



## Tom Nichols

July 2, 1949 - September 20, 2023

A Memorial Service for Tom Nichols was held on Friday, September 29, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska. Kim Dunker presided over the Memorial Service. A Graveside Committal of Ashes was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Memorial Service. Memorials are suggested to the Fairview Manor Lighted Cross Fund or the Fillmore County Hospital Foundation.

Thomas Eugene "Tom" Nichols was born in Geneva, Nebraska on July 2, 1949 to E. Howard & Ruth E. (McCabe) Nichols. Tom went to eternal rest on September 20, 2023, at Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska, at the age of 74 years, 2 months and 18 days. He was the 7th of 8 siblings born in the family.

Tom attended Geneva Public Schools graduating with the class of 1967. He attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where he was affiliated with Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

After college, Tom traveled to Los Angeles, California, and worked for Flexivan for a year. He returned to his hometown of Geneva and farmed for the next 15 years.

Tom was united in marriage to Jolynn Frick on December 6, 1980. They were

blessed with two children: Nathan Thomas and Nicole Ruth. He was also blessed with a stepdaughter, Heather Lynn. The family made their home in Geneva for 7 years.

After leaving Geneva, he moved to Arizona and began school to become a Certified Laser Welder for aviation aircraft. He later moved to Dallas, Texas, where he worked for ExpressOne, a freight airline, allowing him to be close to his children. He transferred to Austin and San Antonio, Texas, while working for Boeing. He remained there until retirement.

Tom moved back to Geneva in 2016. He resided for the last 2 years in Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska. He very much enjoyed the friendships and time spent there.

Tom loved animals, particularly dogs and cats. His family always remembers him bringing home a stray pet in need. He had many dogs throughout his life. He also loved all sports, his favorite teams being the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Dallas Cowboys. He enjoyed participating in high school football until a shoulder injury sidelined him.

Tom especially loved his children and followed them from place to place to remain near them. He was also very proud of their accomplishments from graduations to job promotions. He was blessed with 9 grandchildren.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Howard & Ruth; and two older brothers, Ronnie and Edgar "Nicky" Nichols.

He is survived by his son, Nathan (Chrystal Ross) Nichols, daughter, Nicole (Philip) Tomlinson, and step-daughter Heather (Dave) Lyman; nine grandchildren, including Jakob Nichols, Lawson Nichols, Noah Nichols, Landry Nichols, Jordyn Ross, Mackenzie Tomlinson, Harper Lyman, Jackson

Tomlinson, Benjamin Lyman; siblings, Rose (Rod) Felix, Larry (Betsy) Nichols, Ray (Margaret) Nichols, Carol (Bart) Rath, Dan (Wendee Nichols); and many nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## **Geneva Public Cemetery**

Geneva, NE 68361

# Tribute Wall



“ 21 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - September 30, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ Alan Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Tom Nichols



Alan Dondlinger - September 29, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ Disna Workman lit a candle in memory of Tom Nichols



Disna Workman - September 27, 2023 at 02:25 PM

LH

“ *Leah Haroldson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Tom Nichols.*



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**Leah Haroldson** - September 24, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ *My heart goes out to the family of my dear friend Tom. He was a kind, generous, compassionate friend. So many fond memories of his kindness and friendship. I remember once I was unable to care for a pet. So, Tom went and picked up my cat "Napoleon" and took him all the way to Nebraska and cared for him until I was able to take care of him again. Then, Tom loaded the cat up and drove him all the way back to Texas. That act of kindness seemed like no big deal to Tom. It was the way he was hard wired; compassionate to all creatures. I will miss talking to Tom.*

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**Leah Haroldson** - September 24, 2023 at 12:23 PM

YC

“ *your son Nathan and his crew purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Tom Nichols.*



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**your son Nathan and his crew** - September 23, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Tom Nichols* ”



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**Virginia Johnson** - September 22, 2023 at 09:55 AM