



Iva M. Nichols

January 30, 1919 - February 26, 2012

Iva M. Nichols, 93, of Bainbridge Township, passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2012, at her home.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be held at 11:30 A.M., on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at the Sodus United Methodist Church, 4071 Naomi Road, in Sodus, with Pastor Russell Logston officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier Ave., in Benton Harbor. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either the North Berrien Historical Society or to Hospice at Home. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Iva was born on January 30, 1919 in Carloc, South Dakota. She was one of eleven children born to John and Hattie Willming. Iva moved to Michigan at a young age. She married Lynn "Pat" Nichols on May 7, 1937, and together celebrated 56 years of marriage. Together they had two daughters, Barbara and Peggy. Iva helped her husband run the Spinks Corners Fruit Exchange for many years. She was a leader in the Spinks Corners 4H Club, a member of the Emblem (Elks Club) 'Drill Team', and of the Spinks Corner Service Club. She was a member of the former Union Church and the current Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Sodus. Additionally she was an enthusiastic supporter of the North Berrien County Historical Society. She enjoyed

spending winters in Holiday, Florida. Iva's home "was always open to gatherings of her extended family" and she showed "unconditional love to everyone." She enjoyed time spent with her family and friends – and particularly enjoyed their card games.

Iva is survived by her daughters, Barbara Nichols of Whittier, California, and Peggy (James) Utterback of Newburyport, Massachusetts; grandchildren, Camille Utterback of San Francisco, California, and J. Matthew (Danielle Stillman) Utterback and great-grandchildren, Leila and Yasmine of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; brother, Duane Willming of Berrien Springs, and Virginia Piper of Whittier, California; and by many beloved nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, Iva was preceded in death by her husband Pat in 1993; and by her siblings, Allan, Dick, Frank, Lyle, Gerald, Louis, and Howard Willming, and Lois Simmons.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Service

MAR 1. 11:30 AM (ET)

Chapel Hill UMC
4071 Naomi Rd
Sodus, MI 49126
chumcsodus@comcast.net
<http://www.gbgbm-umc.org/chapelhillsodus/greeting.html>

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Iva was certainly a special lady, who cared very deeply about her family. It was wonderful that she had chance to travel just recently. We knew she looked forward to it for months and enjoyed every minute of her trip. We always enjoyed hearing her stories about the past. She will be greatly missed.

Barbara Ford - March 10, 2012 at 11:15 AM

EB

“ Iva made me feel welcome at Chapel Hill UMC from the day I started attending. I am sure she is seated at the right hand of the Lord.
Elizabeth (Liz) Burkhard

Elizabeth Burkhard - March 02, 2012 at 03:50 PM

AW

“ Peggy and Barbara - I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed knowing and working with your mother! So sorry that I missed the visitation, it would have been nice to see both of you. Best wishes
Amy White

Amy White - March 01, 2012 at 03:25 PM

DK

“ "Aunt" Iva will always be in my heart. Thank you for letting me be a wonderful part of your family.
Darla Decker Kobrin (Henrietta Nichols granddaughter)



darla decker kobrin - March 01, 2012 at 11:09 AM

JJ

“ Iva was a very special person - full of wit, humor, kindness and love for her family and friends.

Memories of Iva, Pat, their mule Petunia and family reunions are numerous, but the most vivid and time-enduring will be of she and Mom's "bridge gals" in our living room on Wednesday afternoons. Now that was some serious card-playing!

Condolences to the Nichols and Willming families and friends from Bob, Julie and Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer Johnson - March 01, 2012 at 09:10 AM

JA

“ I was so sad to learn of "Aunt" Iva's passing. I have known her most of my life and I must say that she was one of a kind!!! What will we do without our Spinks Corners historian and all around GRAND LADY? Rest in peace "Aunt" Iva.

Judy Lewis

Judy (Lewis) Arbogast - March 01, 2012 at 01:55 AM

DS

“ Iva was a dear client, doing her hair for 17 years, although she was also a very dear friend to me. She was always kind and positive. Everyone will miss her smiling face on Saturdays at the salon. I know there is a special place in heaven for her. I will forever cherish your friendship.



Debbie Strunk

Debbie strunk - February 28, 2012 at 08:21 PM

JS

“ I took your Daughter to the Prom,
I wanted so to call you "Mom".
You called us "kids", I won't forget
We were just that, I must admit
But now I want to say Goodbye,
I'm not a kid, but I will cry.....
Oh how I wish that I could see...
My "Mom" for all Eternity

John Lamb

John E. Lamb, Sr. - February 28, 2012 at 07:56 PM