



## Patti Jean Howard-Shields

December 12, 1954 - March 6, 2015

Patti Jean Howard-Shields, 60, of Glen Allen, departed this life March 6, 2015 and entered into the gates of Heaven to be with her Lord and Savior. She was born December 12, 1954 to Geraldine and Willie Howard in Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Patti was preceded in death by her daughter, Taylor Shields.

Patti attended Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary in Long Island, New York and graduated from William Floyd High School, class of 1973. She continued her education at Sullivan County Community College in Liberty, New York and received her Associate Degree in the spring of 1975. In 2012, she received her Associate Degree from Fortis College for Massage Therapy.

Patti was employed with the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier from 1987 to 2012. During that time, she spoke for her colleagues as a Shop Steward Representative for the National Association Letters Carriers (NALC).

She met and fell in love with her soul mate Clayton Shields. They married in 1987 in Brooklyn, New York. God blessed them with their son, Clayton Shields, Jr. in December of 1987. In August of 1994, they relocated to Richmond, Virginia and made that city their home. Patti expressed her passion for music and gleefully played the piano, cello and viola.

She leaves to cherish precious memories a loving and devoted husband, Clayton Shields Sr.; son, Clayton Shields Jr.; parents, Geraldine and Willie Howard of Urbana, VA; sister, Charlene Boscarello of Albany, NY; one sister-in-law, Michelle Brown; four brothers-in-law, Thurman Brown, Melvin, Vernon and Kenneth Shields; a goddaughter, Triniti Hooker; and a host of other relatives and friends, among them, two devoted, Mattie Glover-Hooker and Diane Clark.

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course  
I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me  
a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge,  
shall give me at that day: And not to me only,  
but unto all them also that love His appearing”

2 Timothy 4:7-8

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

MAR 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patti Jean Howard-Shields*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patti Jean Howard-Shields.*



March 13, 2015 at 08:56 AM

 Vicki  
Scotti

“ *Patti is one of my most cherished friends from my childhood years. We played music, sang, played in the orchestra together & even played duets on the viola. I think we held the record for the most viewings at the Shirley movie theater for "The Way We Were". We had seen the movie so many times my Mom would not give me money to go again & I embarrassed her the last time we saw it by paying for my ticket with pennies in a jar. So many fond memories... You will live on Patti Howard-Shields. What is remembered, lives. Love you,  
Vicki*

**Vicki Scotti** - March 13, 2015 at 08:35 AM

VS

“ Vicki Scotti purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Patti Jean Howard-Shields.



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**Vicki Scotti** - March 13, 2015 at 08:15 AM



“ When we were little kids & first played football Patti would run with the ball & it took our whole team to tackle her. Years later when I was learning to play the guitar we would sit on her back stoop & Patti would play & sing with such wonderful heart. We will always have grand memories of you Patti.

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**Bill Graeser** - March 12, 2015 at 08:37 PM

CB

*I hung out with Patti along with Bill, Eddie, Tom and more. I remember Miss Patti as a sassy fun loving gal. I loved her and her parents. I ate Patti's famous chile con carne.. Rest in peace honey. Chris Booth*

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**Chris Booth** - March 12, 2015 at 10:57 PM

KS

“ Karen Shantz lit a candle in memory of Patti Jean Howard-Shields



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**Karen Shantz** - March 12, 2015 at 12:40 PM

KS

“ I am another high school friend of Patti's. We did not become close friends until after high school. We had some great times traveling some. We spent many hours playing backgammon, listening to music. We also enjoyed going to the clubs, she tried to teach me to dance but I never had the rhythm. Patti's laugh was so contagious. I am only sorry we did not see each other after moving. My deepest sympathy.

*Karen Saturnino-Shantz*

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**Karen Shantz** - March 12, 2015 at 12:39 PM

MB

“ Patti, Joanne, and I have been friends for 51 years. We shared everything along the way. It is hard to imagine her not being here with us. We miss her already. Mary Buffa and Joanne Cuomo

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**Mary Buffa** - March 12, 2015 at 11:52 AM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patti Jean Howard-Shields.



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March 11, 2015 at 08:19 PM

DE

“ My deepest sympathy is with you all, at this time.  
Your cousin,  
DeSharon Edwards, Houston, TX

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**DeSharon Edwards** - March 11, 2015 at 04:01 PM

AM

“ Aunt Pearlle & Gene Morris, Mary,& Jeanie, Midland,TX. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patti Jean Howard-Shields.



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**Aunt Pearlle & Gene Morris, Mary,& Jeanie, Midland,TX. -**  
March 11, 2015 at 03:48 PM

EP

“ As many of Patti's William Floyd friends recollect, her warmth and friendship were the first comforts we encountered upon moving to the neighborhood.  
Having shared what seems like every class with her, I can still hear her earth-shaking laughter, see that broad beaming smile, and feel the sincere caring friendship that she offered to all of us.

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**Ed Paquette -** March 11, 2015 at 03:42 PM

AF

“ Aunt Ida, Janice, Roxie, and Angela-Orlando FL purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patti Jean Howard-Shields.



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**Aunt Ida, Janice, Roxie, and Angela-Orlando FL -** March 11,  
2015 at 01:54 PM

DT

“ Debra Tilbrook lit a candle in memory of Patti Jean Howard-Shields



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**Debra Tilbrook -** March 11, 2015 at 01:07 PM

DT

*I have very fond memories of Patti and I will have them with me for ever. It is because of her that I met my first husband, he happened to be her neighbor. We hug out in high school during the 1970's. I loved it when Patti would play the piano. I still have the beautiful pair of sterling silver earrings she gave me. You left us to young Patti, I will miss you always.*

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**Debra Tilbrook** - March 11, 2015 at 01:17 PM

SH

*May you find comfort from God's word at Isaiah 41:10*

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**Sharon Harris** - March 12, 2015 at 06:16 AM



*“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 10, 2015 at 06:33 PM