



## Stephen Orville Nichols

November 6, 1946 - January 27, 2022

Steve was born on November 6, 1946, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, the son of Orville Nichols and Sallie Rebecca (Hampton) Walker. He grew up and lived in Yantis, Texas. He was a proud veteran who volunteered and served in the U.S. Army where he earned rank of Sargent E5. He liked the routine of the military and built that into his personal life. Steve embraced life, was always smiling, never met a stranger and was game to try new adventures. He could laugh at himself, had a beautiful sense of humor and always had a story to tell. He enjoyed physical activity and, whenever possible, was outside walking, running, biking, playing golf, flying down a zip line, or hiking and snow skiing in the mountains. He loved the wonderful fellowship of the Christ filled congregation of Flint Community Church.

Steve was called home to be with the Lord on January 27, 2022, after losing a long hard, fought battle with cancer. While he hated the stress on his body and life, he never complained but faced the challenge with courage and the sheer will to make the most of each day. He was a loving husband, obedient son, kind brother, caring friend and a fun-loving uncle to his nieces and nephews that recognized he was a kid at heart.

Stephen is preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Josephine Lavelle Landtroop and his brother, Jimmy Lee Nichols.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Gail (Hass) Nichols of Tyler; stepmother, Mildred Nichols of Mineola; sisters, Mary Dale Keller and husband Calvin of Troup; Charlotte Elaine Chrietzberg and husband Cary of Mineola; Linda Stone and husband Brad of Mineola; Deannie Waldon of Alba; Callie Morgan of Chandler; numerous nieces and nephews along with great nieces and nephews, other relatives, and many amazing friends.

Pallbearers will be Drew Henson, Jake Hass, Asa Staley, John Staley, Jacky Staley, and Jimmy Wheeler.

Services will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler with good friend Ricky Clements officiating. Interment to follow at Cathedral in the Pines cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2022, at the funeral home.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org)) or Texas Oncology of Tyler, 910 E. Houston St., Ste 100, Tyler, TX 75702.

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

FEB 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Orville Nichols



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - February 02, 2022 at 02:52 PM

JB

“ Jeff & Marilyn Baker purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Stephen Orville Nichols.



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**Jeff & Marilyn Baker** - February 04, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Orville Nichols.



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February 03, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Orville Nichols.*



February 03, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Orville Nichols.*



February 03, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Orville Nichols.*



February 03, 2022 at 09:17 AM



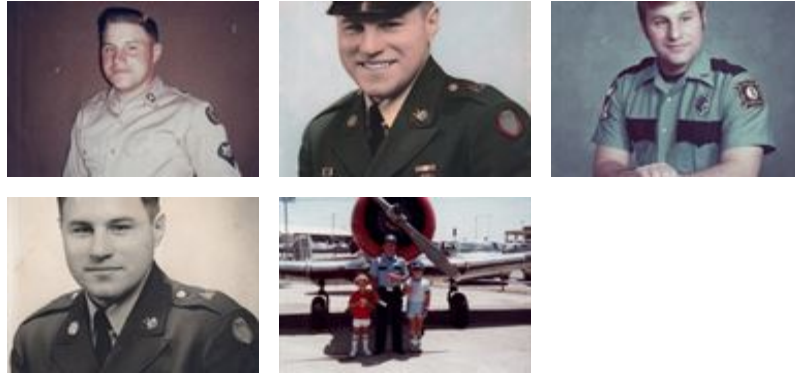
“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Orville Nichols.*



February 02, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - February 02, 2022 at 02:46 PM

SA

“ We all enjoyed working with Steve at EEOC in the Dallas District Office. He was such a friendly and happy co-worker. His willingness to help and support the effort of the agency was truly a gift to all of us. Blessings to Steve's friends and family from all of us at EEOC.  
*Suzanne Anderson*

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**Suzanne Anderson** - February 02, 2022 at 01:58 PM

BP

“ *Betty Pineda lit a candle in memory of Stephen Orville Nichols*



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**Betty Pineda** - February 02, 2022 at 12:37 PM

BP

*Dear Gail, it has been several years since we saw each other and I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I remember him fondly, he was such a warm, nice, and kind gentlemen. Steve always had a kind word for anyone and made friends easily. Steve did his job duties well at EEOC and didn't complain, no task was beneath him, a true team player. We had some good times, and lots of laughs working together, until he returned to Tyler. I know you will miss him and I pray that you find comfort in your memories. My sincere apologies that I cannot be there in person for the service, but I will be thinking of you and be with you in spirit. I chose to make a donation in his memory. With heartfelt condolences ... Betty Pineda, former coworker at EEOC, Dallas, TX*

**Betty Pineda** - February 02, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Orville Nichols.*



February 02, 2022 at 11:39 AM

VC

“ *Veronica Cuadra purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Stephen Orville Nichols.*



**Veronica Cuadra** - February 01, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Stephen Orville Nichols.*



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January 31, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *While working with Gail I had the pleasure of meeting Steve, and was able to witness what it meant to be a truly devoted couple by watching the two of them over the past few years. I knew him to be kind, generous with his time, and had the best sense of humor. He loved desserts almost as much as he loved his "little Bride", as he referred to Gail. I'm so glad I had the chance to meet and get to know Steve. - Elisabeth Meeks*

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**Elisabeth Meeks** - January 31, 2022 at 02:08 PM



*Gail and family. Yes, Steve was truly one outstanding fellow. He loved the Lord and his wife and family. I will pray that God will provide grace and strength for each of you as you face the days ahead. God's blessings to you. Love and prayers. Thomas and Kathy Bedingfield*

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**Thomas and Kathy Bedingfield** - February 01, 2022 at 09:32 PM