
May 2015*

diane babcock - May 15, 2015 at 08:10 AM

DG

Diane- I lived those days in Cinci from the Breast section. How wonderful!!

Dianne Georgian-Smith

Dianne Georgian-Smith - October 15, 2015 at 10:45 AM

ED

“ *Our son was diagnosed with a bone cyst 4 years ago, which was devastating news for an active 9-year old who just wanted to play sports. We were referred to Dr. Shiels and after hearing about the non-surgical treatment he pioneered and the reassuring manner he talked to our son and us, we were put at ease that our son would return to normal activity.*

Throughout the treatment process, Dr. Shiels was always accessible and willing to answer our questions and address our concerns. In just under a year, our son went from 10% of normal bone density in his hip to playing travel baseball, all without surgical intervention. Every time I watch our son run and jump and enjoy the everyday activities a teenage boy should be able to, I thank God for Dr. Shiels. I am saddened for our community that he was lost at such a young age. Thank you for the profound life you led and the many lives you impacted.

*Erick Druehl
Powell, Ohio*

Erick Druehl - May 13, 2015 at 07:09 PM

RO

“ *Bill was a good friend. I will miss him a lot.*

Robin Osborn, DO

Robin E. Osborn - May 12, 2015 at 02:08 PM

AD

“*Bill Shiels was an amazing man to anyone who knew him. It has been said of Bill that he was innovative, faithful, kind, hard working, joyful, and insightful. We knew that he was a great leader, and that he raised up our radiology department to a position of great respect. What was it about Bill that was able to produce such an outcome? It was his unwavering commitment to the patient. To him, everything he did was to provide the best care possible for the children. He practiced how to be present with patients, and make them feel comfortable and cared for. He never made one feel like your question or need was a burden, even though you knew he had a million things on his plate. He was known for his bravery, to try new techniques, and be innovative. This was because he wanted something better for the patient he was facing. His department was run with thoroughness, making sure that there was a competent, kind radiologist available 24 hours a day, to be reached by any physician who had a question. Why, because, behind every phone call was a patient who needed help, and a colleague that needed support to provide them care. Contact with radiology scheduling was also smooth, for many years. If you called radiology to set up tests for your patient, there was a friendly, kind voice, ready to help on the other end. That is not always true in medicine, but it has always been true in Bill's department. It was easy to follow his lead, he was charismatic, and kind to those he managed, and they wanted to be a part of the vision he saw. I feel blessed to have known Bill. He and I would talk about how our belief that every human had inherent value granted to them by God. It was our Job to love them, and care for them with whatever talents we had been granted. His faith was not a secondary part of who he was, it was the foundation that he built his life upon. We all need to learn from Bill. He leaves Nationwide Children's too soon, and he leaves a void, that needs to be filled. Our best tribute to this man, is to strive to bring his enthusiasm to every patient that we care for. To be ready when a patient or referring doctor asks for help. To put the patient first, and ourselves second. To come to work*

ready to give our best every day.

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'." Erma Bombeck

My first encounter with Bill was as a student when he pulled me aside and assured me that he would always have my back, because DO's needed to stick together. I will miss my friend.

*Ali Carine, DO
Columbus, Ohio*

Ali M Carine, DO - May 11, 2015 at 10:08 PM

DR

“ *Our granddaughter, Kyla, who at the time was 6, has orbital lymphangioma and through a lot of networking we found Dr. Shiels at Nationwide Childrens Hospital. After her first treatment she said "Grandma, I am beautiful again" thus our relationship with Dr. Shiels blossomed as he continued to treat other tumors throughout the years. He always had time for us, to answer questions and I even had his cell phone number and caught him at various airports on his way to conferences. Kyla is now 10 and her heart has a big void from loosing such a great friend and doctor as we have. We know Dr. Shiels has trained others, so we know she will always have a place to come and receive treatment for her tumors.*

So what is his next chapter? He already has created such a legacy!

