



## Helen M. Shields

July 28, 2019

Shields, Helen M., 87, of Johnston, died peacefully on July 28, 2019 at Hope Hospice. She was the beloved wife of the late William H. Shields III, who predeceased her by 17 days. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Edward J. Mitson Sr. and Helen M. (Clark) Mitson.

She was a 1955 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, College of Nursing. She received a Master's in Elementary Education from American International College. She taught most of her career at the former George C. Calef Elementary School in Johnston. Prior to teaching she was a school nurse at various elementary schools in Johnston.

She leaves her children, Michael (Karen), Patricia King (Jack), Joseph (Anne), John (Donna d.), and William (Robin). She was the grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of 16. She is survived by her brothers, Edward J. Mitson, Jr. and Thomas H. Mitson and her sister, Delaine DeChaine. She was predeceased by her brother Robert and sister Carol Lee (Mitson) Danti.

She was an active member of St. Joseph Parish, serving in many capacities including Women's Guild member, religious education teacher, Eucharistic minister, and lector. She was a Dame of the Holy Sepulchre. She was a volunteer with the American Red Cross and Rhode Island Right to Life. She spent many a beautiful day with her husband Bill sailing on Narragansett Bay.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, often reading to them and recreating stories from famous children's books. She was an expert seamstress.

Her funeral will be held on Friday, at 8:45 a.m. from the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, Scituate. Burial will follow at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter. Calling hours will be held Thursday, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Joseph's Women's Guild, PO Box 236, North Scituate, RI 02857.

# Cemetery Details

## Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery

301 South County Trail (Route 2)  
Exeter, RI 02822

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory  
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)  
Scituate, RI 02857  
(401) 647-5421

## Funeral

AUG 2. 8:45 AM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory  
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)  
Scituate, RI 02857  
(401) 647-5421

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church  
144 Danielson Pike  
Scituate, RI 02857



# Tribute Wall

RL

“ We have very fond memories of Mrs. Shields from Calef School. She was such a wonderful teacher and all around nice person. Our sympathies on the loss of both your parents.

*The Leonti Family*

robin leonti - July 31, 2019 at 04:03 PM



MF

“ Joe, our condolences to you and your family. So very sorry for your loss. As your mother sailed the waters of her life, with your father near, she impacted many by her service and her caring. A mother's love is endless. Our thoughts and prayers with you all.

Michelle & Cunniff family - July 30, 2019 at 07:08 PM



JL

“ All my memories of cousin Helen are fond memories. Helen was so sweet, had a soothing voice, and made you feel you were special. Our prayers are with your families. I am sure Our Lord and Bill is waiting for her to be with them. RIP Helen.

*Joanne (Ryan) Lanning*

Joanne Lanning - July 30, 2019 at 04:09 PM

BM

Prayers for such a beautiful and classy women. Always were excited to see Helen. My deepest sympathy for the shield family. Bob and Susan (.Ryan) McGarry

Bob and Susan (Ryan) McGarry - July 30, 2019 at 04:48 PM

SM

“ *I am sorry to hear this Mike. I will keep her in my prays that her soul rests in Peace and she gets a beautiful new life.*

*Regards*

*Sid*

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**Siddhartha Majumde** - July 30, 2019 at 01:40 PM

LM

“ *...so sorry for the loss.of this lovely soul, may she rest in peace with her beloved...and may you find comfort in your memories.*

*Lora Minicucci*



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**lora minicucci** - July 30, 2019 at 07:33 AM