



Harold L. Nichols

June 19, 1951 - January 9, 2013

On June 19, 1951 in Muskogee, OK Harold Lafate Nichols, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and son was born to C.L. and Anna Marie (Cole) Nichols. Harold graduated from Central High School in Muskogee class of 1969 then would receive a BS from Northeastern State University in 1973.

His early years were spent growing up on a farm with his 6 older sisters and a younger brother, but later moving to Muskogee. Living in Muskogee allowed Harold to spend all of his spare time playing ball with his many friends and relatives. Harold, his younger brother Terry and many friends spent most summer days roaming the neighborhood looking for that next big ballgame, usually only returning well after dark.

Harold met the love of his life in 1973 at Muskogee General Hospital working as an orderly transporting patients back and forth from the X-Ray Department. Little did he know the X-Ray Technician that he was delivering patients to would forever change his life. Harold and Pearl were married on July 26th, 1974 at Bacone Chapel in Muskogee, OK, beginning a life together that would span a glorious 38 years.

Harold would first become a father when he chose to adopt his first son Christopher. Harold became a father for the second time on January 11th, 1979 when he welcomed his son Casey into the world.

Harold was known as Grandpa to Jillian, Abby and Sophia. Grandpa Harold loved spending time with his girls, he was notorious for giving backrubs, arm rubs, lots of kisses, gifts, trips, sweet treats...- basically spoiling them rotten. Jill, Abby and Sophia will never forget what a wonderful and loving man they had as a Grandfather.

Harold was an outstanding coach, he coached his brother, nephews, and sons in a career that spanned over 30 years. His strategic coaching method and his attention to fundamental ball resulted in multiple State and National Championships. When Harold wasn't winning on the field you could always find him in the stands spectating with his family.

Early in his career, Harold found himself as the Nursing Home Director in Bixby OK, this position led to a lifelong commitment of providing for the elderly community in many ways. Harold has helped countless seniors with various needs throughout his life. Serving the elderly was not just a job for Harold, it was so much more, it was his passion.

Harold is survived by his loving wife Pearl, his two sons Chris and wife Cris of Rogers AR, Casey and Wife Jenifer of Midwest City OK, his precious three granddaughters, Jillian and husband Dan Quinn of El Paso TX, Abby Nichols of Rogers AR, Sophia Nichols of Midwest City, one brother Terry Nichols and wife Julie Nichols of Oklahoma City OK, five sisters, Carol Wood of Temecula CA, Phyllis Cluck of Muskogee OK, Fran Martin of Muskogee ok, Marilyn and husband Bob Roth of Stillwater OK, Dorothy and husband Gayle Thornton of Blackwell OK.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents C.L. and Anna Marie (Cole) Nichols and sister Joan Lewis.

The Nichols family will have a family visitation from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Sunday, January 13, 2012 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Monday, January 14, 2013 at Eastern Heights Baptist Church with Rev. Gene Bebee officiating. Pallbearers will be Randy Wood, Toby Roth, Dale Cluck, Aaron Nichols, Mark Martin, Grant Nichols, Jared Nichols, Ryan Nichols, and Brent Nichols.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Eastern Heights Baptist Church
2401 Haskell Blvd.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold L. Nichols*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Pearl, Chris and Casey:*

I am so sorry for your loss. As a kid who was lucky enough to know you all and to have Harold as a coach for a number of years, I clearly remember a man who selflessly gave his time and energy to others and who helped to make us not only better players and teammates but better people. Harold was truly a special person and his life is a worthy example for any other parent to follow. Your family is in my prayers.

Stephen Martin - January 15, 2013 at 11:27 AM



“ *We at Sequoyah Manor in Sallisaw are deeply sadden for the loss of Harold. Harold was such a down to earth soul, his wisdom, humor and assistance was much appreciated. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

*Debbie Sanders, Administrator
Janet Taylor RN DON and
the Staff*

Janet Taylor - January 14, 2013 at 02:17 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Harold's passing. Love and prayer to the family.*

Jan Fleak

Jan Fleak - January 14, 2013 at 11:45 AM

GJ

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Nichols was a wonderful person and helped me several times over the years with the care of my mother. she was first at Country Gardens and currently at Eastgate. he loved the older population and wanted very much to see that they got quality care. I first met him while I worked for Bob Roth. Please know that all of the family will be in our prayers. Don & Glenda Johnson

Glenda Johnson - January 12, 2013 at 07:32 PM

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“ I was saddened to read about Harold's death. He and I were great friends in Elementary School in Haskell. After he moved to Muskogee, we did not see one another again until we both enrolled at Northeastern State University. We renewed our friendship and had many classes together. We visited at times through the years...I treasured his friendship...and will miss him. His family is very much in my prayers. Steve Lopp - Jones, Oklahoma

Stephen D. Lopp - January 12, 2013 at 03:39 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Harold was an awesome man and boss. All of the Staff of the Haskell Senior Citizens Nutrition Center loved him very much. He was always so kind to everyone. I am praying for your family. Joyce Walker, Haskell

Joyce Walker - January 12, 2013 at 02:23 PM

Julie
Nichols

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Julie Nichols - January 11, 2013 at 12:39 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *The Nichols Family*



Julie Nichols - January 11, 2013 at 12:37 PM

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“ *The family will receive visitors from 2-4:00pm on Sunday at the Funeral Home.*

Julie Nichols - January 11, 2013 at 12:34 PM

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Julie Nichols - January 11, 2013 at 11:11 AM

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Julie Nichols - January 11, 2013 at 11:10 AM

JY

“ *Jessie Young lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Nichols*



Jessie Young - January 11, 2013 at 11:05 AM

JY

“ *Harold was my friend and he was a top-notch guy. I am so sorry for the family. He will be so missed and a loss to the world. Thoughts and prayers to his family and all that will be affected by his absence. May he now have peace.*

Jessie Young - January 11, 2013 at 11:04 AM

JO

“ *May God be with you all at this time. Harold was such a sweet guy. I haven't seen him since we were in school together . I know he will be missed. May you find peace that he is with the Lord at this time. God Bless. Jane Duncan Olmos*

Jane Duncan Olmos - January 11, 2013 at 10:01 AM