



Danny Lee Nichols

September 28, 1961 - September 2, 2025

Danny Lee Nichols, 63, of Mulliken, died on September 2, 2025. He was born on September 28, 1961 in Coldwater, Michigan, to James and Dianna (Musselman) Nichols. Danny was a lifelong lover of animals and a hard, if not stubborn, worker. He was a kind, shy person, and a loving father and grandfather who, above all else, loved to be beside his family. Their best memories of him were on his farm in Jonesville, where he would often jump in the pen with his sheep-his favorite, the Shetland ram Beowulf-or his buffalo, Amos, who he raised and would chase around and play with. He was America's (and maybe the world's) best saw filer, and worked as a bandsaw filer at Buskirk's in Freeport. He spent his life in love with his work in the lumber business, and he made sure that mills all over Michigan had saws with well-sharpened teeth. Danny loved fishing and hunting, whittling, being with his family, and taking gentle care of his menagerie of dogs and farm animals for all his life.

Danny is survived by his children, Travis, Leslie, Ross, Nathan, and Nola Nichols; grandchildren Braxton and Ruby Smith, and Dante and Cyrus Nichols; and his big brother Jimmy Nichols. He predeceased his parents, and will be remembered always as the soft-spoken man with his tender heart.

Friends are encouraged to support Danny's family by or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeff Gordeneer*

Just heard Dan had passed away. I have many memories growing up together, living within a couple blocks of each other in town, then just a couple miles from each other when our families moved to the country, then he stood with me when I got married. I had many rides in his light blue VW bug, even a couple fender benders. He was a great friend growing up, and we had some great times. I'm very sorry to hear he's gone.

Jeff Gordeneer - September 13, 2025 at 11:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Danny Lee Nichols.

September 08, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Danny Lee Nichols.



September 08, 2025 at 09:44 AM

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“ Dear Jim, Dianna, Travis, Nathan, Nola, Leslie and all of Danny's family. My heart goes out to you, and my heart breaks to hear this sad news. I will miss my twice a month hourly conversations with Danny. We had good times, and many laughs. I was blessed to call him my friend. for over 12 yrs. He will be missed. In days ahead you have my thoughts prayer and may god guide you. Losing a child is uncomprehend able (I know all to well) I will pray that you find some solitude. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ. – Philippians 4:7[4]

Bonnie Prater - September 04, 2025 at 05:46 PM

LG

“ Jim and Dianna my heart hurts for you both. I cannot imagine the depth of pain you are feeling right now. Please know you are in my thoughts and my prayers. Danny was a gentle soul and a good man.

Lisa Crozier Green - September 04, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Danny's passing. There is no pain like that of losing a child, no matter how young or old they are. Jim & Diana, I'm so sorry for your loss 💔

Tina (Crozier) Hart - September 04, 2025 at 02:11 PM

RL

“ *My condolences to Jim and Nichols family. Had the pleasure of knowing Dan and doing some deer hunting drives back in the high school days as Jim and I were best of friends for many years. I feel your pain Jim. Just lost my little brother Jeff in August.*
Ron Lundeen



Ron Lundeen - September 04, 2025 at 02:39 AM

DP

“ *Lighting a Candle and Holding You in Love and Prayer 🕯️ 🙏
May Peace Surround You All!*



DanLee you're up there now with Amos and all our animals .Now it won't just be Amos running but it will be You TooRUNNING Free☐☐

Daneen Penecale - September 03, 2025 at 06:29 PM