



David Nichols

July 4, 1950 - January 17, 2020

David Michael Nichols was born on July 4, 1950 in Joplin, Missouri to C. William and Claudine (Shewmake) Nichols. David passed from this life to his eternal one on Friday, January 17, 2020 at home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 69. Services to celebrate his life will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 22 at Forest Park Christian Church, 9102 South Mingo in Tulsa. A reception will follow at Indian Springs Country Club, 16006 East 131st Street South, Broken Arrow.

Dave enjoyed an almost-idyllic childhood in Augusta, Kansas. He was a baseball pitcher, a homerun hitter, a paperboy, and a preacher's kid, living the life with dozens of other rascals on Socony Street. Dave graduated from Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kansas where he was President of the Senior Class. He received his BA from Phillips University. He then went on to earn a Master's in Writing from the University of Tulsa and completed his education by earning his law degree there.

Dave practiced in partnership with his beloved wife and legal partner Carol in the law firm of Nichols and Nichols. Always a peacemaker, Dave especially enjoyed his legal work as a mediator.

Dave married Carol Simmons on December 26, 1978 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They were blessed with four terrific children. Dave was an engaged husband, father and grandfather. He adored his family and was happiest when his house was filled with the joy, laughter and chaos of their gatherings. Much to their parents' chagrin, Dave loved nothing better than sending his

grandchildren home from a visit with pockets full of M & M's.

“Dave the Rave” was a man of many passions with a heart as big as all outdoors. He was often described as “larger than life,” and his laughter could fill all the space in any room. Many friends have reached out with stories—funny and touching—about Dave’s impact on them. He loved to travel, and never met a stranger. He engaged every cabbie he met in any city, learning all he could about local customs, sports teams, and perspectives. A stubborn Scot, Dave was proud of his Scottish heritage and especially enjoyed his time in the British Isles.

Dave loved sports, both playing them and following them. He was captain of both his football and basketball teams in high school, and he led his basketball team to win the Kansas State Championship in 1968. He played football at the University of Kansas. As an adult, he played tennis and golf avidly, and founded “The 108”—an annual golf outing with great friends. Dave was a nurturing and enthusiastic coach. He coached his kids’ softball, baseball, and basketball teams and served for two years as a volunteer basketball coach at McClain High School in Tulsa.

Dave had an incredible wit, and especially enjoyed entertaining friends and family with his annual reporting on March Madness and his most colorful Christmas letter. He was a talented writer and could turn a phrase like nobody’s business. Since his retirement, Dave created his “Garage Mahal” in memory of his days as owner of the Taproom. There he hosted family and lifelong friends, including Mel brothers from Phillips and Rooski Golf friends. Dave’s family will be forever grateful to those friends who continued their regular visits through his journey with Parkinson’s Disease.

Dave was a member of Forest Park Christian Church in Tulsa, which he and Carol helped to found in 1985. Dave served as Chairman of the Board of the church. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Indian Springs Country Club. Dave was instrumental in establishing the Club Enhancement Fund which was used to improve and beautify the grounds.

Memorial gifts made in David’s name may be sent to Forest Park Christian

Church at 9102 South Mingo, Tulsa, OK 74033.

Dave is survived by a family who will love him forever: Wife, Carol Nichols, Broken Arrow, OK; Children, Maggie Nichols, Broken Arrow, Jesse and Emily Nichols, Warrenton, VA, Michala Lynn, Broken Arrow, Noah and Jessica Nichols, Broken Arrow; Grandchildren, Ezra, Mason, Reef, Rayna, Chloe, Malachi, Liberty, Talyn; Sister, Claudia Nichols Quigg and Brother-in-Law Leo Quigg, Decatur, IL; Mother, Claudine Shewmake Nichols, Decatur, IL; Loving Caregivers, Tina Cole and Territa McDonald.

