



## Wanda Pauline Nichols

July 26, 1935 - December 25, 2016

Wanda Pauline (Hicks) Nichols of Saint Robert, MO passed away on Christmas Day, surrounded by her family, having attained the age of 81 years, 4 months and 26 days.

Born July 26, 1935, in Sullivan County, Tennessee, to Maudie Pauline Hicks, Wanda was preceded in death by her mother, and stepfather, Joe Nelson.

On Nov. 10, 1957, she married her high school sweetheart, Roy H. Nichols, at West Hills Christian Church, in Blountville, TN, while he was home on leave from the Army. They returned to Ft. Leonard Wood/Waynesville, MO, and called it home for the next 59 years. They were also among the founding members of the First Christian Church in Waynesville.

She grew up an only child, moving throughout the Appalachian Mountains, as Joe, her Stepfather, was a much sought after quarry and dynamite man.

She loved math. Her first job was as a bookkeeper at a machine shop in Bristol, TN. She later worked as a cook for 20 years in the Waynesville schools, allowing her to be at home when her children were at home.

Wanda was gifted with many talents and she used these to provide for her family, church and community. She loved to sew, cook and canned lots of

produce from the family's garden. She taught Sunday school and VBS as well.

She instilled a love of reading and a passion for cooking and baking in many of her children and grandchildren. Many hours were spent around the kitchen table playing Scrabble.

In all of her undertakings she sought to be "The wife of noble character" found in the book of Proverbs, chapter 31. "Whose husband praised her and her family arose and called her blessed."

Wanda is survived by her husband Roy of the home, and leaves a noble legacy to their 6 children and grandchildren- Pennie Ranzetta (Paul), of St Louis; Tony Nichols (Jani) of Lebanon; David, of Waynesville; Lisa Juelfs (Mike), of St. Louis; John Nichols (Michele), of Dixon; and Becky Nichols-Roberts (Nathan) of Rhinelander WI; 11 grandchildren- Joe, Clara and Sam Ranzetta; Dakota and Sawyer Nichols; Noah and Hannah Juelfs; Kennedy and Cole Nichols; Jessica and Nathan Roberts II.

Services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2016 in the First Christian Church of Waynesville, Missouri with Pastor Roy Gilkey officiating. Soloist Becky Lercher sang "O Holy Night" and led the congregation in singing "Silent Night" and "The Love of God". Serving as escorts were Joe Ranzetta, Clara Ranzetta, Sam Ranzetta, Dakota Nichols, Sawyer Nichols, Noah Juelfs, Hannah Juelfs, Kennedy Nichols, Cole Nichols, Jessica Roberts and Nathan Roberts II.

Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

A memorial has been established to the First Christian Church or the

Gasconade Christian Service Camp and contributions may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
[memorialchapels@embarqmail.com](mailto:memorialchapels@embarqmail.com)

## Service

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church  
Hwy H & Business I-44  
Waynesville, MO

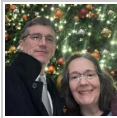
# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - March 08, 2017 at 03:17 PM



*Thank you, this is lovely!*

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**Becky Nichols** - March 16, 2017 at 03:40 AM



“ *Wanda Pauline Nichols*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *My mom made some of the best caramel pecan rolls ever. 😊*

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**Becky Nichols** - January 30, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ *David Nichols lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



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**David Nichols** - January 13, 2017 at 12:05 PM

SZ

“ So very sorry for the loss of your beloved mother. May your sorrows with time become your most treasured memories. Grace and peace be with you.

*With sincere sympathies,  
Manja and Sammy Zeigenbein*

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**Sammy and Manja Zeigenbein** - January 01, 2017 at 11:39 AM

SZ

“ *Sammy And Manja Zeigenbein lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



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**Sammy and Manja Zeigenbein** - January 01, 2017 at 11:34 AM

JF

“ *To the Family of Roy Nichols and Family I offer my sincere Condolences for your loss , Mrs: Nichols will be missed by all that knew her. I have many memories of Mrs; Nichols while growing up on Highway Y and going to school with her Children , Tony , David , Pennie and all the other siblings . With the loss of a valued person on Earth , always remember that Heaven has received a Cherished addition , GOD BLESS her and her family .*



*Sincerly Jerry Fincher*

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**Jerry Eugene Fincher** - December 30, 2016 at 07:36 AM

PM

“ Patti Mar lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols



Patti Mar - December 29, 2016 at 08:12 PM

CD

“ Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols



Cornelia & Robert Dodds - December 29, 2016 at 07:08 PM



“ 109 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 29, 2016 at 02:14 PM

LR

“ *Linda Renno lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



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**Linda Renno** - December 29, 2016 at 11:22 AM

LR

*I had the pleasure of working with Wanda through the School Lunch program. She was an excellent co-worker and always took her breaks on time.*

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**Linda Renno** - December 29, 2016 at 11:25 AM

DK

“ *Don & Evelyn Keen lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



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**Don & Evelyn Keen** - December 28, 2016 at 01:13 PM

PG

“ *We know that your faith may feel stormy during this season of bereavement; be strong and reassured that God steadfastly holds your anchor.*



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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - December 28, 2016 at 11:49 AM

Marty Baldinger

“ *Wanda you are a beautiful woman who made all people comfortable with your kindness. I will always remember that. You will be greatly missed.*



Marty Baldinger - December 28, 2016 at 11:27 AM

LJ

“ *Your family is in The Life Care Family prayers*



Lisa Jennings - December 28, 2016 at 11:05 AM

JT

“ *Years of making and sharing memories of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and our families. Nothing better. We will share those memories again one day.*



Janis Thompson - December 27, 2016 at 08:08 PM

EE

“ *Earl And Karla Ellegood lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



Earl and Karla Ellegood - December 27, 2016 at 04:39 PM

LJ

“ *Your family is in the Life Care Family Prayers*



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**Lisa Jennings** - December 27, 2016 at 10:48 AM

HB

“ *Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



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**Harold&Brigitte Burleson** - December 27, 2016 at 09:14 AM

PG

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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - December 27, 2016 at 09:13 AM

DH

“ *Deanna House lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



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**Deanna House** - December 27, 2016 at 09:05 AM

CW

“ *Carl Wideberg lit a candle in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



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**Carl Wideberg** - December 27, 2016 at 06:29 AM

MJ

“ *MJ sent a virtual gift in memory of Wanda Pauline Nichols*



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**MJ** - December 27, 2016 at 06:24 AM

TL

“ *so sorry to hear of wanda's passing. she was a truly remarkable woman. our thoughts and prayers to the families for god's peace .*



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**THE LOFTONS** - December 27, 2016 at 04:23 AM

JY

“ *Roy and Janet (Weber) York, wonderful woman.*



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**Janet York** - December 27, 2016 at 03:55 AM

BR

*Hi, my family were neighbors of the Nichols family when we lived on Y Highway before my mom remarried in 1969. My sister Margaret and I used to play with Tony and David. Margaret and I reminisce about those days, we lived on the hill and you guys were our neighbors, Cheryl Clark, and the Hoakansons. When my brother Jon died, my oldest brother Bert and I stopped by and had a visit Wanda....Bert always reminisced about the "old" days when we lived in St. Roberts and when he came home for a visit from Michigan we always drove around the neighborhood!! The Nichols family were awesome people!! I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Wanda, I remember her as a very kind lady. Praying for your family, cherish your memories!!  
Love, Betty Lytell Rupard*

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**Betty Rupard** - January 04, 2017 at 03:16 PM



*Thank you for sharing this Betty :)*

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**Becky Nichols** - January 27, 2017 at 12:37 PM