



Samuel Irving Nichols, Jr.

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Mr. Samuel Irving Nichols, Jr., 71 of Lansdowne, Virginia passed away on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

Sam was born May 28, 1940 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was a son of the late Samuel Nichols, Sr. and the late Jeanne Marie Hill Nichols. He was the husband of Gale Frances Nichols.

Sam served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He was a graduate of Northern Virginia Community College and spent his career in Parks and Recreation Management with the Fairfax Co. Park Service and the National Park Service, including tours as facilities manager at Glen Echo Park, Antietam National Battlefield, Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts and the National Capital Region.

He was a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church of Leesburg, VA. He is survived by his four adult children, David William Nichols of Alexandria, VA and wife Cheryl, Suzanne Mary Antkowiak of Crownsville, MD and husband Ben, James Thomas Nichols of Leesburg, VA and wife Jessie and Samuel Joseph Nichols of Catonsville, MD and girlfriend Kristen Risch; and six grandchildren: Alexandra (12), Hunter (10), Erica (8) and Jenna (1) Nichols and Brian (14) and Erin (11) Rich.

Sam is also survived by his sister, Victoria Nichols of The Villages, FL and brothers Richard Nichols of Great Cacapon, WV and wife Kathy, and Joseph Nichols of Berkley Springs, WV. He was preceded in death by his brother John Nichols of Berkeley Springs, WV.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catocin Circle, SE, Leesburg, Virginia. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 231 North King Street Leesburg, Virginia 20175 with the Father Francis Peffley officiating.



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Interment will be in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Leesburg, VA.



Events


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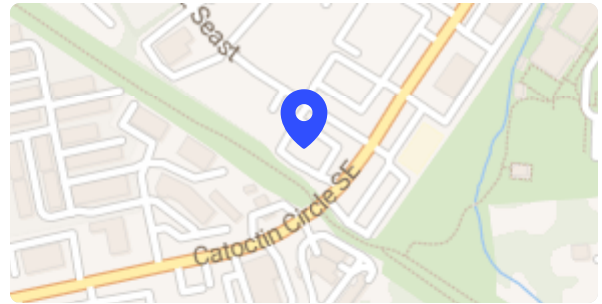
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, October 25, 2011


 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET


 **Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA

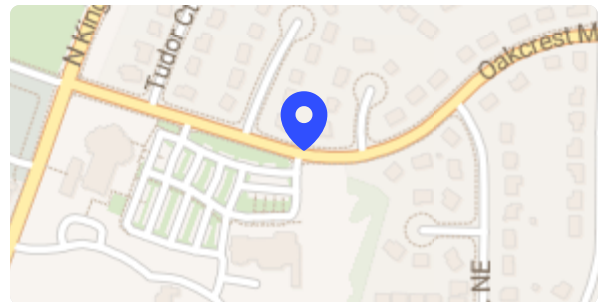


Service

 **Wednesday**, October 26, 2011

 10:00 AM ET

 **St. John the Apostle Catholic Church**
55 Oak Crest Manor Drive, Leesburg VA 20176





Tribute Wall

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Jan Didawick posted:

I will never forget when his father Dr. Sam Nichols Sr passed away and Sam Jr held me in his arms and allowed me to shed my tears over the loss of his father. He had seen me at the casket and although I had never met Sam Jr before, he walked up to me, wrapped his arms around me and said to me..." let's cry together". I will never forget that night because as I lost a Doctor...I gained a friend. 7 years later...I still miss my friend.

December 14 at 12:13 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Family and Friends of Sam Nichols:I first met Sam in June, 1977, when Sam just became the manager of Lake Fairfax Park, run by the Fairfax County Park Authority. I was 20 at the time and a seasonal park technician at the park working the entrance station collecting entrance fees and registering campers from all over the country. Sam would become one of the most influential persons in my park service career. He introduced me to so many aspects of running a park. While working at night it would not be unusual to see Sam chasing and catching teenagers from Reston who were stealing from campers. After three of us were held up at gunpoint during a robbery of the entrance station, Sam decided to give me an opportunity to try some different work in the park. He wanted me to become a lifeguard. "But Sam, I can barely swim. I flunked out of Boy Scouts because I could not swim." Sam's "compassionate" reply was "Training starts Monday night after work-be there!" I barely passed the course and ended up having to make two rescues the first week. But that experience thrown upon me by Sam greatly improved the self confidence of this 20 year old. From that experience I went on to become an emergency medical technician, firefighter, swiftwater/high angle rescue technician, and national park ranger. While working for Sam, he also provided me with the "great " experience of cleaning the dirtiest toilets, bath houses, and picnic areas. It left me with a great admiration for those workers in our society who do this type of work every day for 30 years.I am deeply indebted to Sam for what he saw in me and the direction he provided in my work life.Rest peacefully Sam and God Bless You.Einar OlsenAssistant Regional Director-Operations Evaluation, National Capital Region,National Park Service###imported-begin##Einar Olsen###imported-end##

October 27 at 9:06 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our sincere condolences for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this most sad time. May God welcome Sam and Gale, and comfort all of you. Sincerely, Joyce and Craig###imported-begin##Joyce Shealy & Craig Alderman###imported-end##

October 26 at 11:13 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Jim and Family, My sympathy is with you at this time. I wish you peace.##imported-begin##David Wyrick##imported-end##

October 24 at 12:53 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am very sorry to hear about your lose Jim, Please know you and your family are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##R. Sheri Nodine##imported-end##

October 24 at 9:53 AM



Anonymous posted:

I count myself among the lucky to have worked alongside both Sam & Jim during my career. Our thoughts & prayers are with Jim and the entire Nichols family at this time.##imported-begin##Dennis & Sharon Hubscher##imported-end##

October 24 at 9:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

Shirley and I wish to extend our sincere sympathy to all the members of the family on this sad occasion. As nextdoor neighbors Sam and Gale could nothave been any better. We will miss them as well as our chats with Sam when he stopped to visit or we met in the hallway or garage.##imported-begin##Shirley & Lou Gros Louis, #1120, Blue Ridge##imported-end##

October 24 at 7:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Suzie: Please accept my condolences on the loss of your parents.##imported-begin##Mary Felter##imported-end##

October 24 at 6:37 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I worked with Sam at Wolf Trap in the early '90s and remember him fondly. He always listened intently and provided well thought out advice in an encouraging way. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Brian Carlstrom##imported-end##

October 24 at 5:47 AM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Sam at Wolf Trap. Sorry for the family loss.##imported-begin##Gordon F. Johnson##imported-end##

October 24 at 5:02 AM



Anonymous posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Mark Brady and Melanie Racey-Brady##imported-end##

October 23 at 3:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To all the Nichols Children & their families, Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Sam. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Vince, Linda, Steven & Gregory##imported-end##

October 23 at 6:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Samuel Irving by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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