



Rev. John Nichols

October 24, 1928 - April 10, 2016

Beloved father, grandfather, uncle and friend went home to be with his Heavenly Father on April 10, 2016 surrounded by his loving daughters and family. Rev. Nichols was born October 24, 1928 the son of the late Rev. Elias Milton Nichols and Roberta Hoyo Nichols Windom in Decatur, Mississippi.

After moving to Saginaw, Michigan he met and married Doris Marie Wilson to this union was Deborah Denise Nichols, Cornelia Faye Wilson and Diane Wilson, all of Saginaw, Michigan. Rev. Nichols was a very prominent minister who traveled the States singing with various quartets as a baritone and as a Preacher of the Word. He was an Associate Minister at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church for many years until congregating with his current membership at Freewill Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of his faithful pastor and friend Pastor James E. Speed. He was a retired veteran of the United States Navy honored with various awards and medals, Fraternal order of Masons, a lifetime member of NAACP and the Disabled Veterans of America.

Rev. Nichols was a family man who enjoyed telling stories about his life, being with his grandchildren, traveling and enjoying himself. He was well known for his gardening “his famous tender greens on outer drive”, his famous blackberry pies and caramel cakes.

Rev. Nichols leaves to cherish his memory; three daughters, Deborah (Vaughn) Denise Murray, Cornelia Faye Presley and Diane Gissendanner, all of Saginaw, MI; grandchildren, Quangi Glenn and Andre (Angie) Gissendanner of Saginaw, MI, Vaughn (Celeste) Murray, Jr. and Javon Murray, both of Hampton, VA, Jason Murray of Norfolk, VA and Shanika Murray of Lansing, MI; seventeen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Elma Nichols Hardy of Montgomery, AL and Ruby "Etoye" Nichols Smith of East Chicago, IN; special nieces, Rachel and Birdie Times, both of Detroit, MI and Mary Burks of Texas.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Greater Freewill Baptist Church, 615 Irving Park Place. Pastor James Speed will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Monday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Freewill Missionary Baptist Church
615 Irving Park Place
Saginaw, AK

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. John Nichols



Browne's Mortuary - April 27, 2016 at 11:44 AM

HB

“ Melvin Nichols and John are enjoying Heavenly on the purple cloud

Harry and Bobby Bragg - April 25, 2016 at 01:40 PM



“ I'm going to miss uncle Dennis. I've enjoyed the conversation we've had over the years. The family historian, and cooking, gardening. Love you



Mary Burks - April 25, 2016 at 12:21 PM

JF

“ Jasper Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols



Jasper family - April 21, 2016 at 11:17 AM

VW

“ *Valean Welch lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Valean Welch - April 20, 2016 at 08:17 PM

KW

“ *Kim Caver Wright lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Kim Caver Wright - April 20, 2016 at 04:59 AM

GF

“ *Gates Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Gates Family - April 19, 2016 at 08:46 PM

GB

“ *To the Family of Rev. John Nichols:*

We extend our deepest sympathy in your loss. Know that we are praying for you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rose Chandler

Ms. Gwen W. Bowman

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin & Kim Coleman

(Family of the late Corinthian and Corean McGlothlin)



Gwen Bowm - April 19, 2016 at 09:43 AM

TF

“ *The Kemp Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



The Kemp Family - April 18, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Cheryl Fentress-Nash lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - April 18, 2016 at 05:42 PM

YF

“ *Your Advomas family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rev. John Nichols.*



Your Advomas family - April 18, 2016 at 12:39 PM

TF

“ *The Ford Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



The Ford Family - April 18, 2016 at 11:51 AM

TF

“ *Thelma F. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rev. John Nichols.*



Thelma F. - April 18, 2016 at 11:42 AM

TS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to John's family. I worked with John at the VA hospital and found him to be such a wonderful sweet soul. I missed him so much when he retired and only saw him a few times since. I am sorry that I am not feeling well enough to travel to Saginaw and see him one last time. May he find peace and grace in his final journey to the promised land. Save a chair at the table for me John... Bless you!*

Tom Sabgash - April 18, 2016 at 11:38 AM

TS

“ *Tom Sabgash lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Tom Sabgash - April 18, 2016 at 11:27 AM

QG

“ *I will truly miss you Grandadaddy!!!
Love Your Oldest Grandchild "Bubbles"
Quangi*



Quangi Glenn - April 18, 2016 at 03:19 AM

DM

“ *Family my thoughts and prayer are with you. God bless you all.*

Derrell Martin - April 17, 2016 at 08:06 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Derrell Martin - April 17, 2016 at 08:00 PM

LB

“ *Linda Brown lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Linda Brown - April 17, 2016 at 12:45 PM

DG

“ *Delphine Greene lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Delphine Greene - April 17, 2016 at 09:36 AM

WL

“ *To Nichols Family..we send our condolences to you and pray God be with you through this time of sorrow. .From the Long Family*



William & JoAnn Long - April 16, 2016 at 11:59 PM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - April 16, 2016 at 10:25 AM

