



Paul Richard Fields

October 25, 2012

Paul Richard Fields, 83 of Clarkdale , Arizona died October 25, 2012. Born April 29, 1929 in Columbus , Ohio he was the son of the late C.K. Fields and Lois Fields. Following his graduation from Pataskala High School Class of 1947, Rick graduated from Ohio State University , Class of 1951. He then joined the U.S. Navy and flew 600 hours outside of the continental limits at Norfolk , VA. He was honorably discharged with the Good Conduct Medal. In 1953 Richard became a flight line mechanic on the F-86 USAF fighter plane. He then transferred to Engineering Flight Test as a service engineer on the FJ 4 Fury jets and the A3J Vigilante bomber for both the Navy and the Air Force at the Patuzent River Naval Testing Center in Lexington Park , MD. During this period Richard was under the leadership of Chief Test Pilot James Pearce and manager Johnny Stombough. In 1965 Richard transferred to the KSC "Apollo" program. He, with the help of God, assisted in making history for ten years via the first man on the moon and the first golf ball driven on the moon among many well known projects. In 1975 Richard transferred to the California operation with Hank Kuzinski as the Shuttle Program Manager. He was assigned to activate Edwards Air Force Base for the "RLT" approach and landing test of the shuttle program using the MATE-DEMATE devise. Next Richard transferred to the BIB program with Doug Osborn as manager of the delivery flight line as A/C engineer. During this period Richard was also the president of "The National Management Association" in California for two years. Due to health issues such as kidney problems, strokes, heart attacks

and the loss of sight in his right eye Richard retired to Clarkdale, AZ. Richard was a very active member of the Mingus Mountain Shriners Club. During this period Richard referred 7 children from the Verde Valley to the Shriners Hospital in Phoenix , AZ where they were treated and became healthy children again. Richard so loved these needy children so much he organized train rides at Christmas time. This project was known as "The Polar Express." The train took selected children from the Verde Valley \u0027s eight elementary schools. As a fundraiser for the hospital Richard organized and sold Vidalia Onions annually. Richard and his beloved dog Woofy were frequent participants in the local annual parade in the Verde Valley . Surviving Richard are daughters Cheryl (David) Stienky of Baltimore , Ohio and Kelly J. (Steve) Narter of Cocoa, FL; ex-wife Dorothy Dean Fields of Daytona Beach , FL ; grandson Mathew Paul Stienky of Baltimore , Ohio and significant other Dee Fronko. A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 10:30am with a reception to follow at Westcott Funeral Home in Cottonwood . In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated. They may be made to the Shriners Children Hospital , 800-241-GIFT. An online guestbook is available to sign at www.westcottfuneralhome.com

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Paul Richard Fields, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *Whatsoever soothes your spirit, comforts your soul, and brings you peace***** That is what is wished for you at this difficult time. Val and Mary Lee Heil (Dee Fronko's sister and brother-in-law)*

Val and Mary Lee Heil - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

JB

“ *Cousin Dee, So very sad to hear about Richards death, I was never lucky enough to meet him but from what I heard and read he must have been one awesome man My prayers and thoughts are with you today and always. Love you Jennie Lee*

Jennie Lee&Andy Boyd - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

KA

“ *Richard crossed my path with his Polar Express work - I worked at CES & helped him organize the project with our kids for a few years. What a joy he was to deal with. My thoughts are with his family & friends.*

Karen - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

BC

“ *Sorry for your loss! Our thoughts & prayers for each of you! Love & Prayers! Theresa (Kelly's friend)*

Brook & Theresa Cox - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

LF

“ *Richard....you will truly be missed. I will miss your sense of humor & calling me Sis, you were a great friend. My deepest sympathy to the family. Rest in Peace Bro!*

Lorraine Field - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

FA

“ Richard, it has been a great friendship with many great experiences. In bed with the flu today. Sorry to miss the memorial.

Forrest Ayer - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

DH

“ Our deepest condolences to Richards family. He was a wonderful volunteer at the hospital and when he took on a project, he did so with everything he had. He will be missed by many at VVMC.

Diane Hunt - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

MD

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. We just found out Sunday night, making it too late to make any arrangements to attend. Richard was a wonderful man and great husband to my mother, Dorothy. I will always remember fondly the times spent in the motor home, playing pool (Richard was one heck of a pool player), and our passion of cars. My mother has Alzheimer's disease, but was still devastated by the news. She has always loved Richard and will miss him dearly.

Michael Dean - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

GK

“ With God's love and the support of those who care so much, may the family and Dee find the comfort and strength that will help you now and through the days ahead. Richard was a dear friend. He was proud to have worked on the Space programs. He contributed generously to the Space Walk of Fame in Titusville; and was there when each monument was completed. He was at the last launch of the Space Shuttle. Psalm 116, Verse 15: \"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.\"

Gale Kuznicki - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

SC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all your family and friends. We have a lot of good times and memories of you and your ability to motivate and inspire others around you. God bless you and welcome you home with wide open arms.

Steve and Vee Carlson - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM

JO

“ Oh my, Richard Fields was such a stitch.... I met him at a doctors office just after he moved to the Verde Valley and as all who knew Richard, he would strike up a conversation and then..... well long / short of it we became friends and he was wonderful when I was raising money to help send MUHS wrestlers to out of town tournaments and state... oh and of course there was a trade.... he would help me and then I would help him... As a team mom for the Mingus Wrestling Team 2006-2008, my 2 boys also send thanks to Richard for all he did to make it possible for them to get to the state tournaments... oh yes and those videllia onions and those wonderful jokes he always had... he never told me the same one twice... always a card... I miss your beautiful smile and wonderful blue eyes walking about the hospital, all will miss him tremendously. Sincerely, JoAnna Loehr

JoAnna - June 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM