



Marita Wilson Nichols

April 21, 1950 - January 30, 2021

Marita Wilson Nichols went home to be with the Lord on 1/30/2021 surrounded by loved ones. Marita was born April 21, 1950 in Henrietta, Texas to Raymond L. & Marie Wilson. She grew up in Bowie, Texas where she attended Bowie schools and First Baptist Church as a child. She enjoyed school and loved all of the activities she participated in during high school, especially cheerleading with her best friends.

On May 30, 1970 Marita married her high school sweetheart Dean O Nichols (Don). They lived in Denton, Texas and moved to Rome, Georgia after Don graduated from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service Law enforcement academy in Bethesda, Maryland. His occupation led them to many towns throughout the years; forever friends were made in Savannah, Georgia; Beaumont, San Antonio, DFW, Texas and Birmingham (Pelham) Alabama, before they retired in Flint, Texas.

While living in Alabama, Marita worked for Allen-Bradley as an Administrative Associate for over 15 years where her multi-tasking skills came in handy as she worked with many engineers. She will be remembered by co-workers as “the office mom”.

When she and Don moved back to Texas to enjoy retirement, she found her new church family as a member of Green Acres Baptist Church for 15 years. She loved going to church and she loved church music.

Marita was mom to two daughters, Lisa Lowrance and Lori Thomason but she was also a beloved “mom” to their friends. Everyone was always welcome in

the “Nichols” home where snacks were handy, and laughter was abundant. Marita will be remembered for her smile and laughter as well as her easy-going nature. She was an amazing cook, decorated the most creative birthday cakes, and sewed special costumes and outfits for her kiddos. She was always present and welcoming. She had a special bond with her two sisters and whenever they visited, there was a lot of laughter. Most of all, Marita will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family and friends.

Private funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd at 11:00 am at Cathedral in the Pines in Tyler, Texas, with Eric Barton of Bethel Bible Downtown, officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. A celebration of life for Marita will be held at a later date.

Marita Nichols was preceded in death by parents, Raymond & Marie Wilson of Bowie, Texas; mother-in-law, Sophia Nichols of Bowie, Texas and sister, Beverly Ford of Corsicana, Texas.

She is survived by husband, Don; daughter, Lisa Lowrance and her husband, Michael; daughter, Lori Thomason and her husband, Andy; granddaughter, Sophie Rose Morros; grandson, Adam Thomason; sister, Gloria Hamilton; brother-in-law, Bobby Ford; brother-in-law, Danny Joe Nichols; brother-in-law, Thomas Nichols and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Lowrance, Andy Thomason, Billy Lee, Gary Adams, Lee Adams, Bobby Ford, Glenn Ford, James Ford, Jay Coker, Danny Joe Nichols & Thomas Nichols.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful staff at Meadow Lake Senior Living; you have become family over these last three years. Your kindness and caregiving have been such a blessing. We appreciate the care provided by Solaris Hospice in taking such great care of our loved one. We would also like to thank Luanne Harms of the Alzheimer’s Alliance of Smith County for her guidance and direction over the years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to the Alzheimer’s Alliance of Tyler, 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler, Texas 75701, Solaris Hospice 1428 WSW Loop 323, Tyler, Texas 75703 or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery
7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Don
*I wanted to send prayers for you and your family.
God Bless
Robby and Teena Hughes*

robbly hughes - February 08, 2021 at 03:21 PM

WM

“ Dean and Family, our sincere condolences in the passing of Marita.
*You and your family are in our prayers.
Wayne and Elaine Meyers*

Wayne and Elaine Meyers - February 03, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ Don
*Know that Paul and I are praying for you and your family as you
celebrate Marita's life today.*

Jennifer Broussard - February 03, 2021 at 09:15 AM

RR

“ Don, my sincere sympathy to you and the girls. I've always
*considered you and Marita as special people and friends. I'll never
forget the first time I saw Marita in the first grade she had the cutest
ringlet pony tail and the sweetest personality to match. I cherish
having known her as a friend throughout our school years. Prayers
for you and all your family. Sincerely Roy Roberts*

Roy G Roberts - February 02, 2021 at 11:58 PM

KM

“ Dean and family, Kevin and I were so sorry to hear of Marita's passing. Y'all were my favorite people in Birmingham, and I was so blessed to have met her (and you). I know words cannot convey how we truly feel, but we pray your family is comforted by your many memories of her love and all she gave to you. She is in the arms of her Heavenly Father now so there is joy in the knowledge of where she rests. Love to you, Kathy and Kevin McDonough

Kathy McDonough - February 02, 2021 at 08:27 PM

RW

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Marita. In our conversations I know the love that you and she had for each other. Our prayers are sent for you and your daughters as you go through this time of loss. I know there are so many memories that your family has. She is sitting with her Lord and enjoying heaven.
Rick Welborn

Rick Welborn - February 02, 2021 at 08:21 PM

TT

“ Dean and family: Our heartfelt condolences at the loss of your lovely bride.

*Tom Taylor
Postal Inspector (retired)
Class of Sept 1971 - Bethesda, MD*

Tom Taylor - February 02, 2021 at 02:59 PM

RI

“ Dean: I did not know your wife but my sincere condolences for your loss.

Robert Intriago.

Robert Intriago - February 02, 2021 at 02:47 PM

JT

“ Hey Dean...
This is Jim Travell and I wanted to send my heart felt condolences on the passing of your bride. The good news is that we are only here for a short time and will get to see her again in Glory...!!! I remember the conversations we used to have in Birmingham when you shared your wisdom, convincing me to transfer to FTW. Best decision I ever made. Blessings to you my brother and may the Peace of Our Lord comfort you in this time of need..... Jim and Marie Travell

Jim Travell - February 02, 2021 at 01:57 PM

JH

“ Dean, so sorry to hear about Marita. The thoughts and prayers from the A-Team are with you. John Holder

John Holder - February 02, 2021 at 09:48 AM

LR

“ Dean and family- so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. Her obit describes a wonderful caring person. May you take comfort knowing she is with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jim and Linda Rosinbaum

Linda Rosinbaum - February 02, 2021 at 09:46 AM

KB

“ *Dean, I am so sorry to hear of your wife Marita's passing. You and your family are in on prayers at this difficult time. May she Rest In Peace*

Kevin Burke

Kevin Burke - February 02, 2021 at 07:24 AM