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## **Obituary**

Dateline: Clifton Park, New York

Francis "Frank" J. Shields, 90, of Clifton Park, died on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Home of the Good Shepherd in Malta.

He was the son of the late Francis "Chief" and Genevieve Kirwan Shields. Frank was predeceased by his first wife, Leona D. Martel.

Frank was a decorated U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving as a Signal Corps Repeaterman in the European and Asiatic-Pacific theaters. He was awarded the World War II Victory, Good Conduct, American Service, Asiatic-Pacific and European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medals as well as a Philippines Liberation Ribbon. He was honorably discharged in January of 1946 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Frank graduated from St. Michael's High School in Brooklyn, NY and later received his Bachelors degree from City College of New York. Frank earned his NYS license as a Professional Engineer. Frank was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in Washington, D.C. He was a founding member of the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Grace Church in Ballston Lake, and a member of Corpus Christi Church in Ushers. He retired in 1987 from General Electric in Schenectady after 39 years of service. In retirement, Frank kept active with volunteering, working for many years cooking and serving food through The Welcome Table at St John's/St. Ann's Outreach Center in Albany, NY. During those years he also co-authored an engineering textbook, "Industrial Power Systems Grounding Design Handbook". Throughout his life he maintained an industriousness that never left him idle; he enjoyed fishing, cooking, reading, and building and fixing electronics.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Anna Kleczek Shields; sons Joseph L. Shields, Francis "Jay" Shields, and Leo F. Shields; daughters Mary M. Shields and Dorothy A. Shields; step sons William LeLievre and Joseph LeLievre, step daughters Mary Colantoni, Jeanne Bartolo, and Anne Lessa, and sister Veronica Tergesen. He is also survived by 24 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and many, many nieces and nephews. Frank was predeceased by his step son Jim LeLievre; brother Joseph E. Shields; sisters Dorothy Pelletier, Genevieve "Vee" Daly Emmell, and Mary Elizabeth "Betty" St. Jacques.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 10 AM at Corpus Christi Church Ushers in Round Lake where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Frank's relatives and friends are invited and may call at Corpus Christi Church Ushers, 2001 Route 9 in Round Lake on Thursday from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

Interment with military honors will be held in the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made in Franks memory to the Alzheimers Association Northeastern NY Chapter, P.O. Box 4091, Queensbury, NY 12804.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted by the family to the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home, 1550 RT-9, Clifton Park, NY 12065. 518-371-5454.

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