



Mr. William Clay Nichols

January 7, 1936 - January 9, 2026

William Clay Nichols, 90, husband of Carolyn Lee Nichols, of West Union, SC, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Oconee Memorial Hospital.

A native of Oconee County, Mr. Nichols was the son of the late Albert Burton Nichols and Maggie Pauline Williams Nichols. He was an avid runner, having run four marathons including the Boston Marathon and Mountains to the Sea: a fundraiser that was started because of his niece to benefit the American Diabetes Association; and he also served in the National Guard. He retired from Torrington and was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Nichols is survived by his daughter: Lynne Marcus; grandson: Justin Marcus; brother: Don Nichols; and sisters: Marlene Poore and Frankie King.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Nichols was preceded in death by his son: Gary Nichols; brother: Max Nichols; and sister: Jackie Roach.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday, January 12, 2026 at Ebenezer Baptist Church with burial to follow at Heritage Memorial Gardens, Westminster, SC.

The family will receive friends 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Monday, prior to the service,

at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association by visiting www.diabetes.org or the Ronald McDonald House by visiting www.ronaldmcdonaldhouse.org

The family is at their respective homes.

Cemetery Details

Heritage Memorial Gardens

4500 South Highway 11
Westminster, SC 29693

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
1405 Ebenezer Rd
West Union, SC 29696
<http://lovingebenezer.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Clay Nichols



Wayne F. Barton - January 14 at 11:35 AM

RL

“ Carolyn praying for you and Lynne. I know that you all will miss Bill. Keeping you and your family in our prayers. Bobby and Brenda Lee

Robert Lee - January 13 at 05:48 PM

LC

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Linda Chapman - January 13 at 05:36 PM

CA

“ Lynne, Carolyn, so sorry to hear, Mr. Bill was such an inspiration at Torrington! He knew his job and was always about doing what was right! An excellent leader. I still follow some of the principals he taught me in quality assessments. So Thankful for the opportunity to work with him and brother Max! Prayers for the family, Cathy Crenshaw



Cathy - January 13 at 01:50 PM



“ *Marvin Long lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Clay Nichols*



Marvin Long - January 12 at 03:14 PM



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Marvin Long - January 12 at 03:13 PM



“ *Jess Langston lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Clay Nichols*



Jess Langston - January 12 at 11:20 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. My prayers are with you Carolyn and all of the family.*

Leonard Loudermilk - January 11 at 10:07 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Clay Nichols*



Bobbie Ledford - January 11 at 04:33 PM

WD

“ *Wilma Dain lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Clay Nichols*



Wilma Dain - January 11 at 04:24 PM

TD

“ *Tony Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Clay Nichols*



Tony Duncan - January 11 at 01:40 PM

VB

“ *Vicki Bearden lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Clay Nichols*



Vicki Bearden - January 11 at 12:12 PM

KH

“ *Kay and Pat Hall*



Kay and Pat Hall - January 11 at 11:26 AM

RA

“ *Bill was a fellow employee at Torrington, for many years! He was also my friend! Prayers for family and friends! May God bless each, and grant them his healing peace! He will be sorely missed !*



Rod & Katherine Albertson - January 11 at 11:22 AM

MC

“ *Wm. Hovie & Martha Crenshaw
Our hearts go out to all the Family .*



Martha Fowler Crenshaw - January 11 at 11:16 AM