



Loretta Nichols

March 11, 1926 - January 16, 2021

Loretta Catherine Nichols aged 94, lifelong resident of Scottville passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Ludington Woods Living Center. Loretta was born on March 11, 1926 in Scottville, the daughter of John “Jack” and Orpha (McDonald) Rogers and graduated from St. Simon Catholic High School with the class of 1944. On August 21, 1948, Loretta was wed to Thomas F. Nichols at St. Jerome Catholic Church and they celebrated 56 wonderful years together until Tom preceded her in death on May 3, 2005.

Tom and Loretta loved Scottville and were very involved in the community. Tom was a member of the Scottville Optimist Club which meant Loretta helped at so many of the club events, you could have listed her as a member also. They volunteered at the Harvest Festival and Chicken BBQ every year and their store, Nichols Drug Store, was usually one of the top sellers of Rubber Duck Race tickets. Operating the Drug Store for over 52 years, Tom and Loretta were voted “Business of the Year” twice and awarded “Citizens of the Year” in 1999 where they also served as Grand Marshall’s for the Harvest Festival. Her faith was the driving force in her life as Loretta was a longtime member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Custer and attended daily mass throughout the week at St. Jerome’s in Scottville. She was also an active member of the St. Rose Altar Society. Her family meant the world to her, especially her grandchildren. When everyone would be out skiing in the winter or sailing in the summer, Loretta was the official “Lodge Sitter” caring for the

kids and making sure everything was prepared for when the group returned to get warm or fed.

Along with her beloved Tom, Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, and her sisters Margaret Hausler, Rose Mary Boone, and Rita Wadel.

Loretta will be greatly missed by her children Christine (Mark) Buck of Pentwater, Stephen Nichols of Ludington, James (Mary) Nichols of Scottville, and John Nichols of Denver, CO; her grandchildren Gabe Nichols of Bryan, OH, Josh Nichols (Samantha Yennior) of Scottville, and Lee (Ellisa) Buck of Pentwater; her precious great-grandchildren Avalon, Zoe, Ryah, Mason, and Wyatt; along with numerous nieces and nephews and many great friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Loretta at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer with Rev. Daniel DePew as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Pere Marquette Cemetery in Ludington. Friends may greet her family on Saturday from 10:00 am until time of Mass at church. Those who wish to remember Loretta with a memorial donation are asked to consider Caritas Food Pantry at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Pere Marquette Cemetery

5866 West Sixth Street
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
85 South Madison Street
Custer, MI 49405

Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TJ

“ I routinely worked with several members of the Nichols' family (& their staff) for over 20 years. Making the ads that show cased the music department was the most fun; because it represented the best of music available locally. Nichols Drug was a store that was well run and easy to shop. To "Kristi", Jim & Mary, John, and the Nichols' families Terry Williams & Linda Jankowski extend sincere sympathy.



Terry Williams & Linda Jankowski - January 22, 2021 at 10:53 AM

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“ I WAS WORKING AT BROOKE'S DRUG STORE,{ I WAS A SODA JERK] WHEN TOM AND LORETTA BOUGHT THE PHARMACY. I WORKED FOR TOM AND LORETTA AT NICHOL'S DRUG, FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THEY WERE THE BEST AND KINDEST COUPLE. YOUR MOM ALWAYS BROUGHT DINNER TO YOUR DAD. A WONDERFUL FAMILY. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. SANDRA BENTZ {SEITZ}

sandra bentz - January 22, 2021 at 10:31 AM

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“ Dear Nichols's family, so sorry to hear of Loretta's passing. The "Miller Girls" are sending love and prayers to all of you. ❤️ Shirley (Miller) Beda.

Shirley Beda - January 22, 2021 at 07:08 AM

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“ *Lighting a candle for Miss Loretta as she taught me to do. I always felt loved and welcomed in their home. Hugs Christy- love you all* ❤️ *Julie Hansen Abrams*



Julia Hansen Abrams - January 21, 2021 at 08:55 PM