Words are just not enough to express what a great caring, hero, and dear friend he was to our family. Our Deepest Sympathy to his family and to his staff. He truly will be missed by all. Rest In Peace Dr. Shiels.

Jeff and Diane Reichard

Diane Reichard - May 11, 2015 at 05:42 PM



My daughter kaylyn was diagnosed with cystichyroma at birth. Thanks to this amazing doctor today we found out she had no masses and doesn't have to be seen for a year. I was devastated today to find out that he had passed away. Kaylyn is now a amazing and healthy 5 year old. His legacy will live on forever we are all so blessed to have had this man in our children's lives. I am eternally grateful to him and his team for the support over the last 5 year's. He was always so patient with us and even gave me his personal cell number. My daughter was blessed to have had such a angel in her life. Their are no words that can express what he meant to me and my family.

Tonya Weekley - May 11, 2015 at 11:24 PM

AJ

Betty, I loved learning about your brother, Bill, from your tribute and from the wonderful comments made by his many friends, colleagues and patients. The world is a healthier, safer and better place because he was here and gave so much of himself to others. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Arleen Johnson and Mickey Jones - May 28, 2015 at 03:29 PM

SH

I just learned of the Dr. Shiels passing. I hope my story will along with the others will help the family know how many people he helped.

I can't quantify how much he helped my son. My son was diagnosed with a bone cyst in his wrist almost touching the growth plate. I took him to the top children's hospitals I found and they all said surgery was going to be tricky with its location. There was a possibility of follow up surgeries and permanent damage to his arm. We then found Dr. Shiels and it was a miracle. He answered every question with such kindness and care. He made my son feel confident about his treatment. Most doctors I dealt with on this issue didn't really talk with me, they talked at me. Dr. Shiels was different, he really cared how my family felt and really helped us through it.

I know he saw this everyday but his kindness was so genuine. What a great doctor and person. His family should be proud of the impact he had on so many they will never meet or even know exist.

Scott Hottel - May 28, 2015 at 03:31 PM

JM

“ To the Family and Friends of Dr. Shiels II,
So sorry to learn about the loss of your Dear Loved One, William.
Please know that so many people share your grief with you to help
you through this difficult time of sorrow. Please accept my deepest
condolences as we await the time when Christ Jesus will awaken all
of those who have fallen asleep in death; including your Beloved,
"Bill". (John 11:41-44)

J. Moore - May 11, 2015 at 02:19 PM

GK

“ There are always those angels who come and go. Thank you
Doctor Bill Shiels for being one of the remarkable persons I've
known! Through the little times you shared your heart with us you
have inspired us how to truly one lives in unity to God while
enduring heroically the gift of the cross. I know you are consoled in
the arms of our Lord Jesus and Mary, our Mother! Grace Kukunis &
family .

grace kukunis - May 11, 2015 at 11:17 AM

RJ

“ My son was treated by Dr. Shiels. While I am so incredibly grateful
for the successful, visionary medical treatment he offered, what
touched me most was the way in which he interacted with us. He
was a loving, empathetic, kind, smart, energetic physician, who
drew smiley faces on Gavi's arm and sent my husband and me
articles to read. He changed our lives and I can only imagine how
many hundreds of other lives he significantly transformed. May you
and your family find comfort from one another, your family, and
friends. May Dr. Shiels' memory be for a blessing.

Robin Judd - May 11, 2015 at 08:57 AM

NJ

“ My son was treated by Dr Shiels. I travelled from Zimbabwe to see this special man. He had so much love and enthusiasm for his job and the children he cared for. He will be sorely missed. Sending so much love to his family. Steve and Nikki Johnsen

Nikki Johnsen - May 11, 2015 at 07:24 AM

SK

“ In the nearly 30 years that I have known Bill, I have never seen him without a smile, a good word, or enthusiasm for life. His contributions to pediatric radiology and his commitment to his patients were extraordinary. Bill was committed to improving the care of children, whether military or civilian, developing new techniques where needed and to motivating those around him to excel.

He adored his daughters and was a strength for many. I thank him for his friendship and pray for strength and hope for his family and friends.

