



## Ray Nichols

November 21, 1919 - March 8, 2009

Ray Nichols, 89, of Poteau, OK. formerly of Waldron, Arkansas passed away Sunday, March 8, 2009 at his home.

Ray was born in Parks, Arkansas on November 21, 1919, the son of the late Virgil and Hettie (Watts) Nichols. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II.

Ray is survived by his wife Eiline Nichols of the home; three daughters Greta Ranten of Poteau, OK; Jodi Hoffman of Poteau, OK; Charlotte Holland of Waldron, AR; one son, David Nichols of Poteau, OK; one step daughter, Kathern Porter of Haskell, OK; one brother, Leon Nichols of Fayetteville, AR; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father Virgil and mother Hettie Nichols. His first wife, Faye Nichols, and one brother Jeff Nichols.

Ray's funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 10th, 2009 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Waldron with the Rev. Joyce McGowen and Rev. Joe Atkinson officiating, with interment in Duncan Cemetery under the direction of the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be the Army Honor Guard.

Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2009, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2009 at the Funeral home

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Dear Ones, You are in my prayers.  
Love, Paulette

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**Jim Himes** - July 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Many years have passed since Ray & wife Faye gave me my first job, babysitting their two daughters for 10 cents, while they went to a movie. They taught me to drive a car. Took me on a trip to Arkansas with them. We worked jigsaw puzzles, played cards and went roller skating together. They were such a fun loving couple. I had not seen them for 50 years but their laughter and fun ways have always stayed with me and I know Ray's family will miss him terribly. My sympathy goes out to all of them. Ila Holland Rhodes

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**Rev. & Mrs. Sam Waganer** - March 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ May the Lord hold you all in His arms in this time of need.  
I love Great Grandpa and I will miss him so. Last Thanksgiving was very special for me to be able to share that special day with Him and all of you. You all have made me feel welcome in this a special family. Thank you!  
My Love Grows,  
Dianna

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**john and frances boevers** - March 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Charlotte, we just found out that you are Ray's daughter. We did not know Ray well but had great respect for him and Mrs. Nichols.

*John and Frances Boevers*

*Poteau Church of the Nazarene*

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**Jo Jett Hutchens** - March 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Greta, Charlotte, and Fay Jo just wanted to tell you that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know this is a hard time for all of you. I lost my Dad three years ago and my mom in Jan. Is so hard to give them up. Seems life goes by so fast. It said he worked with your Dad and he was a super nice person. Our prayers are with you.

*Jo Jett Hutchens*

*JT Hutchens*

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**Ila Holland Rhodes** - March 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Leon, Charlotte, and families,  
so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you all.

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**Charles & Kathy Stark** - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Family,

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you at this time. We will always remember your father as a kind and loving person whom we enjoyed visiting with at many family get-togethers. Know that he is at peace and in Heaven with our Savior and we will all see him again one day. God give you peace and comfort at this very sad time.*

*Like a candle he is there to bring light to us at our darkest hours. If you need us for anything just call us. We love you all like our own family.*

*Charles, Kathy and Kim Stark*

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**Bekkie Runnels** - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss, but you know he's in a much better place. Love you, Bekkie*

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**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL PROFFITT and MATTHEW PROFFITT** - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *MY FONDEST MEMORIES WITH MY GRANDPA WERE THE TIMES WHEN HE TOOK US ALL SWIMMING AT LAKE SPUR. AND HIS SMILE AND WONDERFUL LAUGH. HE WAS THE MOST KINDEST MAN, AND HAD THE BIGGEST HEART OF ANYONE.HE NEVER MET A STRANGER AND WAS ALWAYS READY TO HELP ANYONE IN NEED. I'M PROUD TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD TO BE HIS GRANDDAUGHTER. AND FOR MY CHILDREN TO HAVE HAD HIM BE THEY'RE GRANDPA TOO. I WILL MISS HIM . I LOVE YOU GRANDPA.*

*STACY,MICHAEL,LEE,CHRIS,JENNIFER,MATTHEW*

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**Darla Dozier** - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Gretta, Shockey, Jodi and David,*

*Bob & I would like to extend our deepest condolences to each of you and your families. The care that your Dad received from you guys kept him on this earth far longer than he would have been. I know there are crowns awaiting each of you in Heaven for the exemplary display of love and devotion you have shown your Dad.*

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**mary oneal** - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *ggmom{Greta} my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Glad i was with you God now no more suffering and dancing with your mom. I know that he is very happy now and at please.  
love mary*

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**Dianna Lefler** - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Ray Nichols*

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**Jerry & Judy Montgomery** - March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire Nichols family, Ray was a very good friend of my family when he lived in Waldron and I know he will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Jerry and Judy Montgomery*

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**Dave & Patti Roets & Family** - March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We're so very sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

*All our love.*

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**Teresa Houston Culpepper** - March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM