



Richard E Nichols

March 20, 1928 - January 3, 2022

Richard E. Nichols, 93, of St. Joseph Township died Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Spectrum Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

A Mass celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, January 11, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Benton Township. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. The visitation will be held for 6 PM to 8 PM on Monday, January 10, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Please share memories or messages at www.florin.net.

Richard was born on March 20, 1928 in Covert to Herbert and Josie Nichols. He was a graduate of Benton Harbor High School and joined the Air Force during WWII. He was a member of the 8th Air Force, 509 Bomber Group and was discharged as a Sergeant. On April 23, 1949 he married Bonnie Lybrook and she preceded him in death on October 4, 1995. Together they celebrated 46 years of marriage. Richard was a Benton Harbor Fireman for 26 years and retired in 1977 as Captain. He was a member of the St. John's – St. Bernard's Parish and a life member of the Benton Harbor Moose #1570, the VFW and the DAV. He enjoyed the outdoors which included fishing, camping and hunting. Richard also liked to grow things and had a huge garden. He had an openness to others and was a great all-round guy. Most of all Richard loved his family and friends. He will be missed by everyone.

His family includes his daughters, Lynne (Thomas) Jones of Benton Harbor and Lisa (Dennis) Clockman of Muskegon; his 7 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and his dog, Zack. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Diane, in 1958; his granddaughter, Kathlyn Liddle in 1988, and his 3 sisters and 1 brother.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 6:00 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

Celebration of life

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

SS John & Bernard Parish, St. Bernard Catholic Church
555 Delaware
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Burial

JAN 11 (ET)

Calvary Cemetery
1646-1666 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Richard E Nichols.*



January 07, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard E Nichols.*



January 07, 2022 at 12:51 PM