*Sue Kaste, DO
Past President, Society for Pediatric Radiology*

sue kaste - May 11, 2015 at 07:03 AM

CJ

“ *The pediatric interventional radiology community is saddened as one of our own is laid to rest today. We lose a colleague who gave so much and advanced our field of medicine. His ability to educate with enthusiasm while capably performing his leadership and administrative tasks was amazing. His time and efforts of introducing novel techniques and mentoring trainees in numerous scientific presentations will benefit many patients well into the future. Several in our community have mentioned over the past week that Bill serves as a role model for those in radiology and academic medicine. His contributions, innovation, and friendship will be missed, but not forgotten.*

*Charles James, MD
Past President, Society for Pediatric Interventional Radiology*

Charles James - May 11, 2015 at 06:38 AM

JF

“ *Jeffrey Foster MD, And Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II*



Jeffrey Foster MD, and family - May 10, 2015 at 03:27 PM

JF

From the very first day I met Bill in 1988 he has been a fast friend, confidant, supporter, mentor and talented colleague. His absence will be felt by the multitude that he touched in his time here with us. May you rest in peaceful comfort among friends and family who have gone before.

Jeffrey Foster MD, and family - May 10, 2015 at 03:32 PM

RC

I am deeply grateful for having known Bill, especially with all he offered the faith community of St. Thomas More Newman Center. He proclaimed Scripture at Mass, he mentored young people who were part of the ESTEEM program, and he offered many insights for our Mission to be the Catholic Campus Ministry for The Ohio State University. He also was someone who shared faith, encouraged faith, and brought blessings to others. May the angels lead him to the Eternal Jerusalem, where the Lord Jesus will embrace him face-to-face.

*Bill, we will continue to pray for each other!
Fr. J O E Ciccone, C.S.P. / Director
The Paulist Fathers in Columbus*

Rev. Joe Ciccone, CSP - May 10, 2015 at 04:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.*



May 10, 2015 at 02:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.*



May 10, 2015 at 02:01 PM

HD

“ Personally, I did not know Dr. Shiels, but without his advice to my brother-in-law, Doug, our daughter would likely not be walking to graduation next Saturday. Dr. Shiels recommended a treatment for Sarah's giant cell tumor which allowed a meaningful recovery.

Osteopathic medicine is a small community; I never knew its embrace could reach so far and Dr. Shiels' life and work is testament to that notion. I am so sorry for your loss; I hope you grieve well.

Sincerely,

Harriet A. Fellows, DO, FACN

Harriet A. Fellows, DO - May 10, 2015 at 06:46 AM



“ I know I posted 3 days ago but every biopsy I did Friday I could hear Bill in my ear saying, "Perpendicular to the beam. Keep it parallel to the chest wall. Use the soft fatty tissue to your advantage. Do you want to take the turkey breast back with you to practice? Hahahahaha". I'm so thankful to have known him. I'm so thankful he is whole again, without pain. Thank you, to his family, for sharing him with so many patients and colleagues. Claire McKay DO. San Antonio, TX

Claire McKay Hart - May 10, 2015 at 01:08 AM

MY

“ *Bill Shiels.....An extraordinary man! When he, Donna, Courtney and Moira moved in next door on Holyrood we became fast friends. His joy in life is immediately infectious, as it will be in the afterlife with his Lord and Savior.*

Our children grew up together watching from the driveway while he was trying to create medical innovations in his garage. They dubbed him Doctor FrankenShiels because he never tired of inventing.

When our Adam participated in his middle school science project and wanted to better understand the knee injuries many of his soccer teammates were suffering Bill suggested going to the grocery store.

They proceeded to buy and destroy a bunch of chicken knees in his garage. After imaging them and producing an award winning project Adam was inspired.

After interning with Bill at Nationwide and publishing and speaking at conferences on various projects, Adam is now in process of concluding his residency in interventional radiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Bill's legacy in innovation and service will live on.