David was preceded in death by his father, C. William Nichols.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park Christian Church
9102 South Mingo Road
Tulsa, OK 74133

Tribute Wall



“ *David Nichols*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Joey & R39 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Nichols.*



Joey & R39 - February 22, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Nichols.*



February 21, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *Roger Holder and Brissa Guerra purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of David Nichols.*



Roger Holder and Brissa Guerra - February 20, 2020 at 06:05 PM

CA

“ I remember classes that Dave led at Forest Park. He was a great (and fun) teacher and I learned a great deal. Carol, I have heard you several times talk about a bible verse that says something like to those who much is given, much is expected. You and Dave certainly gave so very much. I am so glad to have known Dave.
Colleen Ayres-Griffin

Colleen Ayres-Griffin - February 19, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ -SCIEB Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Nichols.



-SCIEB Family - February 19, 2020 at 08:22 AM

SB

“ Scott & Vicki Brooks purchased the Fairest of All for the family of David Nichols.



Scott & Vicki Brooks - February 18, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of David Nichols.



February 18, 2020 at 03:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Nichols.*



February 17, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Zandria Reheard - February 17, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ *David mediated cases for me for several years and he always resolved my cases. As a mediator now, I apply lessons David taught me during his sessions because his wisdom and understanding of people were on target. I am thankful for having been able to work with him as my mediator.*

Aaron Goodman - February 17, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *John Rothman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Nichols.*



John Rothman - February 17, 2020 at 10:37 AM

WR

“ *I am a much better man, having known Dave. Great family and he will be missed. Carol you are the best.*

Bill & Judy Robb

William Robb - February 16, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Adam Lynn - February 14, 2020 at 05:17 PM



One of my all time favorite pictures.

Adam Lynn - February 14, 2020 at 05:18 PM

JG

“ *I've known Dave since law school. Wow, how time passes! He had a remarkable and wonderful life. He was a great man and a credit to the legal profession. I pray that God may comfort Carol and his family in their grief.*

Judge Kurt Glassco - February 14, 2020 at 03:02 PM

SH

“ Dave mediated many, many cases for me over the last 25 years. He was a great lawyer, an exceptional mediator and a wonderful human being. He will be greatly missed by many in the Tulsa legal community. Thoughts and prayers to his family!

Scott Hall - February 14, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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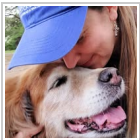
“ Dave was one of the first lawyers I met after moving to Tulsa from OKC in 1986. Both as an adversary and mediator, I always enjoyed Dave and his courteous way. He seemed, to me at least, to exhibit a balance between his practice and the rest of his life, something not seen with many lawyers. I will miss seeing him at seminars and around town.

Andy Morsman - February 14, 2020 at 12:52 PM

JP

“ Dave was a good man. Met him for the first time back in the Tap Room days. He helped me coach at McLain a couple of years and he immediately felt a bond with the players. They loved him and always knew he had their backs. I always thought he would have rather been a coach than a lawyer. I will miss him and appreciate his friendship very much... john and Leah Phillips

john phillips - February 13, 2020 at 11:34 AM



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Michala Nichols-Lynn - February 04, 2020 at 10:44 PM

CQ

So much love right there!

Claudia K Quigg - February 10, 2020 at 12:06 PM

JS

“ *I'll never forget the many hours we put into Forrest park. Lots of great memories building a church and friends*

june skaggs - January 28, 2020 at 01:56 PM

GS

“ *Although we did not know Dave very long, Gary and I enjoyed fellowship with he and Carol watching a few games together and reminiscing of old times and stories shared. Dave and Carol have some great life stories! We will miss you Dave and the blessing you were to Forest Park!!! Sending love, prayers and condolences to family and loved ones. Gary and Vicki Seaba*

Gary and Vicki Seaba - January 25, 2020 at 12:53 PM

TM

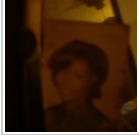
“ *Dave was more than a patient. He was more like family. He was my friend. He had a very gentle spirit and was always going the extra mile. He is and will truly be missed. Thank you Nichols family for the opportunity.*

