



## Dwight Arvine Nichols Sr.

August 11, 1953 - January 30, 2016

After a long and courageous fight, Dwight Arvine Nichols, Sr. of Fruitland, Maryland, at the age of sixty-two (62), slipped from life into eternal rest on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Coastal Hospice at the Lake, Salisbury, MD. He was born in Mardela Springs, MD on August 8, 1953 to the late William Irving, Jr. and Dora Barkley-Nichols. On September 31, 1972, Dwight was joined in Holy Matrimony to Bernice Green.

He began his formal education at Mardela Elementary School and graduated from Mardela High School with the Class of 1971. After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force. He attended the former Salisbury State College where he studied Social Work and later worked at the Somerset County Department of Social Services. He also worked at the Campbell Soup Company and was a truck driver for many trucking companies. At an early age, he was a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church, Mardela Springs. There he attended Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and was a member of the children's and youth choirs. He, along with his wife Bernice, later attended New and Living Way Apostolic Church in Mardela Springs under the watch care of Pastor Robert Fooks, Sr.

Dwight, at a very young age, had a nickname his mother called him "Kiddle Dee" (which is actually spelled Killdeer, which is a fast running bird) because he had such little legs and could run very fast. With those little legs he could

also climb high in a chair to reach up in a metal cabinet to get snacks his mom would often hide because he knew where she kept the stash! “Acie”, as he was called by many of his family and friends, had a jovial spirit and could brighten your day with a smile. He enjoyed many hobbies as well as driving trucks, his many friends and music. He would walk or ride his bicycle for miles to help a friend, family member or to take care of his own needs. Throughout his illness, he maintained his sense of humor and always tried to make those around him feel better. He had a deep love and devotion for his family that was constant and strong until the very end.

Dwight leave to cherish fond memories: his devoted and loving wife of 43 years, Bernice; four children, Fay Nichols (Harold Waters) of Fruitland, MD, Liza Santos (Miguel), Dwight Nichols, Jr. (Shantel) and Gwendolyn Mitchell, all of Salisbury, MD; twenty-two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Eugene Nichols (Tamatha) of Berlin, MD; 2 sisters, Inez Smith (Frank) and Donna Wharton, both of Havre de Grace, MD; a sister-in-law, Bertha Davis (Charles) and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Dwight was preceded in death by his brother Gary Nichols.

Humbly Submitted ~ The Family

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