Bill's faith and fervor will be forever remembered, and most especially the joy he took in mentoring young physicians. God Bless You Bill.

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Mark Young - May 09, 2015 at 12:50 PM

CJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Dr Shiels family at this time. I worked in Pediatric Surgery at Children's Hospital until I retired in 2005. He was an awesome man and so kind to us employees and the children hospitalized at Children's. He will be missed by many. We will see you on the other side Dr. Shiels. Carolyn Jones*



Carolyn Jones - May 08, 2015 at 09:55 PM

LY

“ *I wanted to share with you our experience of this man whom we all grew to love, admire and respect so very much. You can link onto our family blog at www.simplyyoungs.blogspot.com to read my tribute to Bill.*
Leah Young

Leah Young - May 08, 2015 at 09:27 PM

LY

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Leah Young - May 08, 2015 at 09:20 PM



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May 08, 2015 at 05:20 PM



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Jennifer Boylan - May 08, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ *God Bless/RIP, to ALL who served. Thank YOU for your service, Dr. Shiels..... And Semper Fi. SIR.*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - May 08, 2015 at 01:10 PM

AC

“ Dear Friend,

I will forever miss you and our time together especially making you laugh. I promise to continue taking good care of your patients and their families. Thank you for all you taught me and shared with me both professionally and personally. You are home now with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ and I will see you again my friend. Amber Chalfin

Amber Chalfin - May 08, 2015 at 01:06 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.*



May 08, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.*



May 08, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.*



May 08, 2015 at 11:52 AM

BH

“ Sometimes words are just inadequate to express how much someone will be missed. Dr Shiels' life was just a gift to the people who knew him and to the practice of medicine. My family sends prayers and condolences to his family, friends, and the people he worked with everyday. He will be missed. Godspeed, Dr Shiels' - Beth Halperin

Beth Halperin - May 08, 2015 at 11:37 AM

TT

“ The Cook Medical IR Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



The Cook Medical IR Team - May 08, 2015 at 10:42 AM

MH

“ Mike, Dan and Beth Halperin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



Mike, Dan and Beth Halperin - May 08, 2015 at 10:07 AM

JL

“ Dr. Sheils saved my daughter Alison Kappes's life. The entire family is forever grateful to him for that as well as all of the extra time he gave us to explain her condition and the complicated process in treating her tumor. He was so good with her and always made her feel comfortable as possible in a terrible situation. We had lost contact with him recently and did not realize he was sick. I feel terrible about finding out after the fact and just sending out prayers and condolences to his family, friends and the staff at Nationwide Children's Hospital. He was truly a good man and will be missed. Rest in peace Dr. Shiels.

Jenny Lucas - May 08, 2015 at 09:12 AM

AB

“ I first met Bill when he was a radiology resident rotating at Cincinnati Children's. He was excited to be dedicating his time to pediatric radiology and he was always a source of energy and excitement. As Bill and I moved on in our careers I was constantly impressed by his continual questioning of what we knew and what was possible. That part's easy, but Bill wanted to get the answer; and many times he succeeded. I will always think of seeing Bill with a big smile and his hand stuck out for a handshake. I will miss him as a colleague, a friend, and as someone who made the world better for many more people than he ever knew.

Alan Brody - May 08, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.*



May 08, 2015 at 08:09 AM



“ *My introduction to the Shiels family was through Bill's mother, Marjorie, in the 70's and thru the years I have had the honor of calling many of them friend. Since joining Jake & Jeff at my house with a bottle of Hugh's DuBrul vineyard wine prior to a DSACO Buddy Walk weekend almost a decade ago, Bill has touched my life in so many ways...Bill-style, a silent, caring supporter connecting people, processes and information to help those with physical or emotional challenges be all that they could be. I will miss him but thank God he passed along his caring ways to so many others to follow his footsteps. Margaret Tabit*

Margaret Tabit - May 08, 2015 at 06:57 AM



“ *Levasseur purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.*



Levasseur - May 07, 2015 at 11:39 PM



Elaine
Reardon

“ Goodbye for now, my dear friend. Your passion and enthusiasm for life were contagious. It's been several years since we rollerbladed together but it seems like yesterday. I can still see you in your gym shorts and tshirt. It always made me smile to skate with you as we traveled up and down the hills at Glacier Ridge on hot summer days. We had the best conversations and I'm grateful for the time that we enjoyed together over the years. Rest in peace at home at last with our Lord.