Territa McDonald - January 24, 2020 at 11:47 AM



We love you, Bird

Michala Nichols-Lynn - February 04, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ *Where do I begin.? I was Dave's caregiver Dave was the nicest patient/best friend in a few months it went from patient to friend.i feel do blessed to have met him and Carol .it was such a pleasure to care for Dave Restpeacefully Dave*

Tina Cole - January 24, 2020 at 10:57 AM



We love you, Miss Tina

Michala Nichols-Lynn - February 04, 2020 at 10:34 PM

GD

“ *Carol: we were saddened and surprised to learn that David passed away. Chris Cairn at the "Y" told us this morning. I enjoyed visiting with Dave and missed him when he could no longer come to the "Y". May the Lord bless you and your family with His peace and may the wonderful memories you shared with Dave keep him close to your heart.*

Gary & Jeanie DeYong

Gary J. DeYong - January 22, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Nichols.*



January 22, 2020 at 07:11 PM

TF

“ Gosh, where does one even start when speaking of Dave Nichols. Perhaps one of the funniest people I've ever known! I can remember our trips to Pinehurst when I saw Dave laugh as hard as I've seen anyone laugh when our teammate whiffed a tee shot. Dave said he could have had a beer mug sitting on top of the ball and he wouldn't have broken the glass! He was quite the author as well. Does anyone remember the "Little Plaid Book"? It was awesome!! One of my favorite people!! Thoughts and prayers to Carol and the family.
Tom and Monte Faires

Tom Faires - January 22, 2020 at 05:16 PM

SV

“ I had lost touch with David and Carol since I stopped working and belonging to Indian Springs Country Club. But, have always thought the world of them. Genuinely sweet caring people, who were always smiling (winning or losing on the tennis court). Sending Carol and his family my love!
Silvia Verrone-Newton (a.k.a. one of the Brazilians)

Silvia Verrone-Newton - January 22, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Nichols.



January 21, 2020 at 08:17 PM

TS

“ *Cutest couple ever! Dave sure loved his "Bride"!* ❤️🙏❤️



Tina Stark - January 21, 2020 at 06:22 PM



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Michala Nichols-Lynn - January 21, 2020 at 01:05 PM



Jessica
Nichols

Grandpa's Candy Bar 🍬🍭🍬

Jessica Nichols - January 21, 2020 at 03:41 PM

CD

Dave was a wonderful man. He instantly wanted a bear hug as soon as we saw each other where ever we where at. He will so be missed. Our Condolences to Carol and your family. With love Craig and Christy DeWees

Christy DeWees - January 21, 2020 at 04:01 PM

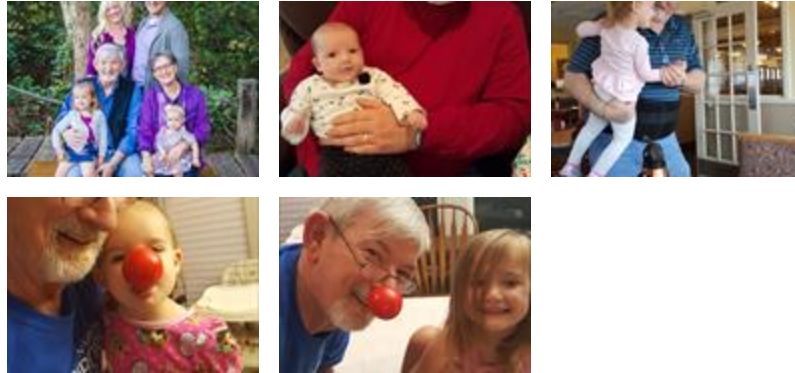
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“ *Bill and I have warm memories of Dave and Carol. They were our trust attorneys. They did a great job! Our deepest condolences to Carol, Jessica, Noah and all who loved Dave. God bless you all.*