SC

“ Shirley Cain lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols



Shirley Cain - April 15, 2016 at 08:45 PM

TT

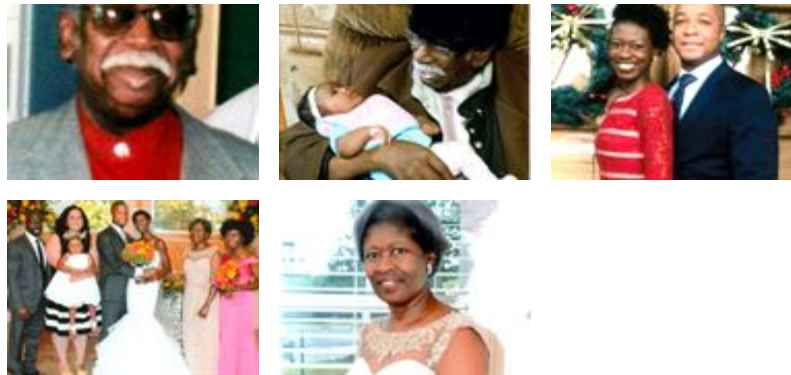
“ Sending condolences to the entire family in regards to your loss. Love you quangi and may God comfort you all during this difficult time.



teresa taylor - April 15, 2016 at 06:21 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - April 15, 2016 at 10:20 AM



“ *Loudean Moultrie lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Loudean Moultrie - April 15, 2016 at 07:18 AM



“ *Oliver And Lisa Tucker lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Oliver and Lisa Tucker - April 15, 2016 at 01:08 AM



“ *Sending out prayers and Love to the family.*



Vinnitra Dansby - April 14, 2016 at 10:02 PM



“ *Natalie McLaurin-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Natalie McLaurin-Johnson - April 14, 2016 at 09:04 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Deborah Williams - April 14, 2016 at 07:28 PM

PC

“ *Priscilla Craig lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Priscilla Craig - April 14, 2016 at 02:07 PM



“ *So Sad Uncle Dennis to hear you had taken your transition flight wanting that delay just to see you in hear your thoughts before your travel plans are under way I will truly miss your stories and always have a tear to drop for you .*

Rodney White - April 14, 2016 at 01:40 PM

SA

Uncle John will truly be missed. Although he was my children's great uncle, one would have thought that he was their grandfather. He "doted" over the three of them all of their lives. When Ed passed away, I saw his physical frailty, but I knew he wasn't going to miss Ed's service. The children still laugh about his stories. Erin shared his "baby delivering" story with Aunt Etoye, Marcia and Tina just a few days prior to his passing. It's pretty hilarious. These kind of memories will keep us smiling for a long time.

We loved Uncle John, but God loved him best. We must now accept God's will and allow you to rest.

Sallie

Sallie - April 15, 2016 at 09:56 AM

MJ

“ *Mosella Reed And Alma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Mosella Reed and Alma Johnson - April 14, 2016 at 10:24 AM

JL

“ *Samuel & Jimmie m. Logan lit a candle in memory of of Rev. John Nichols*

Jimmie logan - April 13, 2016 at 04:28 PM

RP

“ *Rev. Eddie Parker lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Rev. Eddie Parker - April 13, 2016 at 03:29 PM

WB

“ *WALSEZETTA BENNETT sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



WALSEZETTA BENNETT - April 13, 2016 at 03:02 PM

MJ

“ *Min. James And Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Min. James and Doris Jones - April 13, 2016 at 02:50 PM

YC

“ *Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Yvonne Corley - April 13, 2016 at 01:22 PM

MS

“ *Min. Thomas & Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Min. Thomas & Helen Speed - April 13, 2016 at 09:09 AM

FN

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Rev. John Nichols. Rev. Nichols will ALWAYS be a part of my Heart & Spirit, because he has always been there through many special events in my LIFE. I will forever miss a Sweet, Loving GODFATHER & MASONIC BRO. until we see each other again R.I.P.
Goddaughter Felicia Neal-Burns (a.k.a Tuitty-Fruitty) 😇



Felicia Neal-Burns - April 13, 2016 at 07:56 AM

GP

“ My condolences to the family of Rev. John Nichols may God keep and strengthen you during this time of loss. Praying for the you all.



Gerald and Alberta Palmer - April 12, 2016 at 10:32 PM

JG

“ Jocelyn M Gordon lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols



Jocelyn M Gordon - April 12, 2016 at 10:22 PM

DM

“ *Diana Miree sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Diana Miree - April 12, 2016 at 04:49 PM

LT

“ *Lucinda And Lane Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Lucinda and Lane Taylor - April 12, 2016 at 04:22 PM

YV

“ *YvonneSanders lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



YvonneSanders - April 12, 2016 at 11:46 AM

LF

“ *Lois Fairris lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Lois Fairris - April 12, 2016 at 11:38 AM

LJ

“ *Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



Lela and Wilson Jones - April 12, 2016 at 11:21 AM

MW

*I remember Rev Nichols from our working at VA and from church, he was a giant of a man, Rih
Mary Watkins-Brown*

Mary Watkins-Brown - April 14, 2016 at 01:34 PM

JE

“ *June Euell lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Nichols*



June Euell - April 12, 2016 at 04:20 AM

AW

“ *When we meet again, we'll be singing in heaven.
"The Golden Echos"*



Anne Welch-Johnson - April 11, 2016 at 05:18 PM