Elaine Reardon - May 07, 2015 at 09:51 PM



“ I was born with hemangioma or vascular malformations on my neck, lower lips, and tongue. Dr. Shiels treated me since 2005 and I had gone up to 33 treatments with him the past ten years. He changed my life completely and I'm blessed to have him as my doctor all these years. I'm sad and very heart broken to know he has passed. I will surely miss him, his laugh, his jokes, and his kindness. I owe him awfully lots of thanks for what he had done to my life. Words are just not enough to express how great of man he was, and after ten years of treatments I don't feel like I lost a doctor, but I feel like I have lost a family of my own. From the very bottom of my heart, thank you Dr. Shiels you made me a better person, rest in peace and I truly truly going to miss you.

Christian Wu - May 07, 2015 at 09:48 PM



JR

“ I can't believe he's gone. I knew he hadn't been workin at Children's for a while but I didn't know what was going on. Now he's gone forever and I'm gonna miss his smiling face. He always picked on me but it was in a lot of fun. He drained a cyst from my abdomen one time and let me listen to country music while he was doing it.

Jessica M Roush - May 07, 2015 at 07:31 PM

PK

“ Patricia Kolowich purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



Patricia Kolowich - May 07, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



May 07, 2015 at 04:03 PM

HO

“ Dr. Shiels has greatly improved our daughter's quality of life. She was diagnosed with a combined venous lymphatic malformation. We are so thankful that he pioneered a procedure to kill lymphatic cysts before they swell using a 2-pronged needle. Without this procedure, our daughter would have large cysts protruding from her neck and chin. She would have had to live with this condition or she would have had to undergo surgery with the potential for extensive scarring and/or the use of multiple catheters. She would have a different life than the normal life she lives today. We are so grateful that he used his God-given talents to help children. Kevin and Heather Olsen

Heather Olsen - May 07, 2015 at 03:37 PM

NK

“ *Bill was a lector at OSU's Newman Center, which I attend. He read the Word of God with conviction and passion! One could never get enough of Bill's company, since he was kind and loving to everyone he met! He was courageous and selfless in his own personal battle! I saw the sunset last night, which displayed the very bright sphere, with four broad shapes extending out on each side and top and bottom. It looked like a radiant cross! It was glorious! It was God's way of telling me that Bill is fine, and is now home with our Lord, our God! I wish his family and friends many prayers of comfort and healing!*

Nancy Drugan Koehler - May 07, 2015 at 03:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.*



May 07, 2015 at 03:01 PM

CR

“ Bill and I first met while lecturing together at ATL in the early 90's. We hit it off right away, realizing that we both share the same passion for Sonography. I have never met a more optimistic individual. We have kept in touch over the years, skied together with our children at Whistler and visited at SDMS, AIUM, SPR, and RSNA conferences. Bill wrote a letter for our Son to get into Navy OCS and Aviation. He was very proud of having served our Country and helping others follow in his steps. This world is a much better place for the work he did and the kind of man he was. I remember the day he told me that he had pancreatic cancer at the SDMS conference. He was upbeat and said that he would beat this. Bill was a true friend that I will miss dearly.