Barbara Wright - January 21, 2020 at 08:19 AM

Jessica
Nichols

“ *Best Grandpa Ever*



Jessica Nichols - January 20, 2020 at 11:11 PM

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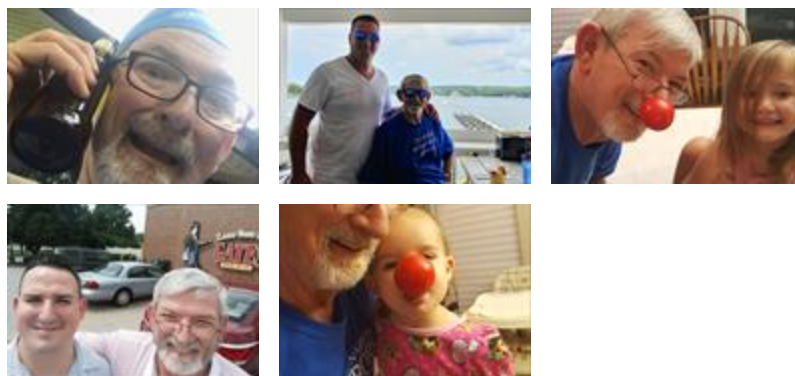
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Noah Nichols - January 20, 2020 at 09:58 PM

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“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Noah Nichols - January 20, 2020 at 09:49 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Nichols family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of David.* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 20, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of David Nichols.* ”



January 19, 2020 at 11:24 PM

KJ

“ *I have known and enjoyed Dave's friendship since law school. He was a good, honest, hardworking, strait shooting lawyer with a passion for fairness. He will be missed. May God grant comfort to his family in their grief.* ”

Kurt Glassco, District Judge - January 19, 2020 at 07:42 AM

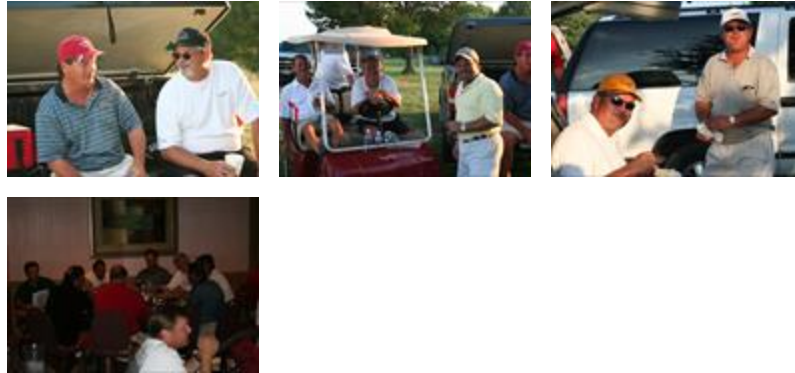
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“ *We have such wonderful memories of Dave. He was a great friend. Love to Carol and all of the family.* ”

Carol Clabo - January 18, 2020 at 10:12 AM

SN

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Steve Nuckolls - January 18, 2020 at 07:24 AM

SN

“ David was a wonderful friend for a long time. Dave was ALWAYS smiling and laughing all the time. Didn't matter the setting. Whether at one of our golf outings, the Wedge/Edge or the Club.

Several of us had a drink in Barristers man cave a few weeks ago. Fun moments with him for sure. So glad that happened. Thanks Roosk for making that happen. His Grandson was out there with us. He was havn so much fun asking us if we wanted a snack on a tray I'm sure Carol had him bring out. Smiling ear to ear for his Grand Dad. Lighting up Dave for sure.

I'll try and post some pics of the 2006 Clambake at Tanglewood we were able to share with Dave/Barrister

Thoughts with Carol and the whole family. He will be incredibly missed!!

Nuck

Steve Nuckolls - January 18, 2020 at 07:14 AM