



Judy E Nichols

June 22, 1946 - February 17, 2015

Judy (Judith Elaine) Nichols passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at Northeastern Health System, Tahlequah, OK, in the presence of her family, surrounded by love and prayers. Judy courageously battled ALS-- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, for the past 15 months.

Judy was born on June 22, 1946, in Holdenville, Oklahoma. Judy graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1964 where she met the love of her life Randy. She attended Oklahoma State University for two years before graduating with her bachelor's and master's degrees in education at Northeastern State University. After beginning her career in education at Broken Arrow Elementary School for 3 years and Locust Grove for 4 years, Judy relocated to Fort Gibson where she served as a third grade teacher for 19 years, a middle school civics teacher for 3 years and ultimately as the assistant principal of the middle school for 14 years. Throughout her 43 years in education, she made a lasting impact in the lives of countless students, teachers, administrators, staff, and parents. An active member of the Fort Gibson community, Judy served on the Board of Trustees, ultimately serving as the Mayor of Fort Gibson. Judy was truly an incredible person with such a giving heart. Her joy in life was caring for her family and her students. She was a bright soul that lit up any room she entered. Judy will be remembered for always being there to provide comfort, guidance, and encouragement. Judy will be fondly remembered for her loving and nurturing presence in many lives and will be greatly missed.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Willie (Dees) Murry and her brother Bill Murry all of Broken Arrow, OK. Judy is survived by her high school sweetheart, a devoted and loving husband, Randy Nichols. She is survived by her loving sons, Jason Nichols and wife Robyn of Broken Arrow; and Jacob Nichols and wife Lindsay of Fort Gibson. Her favorite role was Grandma to her grandsons, Justin Nichols and Aaron Nichols, and her granddaughter Claire Nichols. She is survived by one brother, Harold Murry, and wife Ann, of Charlotte, NC; and one sister-in-law, Theresa Murry, of Houston, TX. She is survived by nieces Gina Kay Gregg, Elizabeth Murry and Sarah Hunt, and

nephews Chuck Nichols, Nick Nichols, Rick Nichols, Billy Murry, Brian Murry, and Brandon Murry. Judy is also survived by numerous precious family members and dear friends for whom her spirit and love will endure. We will all love and miss her greatly, but are blessed for her reunion with family that preceded her and being in the Lord's presence, standing straight and strong.

A visitation will be held Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with the family receiving friends from 5PM-7PM.

A funeral service celebrating the life of Judy Nichols will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015, at 10:00 AM in the Christian Life Center at the First United Methodist Church of Fort Gibson at 302 North Beauregard with Pastor Barry Collins officiating. Internment at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery will follow immediately after the service. Serving as pallbearers are: Ben Pemberton, Greg Phares, Mike Donahue, Joe Rybolt, Bill Roberts, and Sam Carter.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor mom's spirit by loving selflessly and without reservation.

The family of Judy Elaine Nichols has entrusted her services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home 1224 E Poplar/PO Box 1973 Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Service

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

First United Methodist Church Fort Gibson
302 Beauregard St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Judy E Nichols*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *My daughter (Sherri Stacy was in Mrs Nichols 3rd grade class in Broken Arrow, Ok. She was a very special teacher to my daughter. They had a play in school titled (, The Princess who wouldn"t smile). Mrs Nichols encouraged Sherri to try out for the lead roll. Which she got because of Mrs Nichols encouraging. Sherri always remembered her and also became a 3rd grade teacher. Thinking and praying for your family.*

Joann Stacy - March 17, 2015 at 11:24 PM



“ *I didn't know this lady but I can tell by just looking at her that she was a very loving, caring and giving person. You can see the Spirit of God in her face. I pray that God comfort her family and friends in the loss of her presence here on earth. I am sure that she is in the presence of God right now.*

Kathy Wright - February 20, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ *I was only able to know Judith for a short time; however, in that time she has made a lasting impression! Her will power during her battle with ALS will remind me everyday that no matter what there is beauty in life and love. Randy I send you my deepest condolences; it was such an honor to make both of your acquaintances. - Madelyne Jones, GSI Nutrition*

Madelyne - February 20, 2015 at 08:56 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Nichols family. I had Judy in middle school for civics class about 15 years ago.*



Andrea Ford - February 20, 2015 at 02:40 AM



“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - February 19, 2015 at 09:53 PM

JW

“ I am best friends with Randy, therefore a friend of Judy's also. I was always treated like a king when in Judy and Randy's house. The two were a loving couple and there two sons are priceless. I spent many hours with both Randy and Judy, visiting, talking about everything. Judy will truly be missed., but God has nother angel with him today. RIP Judy.

John M Wofford - February 19, 2015 at 08:30 PM

SS

“ I was a 1964 classmate of Judy's for 11 of our 12 years at Broken Arrow. I remember her as always being friendly, kind, helpful, and smiling. She did a wonderful thing with her life by becoming a teacher; the many lives she affected throughout her career as evident by the ALS bucket challenge last year--the whole town turned out to honor her!

So sorry for your loss Randy as you, Jason and Jacob, and her grandchildren were the loves of her life and I know you all will miss her terribly. Heaven's gain is our loss. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Shirley Watts Showman

Shirley A Showman - February 18, 2015 at 11:12 PM

CW

“ I would like to share my heartfelt condolences to Judys family. I had the pure joy and pleasure of knowing her many years ago. I treasured any time I saw her as she was always so friendly, sweet and kind. I can only begin to imagine the young lives she touched during her teaching career. It is my hope that her family will be surrounded by the warmth of her beautiful spirit now....Belle Cahoon family

Carolyn Cahoon Watts - February 18, 2015 at 02:29 PM