Cindy Rapp - May 07, 2015 at 01:55 PM

JB

“ At the Society for Pediatric Radiology's scientific meeting last week, Bill's colleagues recognized and celebrated Bill as a Pioneer of our profession. In that celebration we noted his important contributions to the care of children and the advancement of medical knowledge. What has not been said enough is how we will miss his generous spirit and his capacity for joy and fun. The world, our world, is a better place because Bill lived. We wish the family, friends and colleagues comfort and peace.
Posted on behalf of the Members of the Society for Pediatric Radiology

Jennifer Boylan - May 07, 2015 at 01:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



May 07, 2015 at 11:47 AM



“ *I first met Bill in 1989 when we took our board exams together. I always enjoyed connecting with him at the AOCR seminars. He had a great sense of humor; in a profession with and lot of bright people he was one of the brightest and best.*

It's a huge loss for all of us who new Bill. My condolences and prayers to Bill's brother Hugh and the rest of the Shiels family.

Stewart D. Cole, D.O. - May 07, 2015 at 11:23 AM

BH

“ While treating our daughter, Dr. Shiels made us feel like she was the only patient he had. He had a way of making everyone feel special. I was blessed to call him a friend and fifteen years later, I was lucky to call him Chief. Working with him was aw-inspiring. He lived life to the fullest and his energy was contagious. Dr. Shiels took the time to know those around him on a personal level, find out their interests and motivate them to reach higher and be better. Then he would network and connect people to help each other. He was a dreamer who dreamt big and worked to make dreams come true. He was brilliant and the hardest worker I have ever met. He would often say, “Are we having fun yet? If not, then we need to change something because work should be fun.” This wonderful man was a loving father, leader, doctor, mentor, friend, and much more to so many. Although he was called home too soon he is free of pain and I am sure those in heaven are smiling and laughing because this is what you do when you are around Bill. Love, sympathy and prayers for Courtney, Moira, Donna and the rest of the Shiels family.

Beth Haeuptle - May 07, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



May 07, 2015 at 10:25 AM

JD

“ So many good memories of Bill when he was a Fellow in Cincinnati. He was the eternal optimist. He was a lot of fun, he always brought a smile to our faces! Such a good sport. He was a kind person, just wonderful to the patients. He always had time to speak with families and answer questions. He touched a lot of people. He was passionate about his craft and demonstrated such perseverance. He didn't take himself too seriously... he was humble. He treated all of our team members with equal respect. Such a sad day for the world of pediatric radiology with his passing. Rest in peace, Bill.
Julie Dickerson, RN, Cincinnati Childrens

Julie Dickerson - May 07, 2015 at 09:25 AM

SS

“ Thank you Bill for years of service and sharing your gifts with us. We have lost a great leader, mentor and generous educator. My sincere condolences to Bill's family.
Susann Schetter

Susann Schetter - May 07, 2015 at 09:16 AM

MM

“ My condolences and sympathy to his family.

Megan McDonald - May 07, 2015 at 09:12 AM

TB

“ The Bevilaqua's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



The Bevilaqua's - May 07, 2015 at 09:09 AM

BR

“ *Dr. Shiels holds a special place in our hearts having helped my daughter in our desperate search to understand a complex medical problem. As my husband and I practice medicine, having been blessed by his kindness, we try to "pay it forward" now eight years later trying to go above and beyond for each patient as he did for us. It is hard to imagine how many lives he has touched. We send our condolences and deepest sympathy to his family. His example of compassion, love for the practice of medicine and generous spirit will live on in the hearts and minds of many.*

- *The Thompson Family*

Britton Rink - May 07, 2015 at 08:02 AM



“ *Many blessings to Bill's family and closest friends. He was a pleasure to work with over the past 25 years with the AOCR. He was intelligent and always willing to help or answer a question when I called. Medicine is better because of Dr Shiels. It's the Irish way. God bless you. Claire McKay DO. San Antonio*

Claire McKay Hart - May 07, 2015 at 07:35 AM

SR

“ *The pediatric radiology field has lost a true leader. I had the true pleasure of knowing Bill as a fellow pediatric radiologist; he was a very smart and innovative man and was blessed with common sense. I am saddened by this news and feel sorrow for his family and our community of radiology. Susan E. Roubal, DO, Retired pediatric radiologist, Marquette, Michigan.*

Susan E. Roubal - May 07, 2015 at 06:37 AM

FK

“ Please accept my sincerest condolences. I worked with Dr. Shiels on the Board of Osteopathic radiology. He was an outstanding physician and an outstanding human being. He will be missed.
Sincerely
Fred Katz D.O. Past President AOCR

Fred katz - May 07, 2015 at 06:22 AM

TG

“ *"Billy, what were you thinking?!?!?!!!!!!"* exclaimed Martha.

