



Mr. Nyiatumba C (John L. "Duke" Shields, III) Okoro

January 9, 1950 - November 1, 2021

The Lord Giveth And The Lord Has Taken Away

Today is the time that the Bible speaks about in the book of Ecclesiastes, a time to be born and a time to die. Nyiatumba C. Okoro was born on January 9, 1950, to the late John L. Shields Jr. and the late Nancy Mae Mitchell Shields. Duke was known by everyone. He was born in Scotland Neck, N.C, and lived in Newport News all his life. He retired from the Daily Press Inc. as Transportation Manager. His greatest joy was accepting Jesus Christ as the Savior of his life in 1993; as a member of the United House Of Prayer For All People in Hampton, under Apostle L. Flowers. He was a Grace Soldier of the Cross Security for Bishop S.C. Madison. A few years later, he was ordained a 70th Elder by Bishop S. C. Madison in Philadelphia, Pa. He remained a member until 2006, when he was called back to the streets to take the Gospel to all those he had left in the streets, with the blessing of Bishop S.C. Madison.

Nyiatumba Okoro went back and worked in the community as Co-Founder & President of Restore Inner City Peace, and Vice President Of Shields Of Faith Inc., with The Best Kept Secret; one of the best community groups he said he had ever worked with. He worked to save our kids from killing one another. He worked as the Director of Operations for Peace-N-The-Street, Summer USDA Feeding Program servicing over 4200 kids a day from 2008 to 2011. Another

part of being involved in the community, Nyiatumba Okoro went to the prisons and preached, worked with inmates, wrote letters, and went before the parole board on behalf of inmates. He was a Community Builder without a doubt and one who cared greatly about that community. With his wife of numerous years by his side, they gave away every year, one thousand dollars in school supplies and gift cards to the kids. He worked with Chief J. Fox and the N.N.P.D to find ways to address the crime in the city and lower East End, along with the Sheriff's Department, Chief Gabe Morgan, Commonwealth Attorney Howard Gwynn, and Assistant Chief Lorenza Sheppard.

He lived the word of God and would correct you if you said something wrong, not because he knew everything he said, but so you would know the truth because the truth will make you free. Being a Soldier in the Army of the Lord, the word he studied, for his years were spent studying it over and over again. These words I (Nyiatumba C. Okoro) leave for you: Accept Jesus Christ, as your Lord and Savior, read the word of God daily, study as often as you can, that you may know His word. Be as faithful to God's work as you were for the Devil. I have fought the good fight of faith, I myself have stayed on course, now God will do what His Word states. Do not let this time pass you by. God used our friendship to get you here. Listen to the preacher's words. This may be your last opportunity. You could be here next.

Nyiatumba Okoro leaves to cherish his life, his number one Love after God, his Snookums, of 43 years, Nyiaobe C. Okoro, who without her he would have never made it this long. He has six children, John L. Shields IV (Yonga), Tony Stewart (Alba) Tracy Shields (Derrick), Michelle Eaves-Shields, and adopted sons: Trevin Butler (Melanie), David Cousins Jr. (Lakeva), Dwayne Brown (Bonita), Corey Johnson. Five brothers: Charles Shields, Darryl Shields (Dollie), Michael Shields, Kevin Shields (Jennifer), and Jimmie Shields (Porsha). Four sisters: Joann Shields-Jones (Skip), Evette Shields-Wilson (Mark) Yvonne Shields-Fitchett, and Brenda Shields. Four best, lifetime

friends Elzie (Ju Ju) Shabazz, William (Jeter) Epps, Archie (Roscoe) Edwards, and Curley ("Billy Boy") Hill. Twenty-four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Okoro Public Viewing

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Okoro Funeral Service

NOV 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Living Waters Redeemed Apostolic Church of Christ
617 48th St.
Newport News, VA 23607

Okoro Scattering Ceremony

NOV 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

CIS
558 21st Street
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



“ M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Nyiatumba C (John L. "Duke" Shields, III) Okoro



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - November 05, 2021 at 02:55 PM

SS

You will be deeply missed and sincere condolences to the family...Macklin and Southall family

suandra Southall - November 06, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Click Here for Live Stream in memory of Mr. Nyiatumba C (John L. "Duke" Shields, III) Okoro



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - November 05, 2021 at 12:03 PM

