



Marilyn D. Nichols

May 21, 1937 - July 13, 2017

Marilyn Deanna Nichols was born to Kenneth G. Moore and L. Arlene Nickerson on May 21, 1937 in Belleville, KS and passed away July 13, 2017 in Brookestone Village nursing home in Omaha, NE at the age of 80. Marilyn was the older sister of Sharron and Linda.

Marilyn grew up and lived most of her life in Fillmore County, Nebraska.

She earned a B.A. in Teaching from Doane College in 1969 and then taught in the Geneva, Fairmont and Grafton school districts. Kindergarten was her favorite but she taught 1st, 7th and 8th grades too.

Marilyn retired from teaching and began a 2nd career as a bookkeeper. She assisted with the bookkeeping at Green Country in Geneva for decades until her final retirement.

She married the love of her life and best friend, Marvin Dean Nichols of Fairmont, NE on July 19, 1959. They had three children: Beth, Scott, and Todd.

To Marilyn, family came first. She would eagerly volunteer to watch her grandchildren and was a helpful motherly presence whenever it was necessary. Until her health declined significantly, Marilyn was a fixture at all

sports, music, dance, and art activities of her children and grandchildren.

Marilyn enjoyed all forms of music. She loved hymns, musical theater, jazz, Elvis, and classical music. You could find Marilyn playing the piano at her home in Geneva, Lakeside Retirement Home, and Brookestone Village. In fact, her passion for music stayed with her until her dying day.

She loved to play all types of games with both adults and children. Her family fondly remembers games of Clue, Liverpool Rummy, and Trivial Pursuit that would go well into the night. Bridge was another of Marilyn's passions. She belonged to several bridge clubs and this number increased significantly once she retired.

If Marilyn couldn't attend a family sporting event, she would have sports on the TV. She loved baseball, Kansas basketball, Nebraska football, and tennis to name a few and was not afraid to express her views about teams and players.

Marilyn was a voracious reader and longtime board member of the Geneva Public Library where she ensured that others would have the opportunity to learn to appreciate and love books and reading as much as she did.

As a long term member of The Geneva United Methodist Church, Marilyn served at every lay position in the church. She taught Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and was a regular at the Sunday morning early service until she moved to Lincoln. Marilyn found great comfort, friendships and peace through the church and her faith.

Marilyn was a long time and active member of PEO, Chapter O in Geneva where she held every office in the chapter. She looked forward to the meetings and the interactions with the other members.

She enjoyed traveling and saw nearly all of the United States and nearly every continent, some more than once. She traveled with the Geneva State Bank Ambassador Club many times and enjoyed the trips with family and friends to see and learn about new people and places. Her house was filled with pictures and mementos of her travels. Sometimes, she would be planning the next trip before she finished a trip.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Marvin.

She is survived by her sisters: Sharron Arbuck and husband, Bernard Arbuck of McCool Junction, NE; Linda Adams of Lincoln, NE, her three children: Beth Nichols of Littleton, CO; Scott Nichols of Lincoln, NE and Todd Nichols and his wife Lindsay Nichols of Omaha, NE; and her four grandchildren: Baylee and Noah Nichols of Lincoln, NE and Avery and Layne Nichols of Omaha, NE.

A Memorial Service for Marilyn was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva. Pastor Michelle Gowin officiated the service. Sondra Myers accompanied the congregation in the singing of "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" and "Amazing Grace."

A Committal of Ashes was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Memorial service. Farmer & Son Funeral Home conducted the services. Online condolences may be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Nichols Family,

I have been gone from Geneva for years, but have good memories of your family. Our families intertwined starting with Reichert Daycare and on through the school years with kids activities. In recent years, I would run into your Mom at the Denver airport. She might be coming or going on one of her excursions. A couple of times I was even on the same flight with her traveling back to Lincoln or Omaha. A life shortened too early here on earth, and she will be missed by many.

*My sincere condolences,
Marla (Robare-Lauenstein) Messman*



Marla Messman - July 21, 2017 at 06:04 PM

CO

“ Will always remember her as a very bright fun loving person.

Charlene Olson-Vice - July 21, 2017 at 08:38 AM

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“ Charlene Olson-Vice lit a candle in memory of Marilyn D. Nichols



Charlene Olson-Vice - July 21, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ 27 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - July 18, 2017 at 01:04 PM



“ Marla Ourada lit a candle in memory of Marilyn D. Nichols



Marla Ourada - July 18, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marilyn D. Nichols.



July 17, 2017 at 05:10 PM

DO

“ *May you find comfort and peace in your most cherished memories of your mother. With deepest sympathy,*

Donna and Richard Orr, Glen Allen, VA



Donna Orr - July 17, 2017 at 04:20 PM

DO

“ *Donna Orr lit a candle in memory of Marilyn D. Nichols*



Donna Orr - July 17, 2017 at 04:18 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Marilyn D. Nichols.*



July 17, 2017 at 08:57 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marilyn D. Nichols.*



July 16, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marilyn D. Nichols.*



July 16, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ *We always enjoyed visiting with Marilyn whenever there was a gathering of the family! Dick has always thought so much of Ken and Arlene's family.
Our sincere sympathy at this sad time.
Dick and Pat Lewis*

Dick and Pat Lewis - July 16, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn D. Nichols.*



July 15, 2017 at 10:52 PM



“ *Linda Lott Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Marilyn D. Nichols*



Linda Lott Mitchell - July 14, 2017 at 03:20 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Marilyn D. Nichols.*



July 14, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn D. Nichols.*



July 14, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ *Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Marilyn D. Nichols*



Rhonda Schlick - July 14, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ *Marilyn and Beth went on quite a few Ambassador Club trips with me. Between the two of them, they could answer any sports question in Trivial Pursuit that came up. I have been missing her since she left Geneva. I am glad to know that now that brilliant mind can be restored in her new home in Heaven.*

Alice Tatro - July 14, 2017 at 08:13 AM