Billy, I know only you, Martha, and I know what she meant. We can still hear your laughter!

God, we miss your laughter and gentle smile.....

We Love you a ton, too.....

Rest peacefully in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, my brother.

No more pain, no more sorrow, no more endless tomorrows....

Just the love and grace of God which you so richly deserve.

All our love,

Tom and Martha

Thomas and Martha Gleason - May 07, 2015 at 12:18 AM

AF

“ So sorry for your loss. This man is amazing when I had no hope for my in Australia I contacted him and he went above and beyond to contact me and speak with me about options of treatment all free of charge and even offered to guide my doctors here. I was lucky enough to find our doctor here whom has worked for him. But his genuine compassion and love for my daughter whom he's never met was amazing. May he rest in peace.

Alispahic Family - May 06, 2015 at 11:41 PM

MF

“ Where do you even begin to share a memory of an incredible doctor and human being. His goal of helping people and creating/and not being afraid to use new techniques has helped hundreds of people. One of those people is my daughter. He saved her sight and made her feel beautiful again, how do you begin to thank and share just one memory. His strong will and determination to help others is his legecy. It will live on in all the children he has helped. What an incredible legecy. Thank you it was an honor knowing you and seeing work in progress.

Mierzejewski Family - May 06, 2015 at 08:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



May 06, 2015 at 08:20 PM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear of Dr Shiels' passing. He was an incredible radiologist, so good. I so thoroughly enjoyed his lectures and informative and PRACTICAL ideas and innovations, many of which I have applied to my own practice with great success....truly a a doctor's doctor and a patriot and gentleman to boot....I am very sad about his passing.....my warmest regards to his family and colleagues.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jim Johnson, AOCR, Seminole FL

Dr Jim Johnson - May 06, 2015 at 07:12 PM

LM

“ I have been a longtime employee of Nationwide Children's Hospital and I remember going to a talk by Dr. Shiels many years ago and being so impressed by his knowledge and unique things he was going through radiology procedures. He was by far one of the nicest physicians to nurses, listening to their opinion, being kind to them and he loved to teach others!. The world has lost a GREAT man who will never be replaced in the radiology department and many people will miss the benefits of the fantastic things he was doing with his unique procedures. We at Children's are heartbroken to lose this man. With thoughts and prayers to his family and friends, RIP DR Shiels, Laurel Miller, RN.



Laurel Miller - May 06, 2015 at 07:01 PM

EF

“ I am greatly saddened by the loss of this exemplary pediatric radiologist, physician, educator and man of integrity. I gained so much through his many lectures in person, digital media and live teleconferences. Dr. Shiels was a great mentor to many, an educator to so many more. He will be missed. Many prayers of comfort for his family.
Elisa Foster, DO

E Foster - May 06, 2015 at 06:45 PM

JR

“ Bill spent a whole day with Jane Hartman (NP) and me teaching us an ultrasound skill that we desperately needed in our practice. And we worked at another Ohio hospital- there was NOTHING IN IT FOR HIM. But he was so passionate about imaging and caring for children and such a gifted educator. After that he shared the care of several children who lived in our city but needed his special expertise. This is what being a doctor really means. And beyond that he was a fabulous colleague and friend to so many. I choose to remember the man who didn't hesitate to speak his mind, who didn't stop til he found a solution where none had yet been developed, and who seemed to suck every last drop of energy out of every day. A great model and a great friend. Thanks Bill.

janet reid - May 06, 2015 at 06:32 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



May 06, 2015 at 06:20 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William Eugene Shiels II.



May 06, 2015 at 06:02 PM



“ Thanks Bill for your mentorship and major contributions to medicine. You are already missed.

