



Donald Lee Nichols

November 21, 1923 - May 30, 2017

Donald Lee Nichols, 93 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at St. Otto's Center in Little Falls, MN. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 5, 2017, at Living Hope Assemble of God Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Keith Thompson officiating. Burial will take place at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 9-11 A.M. on Monday at Living Hope Assembly of God Church in Little Falls, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Don Lee Nichols was born on November 21, 1923 in Ogilvie, MN to the late Perry George and Alta (Benson) Nichols. He spent many of his younger years growing up in Foxworth, Mississippi and then his family moved to Little Falls, where he completed his remaining four years of high school. He graduated from Little Falls in 1942 and went on to Bemidji State College with a basketball scholarship. While in Bemidji, he joined the Civilian Pilot Training and soon enlisted in the Army Air Corp, learning to fly many small aircraft for the next several years of his life. He is a veteran, having served during WWII from 1942-1946. During those years he met his life partner, Marian Louise Reeves in St. Louis, MO and they were married on October 16, 1944. They lived with their family in Little Falls and surrounding areas for their 64 years of marriage. Many years of Don's employment were spent with National Bushing Parts Co. and with Champion Auto Store, from which he retired.

Some of Don's hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping and gardening; entering some of his specialties from the garden at the Morrison County Fair. He also enjoyed traveling and thought nothing of getting in the car and driving to another state just to see his grandchildren who he dearly loved. Some of his past time was spent serving as Commander for the Civil Air Patrol in Little Falls, where he loved to spend time flying small air craft. He will be most remembered for his Faith in God, his family that he cherished and the fellowship he found with his Church friends, and those outside of his church. He spent many years with friends hunting, fishing and camping, along with traveling and camping with his own family, to see many states in the U.S. Don was always known for his spunk, humor and quick-wit. He loved teaching youth group and many Sunday school classes over the years, and served as deacon nearly 50 years at his home church. A great joy for him was driving school bus on Sunday mornings to pick children up for church, some that lived a distance away. His last ministry in his church was to be a "candy man" to the children. He wanted to leave the children a "sweet memory" and he succeeded at that! His motto was always that church should be a "House for sinners...not for Saints" and he did live that out, never feeling he was too good for anyone. He will be greatly missed!

Don is survived by his daughters; Anita (Bruce) Nelson, Litchfield, MN and Donna (Jeff) Green of Porterfield, WI; 3 granddaughters, 2 grandsons and several great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; Perry and Alta Nichols; wife, Marian; infant son, Grant and daughter Denise.

Memorial donations will be used to purchase Bibles for The Voice of the Martyrs mission organization.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Living Hope Assembly Of God
17389 Haven Road
Little Falls, MN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Lee Nichols*



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MB

*Don was a friend to my first husband, Lyle a Williams and my self. We spent many times at there home when their 3 daughter's were small. His wife, Marion helped at our wedding October 26th 1957. At that time Rev. Neal Sheneman was our pastor and the Assembly of God was down town where the jail is now. Don will be greatly missed. He was a true man of God.
Mary Ann Williams, Bartlett.*

Mary Ann Williams, Bartlett - June 01, 2017 at 02:53 AM



“ *Donald Lee Nichols*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

CC

“ *I have known Don since I was a young boy when he provided lessons learned at Sunday School at the Assembly Of God Church. It was always nice to see him at work when my dad would send me to National Bushing to pick up auto parts. Don was a wonderful guy and he will be missed.*

Chuck Carlson - June 04, 2017 at 05:52 PM

JR

“ *Don will remain in our hearts forever. He was the greatest neighbor a person could ever have. ~ Jessica Ringwelski & Family.*

Jessica Ringwelski - June 03, 2017 at 09:43 AM



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“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Nichols*



Sandy Nelson - June 01, 2017 at 10:18 PM

SN

Donna and Jeff, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man who loved the Lord. I know where he is now!!

Sandy Nelson - June 01, 2017 at 10:30 PM

RB

“ Wonderful memories of Don. I know this is a victorious departure and a glorious entry into the presence of the Lord. May His presence be your strength. Roger & Wilma Burke.

Roger Burke - June 01, 2017 at 09:29 AM



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