



Marvin Elwood Nichols

September 9, 1930 - December 11, 2019

Dateline: Godfrey

Marvin Elwood Nichols, 89, unexpectedly joined his sons in heaven on Wed., Dec. 11, 2019, 9:53 p.m. at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Born in Wood River Township September 9, 1930, he was the son of Arthur "Glen" Nichols and Ann (Reeder) Nichols. On Nov. 20, 1954, he married the former Betty Harmon. She is a resident of Rosewood Care Center in Alton, IL. Marvin retired after a quarter century as a Machinist for Owens-Illinois, briefly leaving his position to join the Army where he saw Germany and Holland during the Korean War. Aside from his passion to create things, he loved to hunt, fish, landscape and play sports. Many were in awe of his ability to defy age on the court, in his yard or out fishing with his best friend and brother, Roger. He could be found almost daily visiting Mr. Donut to pick up a treat to share with Betty.

He is survived by his daughter, Debra (Nichols) Strebel; granddaughter, Amy (Nichols) Stock; granddaughter, Sara (Tyler) Pruiett and beloved great-granddaughter, Grace; grandson, Chris Nichols and great-granddaughter, Stephanie; grandson, Cory Nichols and great-grandsons, Taylor and Hayden; granddaughter, Jessica (Andrew) Hopkins; granddaughter, Kelly (Kevin) Rucker and great-grandchildren, Robin, Rian and Nolan; granddaughter Kacey (Joel) Cornell and great-grandsons, Liam and Jude; and granddaughter Kinsey (Tyler) Leeuw and great-grandchildren, Riley, Harlow and Chad. Also surviving are his sisters, Betty Tarrant and Carol Sorgea; brothers, Roger

(Faye) Nichols and Robert "Bobby" Nichols; and daughters-in-law Linda (Rose) Nichols and Linda (Osborne) Nichols.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Robin and Randall "Randy" Nichols; brother, Gordon Nichols; sister, Hope (Nichols) Harmon; brothers-in-law, Elvis Tarrant, Augie Sorgea and Terry Harmon; and sister-in-law Ann Nichols.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thurs., December 19, 2019 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, IL where Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, December 20, 2019. Burial immediately following at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto, IL. We are blessed to have Pastor Roy Rhodes of Abundant Life Community Church in Alton, IL., where Marvin and Betty have been members and volunteers for 30 years, as officiant.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family or to Wounded Warrior Project. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

Bethalto, IL 62010

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Elwood Nichols*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Marvin Elwood Nichols*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Mike & Becky Zaccarello purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marvin Elwood Nichols.*



Mike & Becky Zaccarello - December 18, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ *Linda Rose Nichols lit a candle in memory of Marvin Elwood Nichols*



Linda Rose Nichols - December 18, 2019 at 12:34 PM



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Amy Stock - December 18, 2019 at 12:47 PM

JM

“ Jennifer May lit a candle in memory of Marvin Elwood Nichols



Jennifer May - December 17, 2019 at 04:42 PM

AS

Thank you, Jen.

Amy Stock - December 17, 2019 at 05:19 PM

DP

“ So sorry for your loss. My condolences to the Nichols family.

Daniel Platschek - December 17, 2019 at 09:49 AM

AS

Thank you, Daniel.

Amy Stock - December 17, 2019 at 02:34 PM

 Margaret Freer

“ Marvin was an extremely kind person. He fried the best fish ever. He mowed grass for both David and Tim. He will be greatly missed.

Margaret Freer - December 16, 2019 at 03:52 PM

AS

Thank you, Margaret. He thought so highly of you and your entire family.

Amy Stock - December 16, 2019 at 09:17 PM