



## David Alan Nichols

December 29, 1947 - November 30, 2012

David Alan Nichols, 64, of Charlotte, passed away November 30, 2012 at Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was born December 29, 1947 to William and Elizabeth (Hoeflinger) Nichols in Lansing, MI. He graduated from Charlotte High School and in May 1967, joined the United States Coast Guard and served his country during the Vietnam conflict. He transferred to the Coast Guard Reserves and received an honorable discharge in May 1974. On July 23, 1971 he married Margaret "Peggy" Zimmer and together they raised 1 son and 1 daughter in Charlotte, Michigan. David worked as a Journeyman Sprinkler Fitter for Local 669 Sprinkler Fitters for 30 years, retiring in 2002. He was a member of American Legion and a former member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved to play golf and brag about his hole-in-one on the 17th green at Mulberry Fore playing with his dad on his dad's birthday, October 17, 2003. He called Bingo at the St. Mary Catholic Church. Many of the church children will remember David as the fella who always made sure they got their favorite donut after church on Sunday. David was also a member of the American Legion Post 42. Above all, David loved his family. David is survived by his loving spouse of 41 years, Margaret "Peggy"; son Wade (Suzie) Nichols of Charlotte, MI; daughter Kelly Franz (Brock Vermillion) of Charlotte, MI; 2 sisters, Yvonne Wright of Jamestown, TN and Sheila Braden (Russie Gilley) of Headland, AL; 2 brothers, William (Cathy) Nichols of Portland, MI and Ross (Penny) Nichols of Nashville, MI; his mother, Elizabeth Nichols; 4 grandchildren, Lindsey, Trevor,

Kirsten and Isaiah; and 3 step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, William Nichols, in 2011. Visitation will be held from 2-4pm and 6-8pm on Monday, December 3, 2012 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan. A rosary service will be held at 7pm followed by an Affirmation Service. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at St Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Francis Mossholder officiating. Interment will take place in the Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Eaton Community Palliative Care, or St. Mary Catholic Church. Online condolences may be left in David's Book of Memories at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ I have been thinking of you and want you to know I know hard life can be. Have a very happy holidays.

valli halbeisen - November 23, 2013 at 03:08 PM

UJ

“ Wade and Suzie, we are so sorry for the loss that you have had. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will be thinking of you on Tuesday. We love you!

Uncle David and Aunt Jackie - December 03, 2012 at 06:18 PM

KW

“ Dear Wade and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God be with you during this difficult time. Kathy Wolf

Kathy Wolf - December 03, 2012 at 03:55 PM

JZ

“ Dear Peggy and family, Barb and I are so sorry to hear about David. We are thinking of you in this difficult time and keeping you in our prays.

James/Barbara Zimmer - December 03, 2012 at 01:29 PM

RF

“ Dear Peg, Wade, Kelly, and your loved ones, We want to let you know that we are thinking of you during this sad time. Dave was always a good neighbor to Mom and Dad and we always appreciated the extra things he did for them when he was able. Many times Dave would be out shoveling snow in Mom and Dad's driveway before I had even left for work at 7:20 AM. Always an early bird for sure. I remember the first time I met Dave. He had come over to Mom and Dad's to tell them about the birth of Kelly. He was so excited and proud and floating on cloud nine. I liked Dave from the moment I met him. I will miss seeing him quietly sitting on his front porch. He could get in and out of his front door without making a peep. Find your memories and keep them close to your heart because they will get you through the difficult days ahead. You will eventually feel better, it will just take awhile. Love, Ron and Chris and Kids.

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**Ron and Chris Hoover and Family** - December 03, 2012 at 02:41 AM

CS

“ I would like Wade and his family to know we are sending our prayers to him and his family.

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**Cathy Smith** - December 02, 2012 at 06:53 PM

SM

“ "Friends from the other block" raising two children just like you. We will always remember your friendly smile, your patience when tested, and your willingness to always be of help when needed. May God comfort you now and give your family rest too.

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**Steve & Mary** - December 02, 2012 at 05:18 PM

DH

“ Dave I will so miss our early mornings together. It was a comfort every morning to pull in to work and see your truck there waiting for me. You would wait till I got in and unlocked then you would come in for our talk time. I will miss that greatly. You said we were meant to be friends because you and my granddaughter shared birthdays and then when my grandson was born on your wife's birthday you said that proves it. We shared all of lifes issues and even though I have never met your family I have learned about them and how proud you was of all of them. I am sorry you had to leave us so soon but I grateful I had the chance to call you my friend. May you play all the golf you want now. To Daves family, I am so sorry and wish you peace, Thank you for sharing Dave with us.

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**Debbie Heinze** - December 02, 2012 at 01:26 PM

DH

“ My thoughts and prayers to Dave's family. Dave was fun to golf with and just shoot the breeze. Regards Dave Hawkins

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**Dave Hawkins** - December 02, 2012 at 09:46 AM

KW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. He is at peace after his long battle. While knowing this adds some comfort, it doesn't make the pain and sorrow any less. Take the time you all need. Laugh together, cry together and remember it all, the good and the bad. You are all in my thoughts.

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**Kim Weicht(Them)** - December 02, 2012 at 02:47 AM

VA

“ Peggy and Family: Dave is now in a pain free place. My prayers and thought are with you Peggy and your family.

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**Valli** - December 01, 2012 at 11:40 PM

HP

“ *Wish we could be there with you, but you know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We remember the good times we shared both in Michigan and Florida and wish we could have taken that cruise together. Love, Pat and Harold*

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**Harold and Pat** - December 01, 2012 at 09:31 PM

HM

“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember Dave how kind and he was to us!*

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**Heather Moore** - December 01, 2012 at 07:23 PM

KH

“ *David, my cousin, I have plenty memories to draw upon when saying my prayers for your peaceful rest. What fun times as kids on the farm, so many years ago. Me a little, somewhat city, girl...out on a farm! You'll be in my heart forever...you are a star shining bright in the sky right next to our Joseph. Rest peacefully! Cousin Karol*

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**Karol Hufnagel** - December 01, 2012 at 04:00 PM



“ *David, Know that Gary and I send prayers your way. When ever we come together with any of your family you will be right there too! You are another star in the sky...shining bright...right next to our Joseph. Loving peace, Gary and Karol*

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December 01, 2012 at 03:53 PM

KM

“ Dear Aunt Peggy and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle "Nick's" passing. I remember the first time meeting him at the house on Allen Rd. He was wearing his Coast Guard uniform and looked so honorable. Please find comfort in knowing Nick is no longer suffering. Thoughts of sympathy and support are being sent to you as you begin your journey without him. With Love, Kathy

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**Kathy (Nugent) Mikulski** - December 01, 2012 at 08:57 AM

DJ

“ So sorry for the loss to the Nichols family. I didn't know him personally but knew Betty and Bill very well. Again, so sorry for your loss. Don and Jean Joseph

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**Don Joseph** - December 01, 2012 at 08:51 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry you had to leave so soon; but my prayer is that you are with Jesus and free of pain and suffering. I have been remembering the fun we had when we were younger and that contagious smile you had. I know your family is going to miss you a lot and my prayer is for grace, peace and fond memories to carry them through this time and in the future. Love & prayers to you all. I love you! Sharen

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**sharen schavey** - November 30, 2012 at 06:20 PM