



William Thomas Nichols

September 4, 1941 - April 8, 2019

William Thomas Nichols, affectionately known as “Billy” or “Slick” by his family and close friends, was born on September 4, 1941. He was the son of the late George Thomas and the late Beatrice Alberta Nichols of Harrington, Delaware. He was preceded in death also by his brother, Reginald Collick; his sister, Elenora Scott and his daughter, Ericka Wilson. He departed this life on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Christiana Hospital. He was 77 years old.

William received his education at Pierre S. Dupont Elementary School in Harrington, Delaware and then went on to attend William Henry High School in Dover, Delaware.

On September 30, 1960, he married the love of his life, Claudette Virginia Seth and together they had four beautiful children; one son and three daughters. They were married for 57 years.

William worked most of his life as a farm hand and later for the Caroline County School District as a custodian. After retiring, he and his brother, Ray Nichols operated a small janitorial company and were contracted with Allen Family Foods for a few years.

William was a very quiet, soft-spoken individual who did not complain and very much a family man. He was an outdoorsman who loved hunting, farming and gardening. His passion was tinkering on cars, motorcycles, lawnmowers and anything else that had an engine. He also enjoyed animals and always had dogs around the house. Another joy of his was pitching horse shoes with friends and family. Most of all, he loved visiting each of his siblings early on

Sunday mornings. He would go from house to house just to check in. He also loved getting together with his brothers to watch boxing and wrestling.

William was a giving person and would help out anyone in his path. Speaking of paths, he would always throw his hands up to any vehicle he met on the highway. He always made sure that the children got plenty to eat. Sometimes his wife would fuss that “the kids have already eaten” and he would simply reply, “let them have it.”

William joined the Mt. Carmel Seventh Day Adventist Church in Harrington, Delaware until his sickness. Later, he transferred his membership to the Denton Church of Free Seventh-day Adventists in Denton, Maryland, where he recommitted himself to Christ during the latter stages of his illness.

William leaves to mourn his loving wife of fifty-seven years, Claudette Virginia Nichols; one son, Terrence D. Nichols (Denise) of Felton, DE; two daughters, Lorinda Smith “Rinny” of Felton, DE and Kittina Coursey (Anthony) of Denton, MD; four grandchildren, Latasha Daniels (Thomas), Terrence L. Nichols, Anthony Rich, Jr. (Crystal) and William Wilson, III (Shantaye); seven great-grandchildren, Tashrya Scott, Rashad Wilson, DaeQuan Wilson, Samaiyah Wilson, Marshawn Wilson, Xavier Gregory and Kanye Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, He also leaves to cherish his memory a special friend and caregiver, Nakeisha Cephas.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Please accept my condolence. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. May you find comforting Job 14:14, 15, which says, \u201cif an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.\u201d Ms Woodson

Ms Woodson - April 25, 2019 at 11:20 AM

AR

“ Dear family, I express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear loved one and I know it\u2019s so hard to bear. But know that your heavenly Father understands your pain and He cares. He extends a hope to each and everyone and that hope is that you will see your loved one again. John 5:28, 29; Isaiah 25:8a

Artina - April 15, 2019 at 12:36 PM

DJ

“ Dear Family, May the memories of your loved one. ..of happy times, Of joyful smiles, Of hearty laughter, And caring words Help you through this sorrowful time. Faith is our comfort as we grieve. May your Faith in Christ's promises bring you peace. Through your tears and in your sorrow, know that God holds you close. Comfort comes in knowing that death is not the end. Those who die in Christ will live ETERNALLY. (Revelation 21 : 4) He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. God bless you and keep you close. With Prayers, David Johnson Jr., Mom Mary Scott, \u2665

David Johnson, Jr. - April 14, 2019 at 01:06 PM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. Because times like this are so difficult to cope with, our hope is to comfort you as we've been comforted when we've lost a loved one. The Bible reveals to us good news from Almighty God about all those who have died. He promises that one day his beloved son, Jesus Christ is going to bring the dead back to life - to enjoy life the way God purposed it to be in the beginning (Genesis 1:27, 28). He promises to remove all things that have made life difficult for us, including that enemy death (Revelation 21:3, 4; Psalm 37:9-11). What a glorious day that will surely be! We can trust that this promise from God will be fulfilled, because we know it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18). May you be strengthened and comforted with such a hope as we deal with the challenges and difficulties of life right now (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - April 13, 2019 at 08:09 AM

PW

“ To the family, My sincere condolences in the passing of William. Please find comfort in the words of John 5:28, 29: "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his (Jesus) voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, and those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment."

Phyllis W. - April 11, 2019 at 07:31 PM

JO

“ I would like to offer my sincere condolences for the loss of William Thomas Nichols and In such difficult time, many families appreciate the comfort offered by the Bible of the time when no one will lose a loved one in death and we will be able to enjoy life again with our loved one. (Isaiah 41: 10). I hope these thoughts comfort you

JoyceA - April 11, 2019 at 02:53 PM