Josh

Joshua Blunck - May 06, 2015 at 05:57 PM



“ What a tremendous loss for his family as well as for Pediatric Radiology and the Osteopathic profession. Bill will be sorely missed.

John J. Meehan, D.O.

John J. Meehan, D.O. - May 06, 2015 at 05:42 PM



“ I have had the absolute honor of being on of Dr. Sheils' patients. He went above and beyond the call of duty and never skipped a beat. He made me feel comfortable in my own skin and took my treatment as serious as he would any family member. He was an absolute joy to be around and I count my blessings that I had a chance to meet him and experience his craft. He will be missed by so many people in this world and the things he has done to impact their lives and the medical field are incredible. I wish the best for his family in this time both at home and in the office. My thoughts are with you all!

Brittany Johnson - May 06, 2015 at 05:05 PM

RD

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathies to the Shiels family. I have known Dr. Shiels since we met at PCOM many years ago. We used to joke about delivering pizzas for the same pizza shop just to earn a few dollars. Since, I am well aware of Dr. Shiels distinguished career, distinguished Chair at Children's National, and the many contributions he made to the Osteopathic Radiology profession, both on a local and national level. Just last year, his lecture on Spine interventions help influence me to develop new treatment modalities for our patients. I write this with sincere sadness, and a sense of great sense of loss. He truly will be missed by all who knew him, and so grateful for his many contributions to our profession and society!!!

Robert Koenigsberg, DO - May 06, 2015 at 04:05 PM

MG

Dr. Bill Shiels will be remembered for his tremendous enthusiasm in the care of his pediatric patients, particularly in innovations in interventional radiology. He was a warm, vibrant person who embraced life to the fullest. I remember at one of the Society for Pediatric Radiology meetings, how he showed up in a bright yellow convertible....so much fun! Bill, we will miss you!
Marilyn Goske, MD

Marilyn Goske - May 06, 2015 at 06:28 PM

DH

“ I am lost for words. Bill was an extremely brilliant and wise individual, and will be terribly missed by the AOCR and the field of Radiology. His enthusiasm for developing new techniques and his knowledge of Pediatric Radiology was not matched by many others in the field. Although we seldom conversed after I was no longer on the Board, I knew he was an invaluable person who would be there teaching and guiding residence, and making our profession better for the future. He will be greatly missed by all.
With deepest sympathy,
Denzil Hawes-Davis, D.O.



Denzil Hawes-Davis - May 06, 2015 at 04:01 PM

ED

“ I met Dr Shiels in person several times in the course of my career and was always impressed by his warmth and candor. His lectures were always informative and many of his teaching points in pediatric radiology I still use to this day. I remember calling him a few years after I became an attending to ask him about the techniques and equipment he developed for reducing intussusception and for treating lymphatic malformations. He graciously spent a long time discussing these topics with me.

He will be sorely missed. This is a terrible loss to the radiology community. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

*Edward M. Iuliano, DO
President
Columbia Basin Imaging, PC
Richland, WA.*

Edward Iuliano, DO - May 06, 2015 at 03:46 PM

CS

“ On behalf of the entire Central Ohio Pediatric Society (COPS) we are so very sorry for the loss of our member, Dr. Bill Shiels, and we send our deepest sympathy to his entire family. Bill was a very popular dinner speaker for several of our events throughout the years, as well as a popular conference speaker. His humor, worldly experiences and tremendous care and compassion for the pediatric community he served will never be forgotten. He will be greatly missed.



CENTRAL OHIO PEDIATRIC SOCIETY - May 06, 2015 at 02:31 PM



I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was one of the greatest radiologist's I've ever met. It was on his advise that my son attended his alma Mata (PCOM). He was my examiner on one of the radiology boards. Thank you for your service in the US Army and the many awards and medals you received including Consultant to the Army Surgeon General. The radiology community lost one of the giants.

Mark DeSantis, DO

Mark DeSantis - December 09, 2024 at 05:23 PM