PW

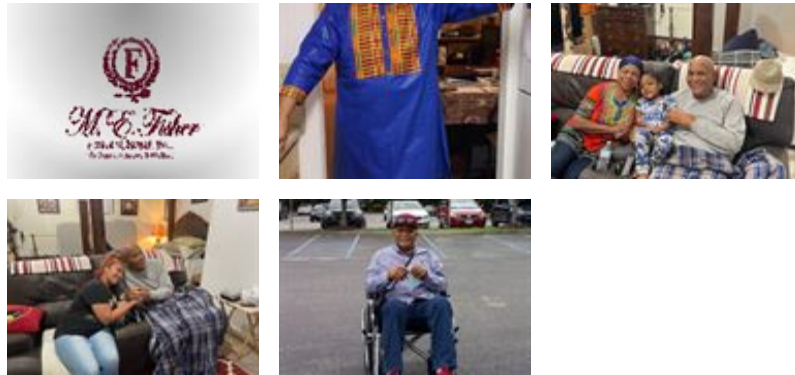
“ prayers are with the family.



pat watlington - November 06, 2021 at 07:35 AM



“ 111 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - November 05, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Nyiatumba C (John L. "Duke" Shields, III) Okoro.



November 04, 2021 at 10:59 AM

GB

“ Dear Mrs. Barbara, thank you for giving me some time with Mr. Duke. I always so enjoyed our conversations at Riverlands. Regardless of how we started our chats, they always ended with our brotherhood in the Lord Jesus!! I look forward to seeing him soon in our new home in Heaven.

Many blessings to you and your family; he's awaiting your reunion!!

Greg and Brigitte, 709 D

Greg Bernd - November 04, 2021 at 12:05 AM

JD

“ My condolences to Mrs Barbara and the rest of the Shields family. I'm gonna miss my Friend.



Julie Dargan - November 03, 2021 at 07:19 PM

EB

*To the Okoro Family,
I am grateful for having the opportunity to you all as part of our Living Water Family.*

Emiko Brown - November 06, 2021 at 02:04 PM

LR

“ Larry Ricks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Nyiatumba C (John L. "Duke" Shields, III) Okoro



Larry Ricks - November 03, 2021 at 04:00 PM

HM

“ Henry Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Nyiatumba C (John L. "Duke" Shields, III) Okoro



Henry Mitchell - November 03, 2021 at 03:36 PM

EB

“ Barbara and family sending prayers & condolences during this season of bereavement. God bless you with His love, Jesus peace and comforting of Holy Spirit.
Restoring Inner Peace affiliate and friend.

Ernestine Bell - November 03, 2021 at 03:36 PM

AH

“ To Barbara and family praying a prayer of comfort for you and Lil Duke!
Loving blessings!
Cousin Alice Harris

Alice Harris - November 03, 2021 at 03:01 PM

AC

“ My heart goes out to Mrs. Barbara and the Shields family. I've known Duke and the Shields family all of my life, from our youth in the 500 Block of 19th Street(DC) up until now. When I say he was a protector, mentor, and BIG BROTHER to me and so many in the neighborhood, it brings a smile to my face knowing I had the pleasure knowing of a MAN amongst boys. Rest easy Duke and kiss Mrs. Nancy for me & thank you for everything (the fish sandwiches too.)



Annette "Netball" Crawley - November 03, 2021 at 01:26 PM

MI

“ Barbara and Family, you are in my Prayers. Watching you and Duke always warmed my heart. You took such good care of him and he gave you so much credit on his health journey. My heart breaks for you and your family. If I can do anything for you, please let me know. God Bless You. 🙏🙏❤️

Millie/Pidgeon - November 03, 2021 at 11:28 AM

MI

“ Millie/Pidgeon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nyiatumba C (John L. "Duke" Shields, III) Okoro



Millie/Pidgeon - November 03, 2021 at 11:21 AM

LJ

“ *Barbara, Lil Duke and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sending you my love and condolences. May
your lifetime of loving memories of Duke help
you through this sad time.*



*Duke, I will always remember our childhood summers at grandma's
in Scotland Neck. Running around and playing in the back yard. As
you got older, you looked more and more like granddaddy. You even
had some of his mannerisms. LOL*

*Rest now cousin, in the loving arms of the Lord, until we meet
again.*

Love, Linda

Linda Jones - November 03, 2021 at 03:57 AM