



Edward L. Nichols

August 29, 1929 - November 26, 2012

Dr. Edward L. Nichols, 83, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died November 26, 2012, at Circle of Life Hospice, Springdale, Arkansas. Born August 29, 1929, in Pindall, Arkansas, he was the son of H.M. Nichols and Laura Reeves Nichols. He received a B.S.E. from UCA and a M.Ed., degree from Ball State. Dr. Nichols received his EdD from the University of Tulsa, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a college professor at Le Tourneau University, Longview, Texas prior to moving to Siloam Springs in 1960, where he began teaching at John Brown University. He was a member of the JBU Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa and Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society. On April 28, 1951, Dr. Nichols married his first wife Mary Jane Landis in Little Rock, Arkansas. He married Carol W. Steele on December 23, 1989, in Siloam Springs. Dr. Nichols was a member of First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Jane Nichols in 1975; his parents; six brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife Carol of the home; one son, Eddy Nichols and wife Ruth of Owasso, Oklahoma; one daughter, Lydia Collins and husband Gene of Siloam Springs; seven grandchildren, Mary Jane Bolding and husband Mike of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Jessica Thornton and husband Jody of Springdale, Arkansas, Sarah Landers and husband Mat of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Faith Sewell of Siloam Springs, Laura Goodwin and husband Adam of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Luke Nichols of Glenpool, Oklahoma, and Hannah Nichols of Owasso, Oklahoma; eight great grandchildren, Micah

Landers, Aidan Landers, Merrick Bolding, Hope Sewell, Josie Thornton, Millie Bolding, Lily Goodwin, and Jules Thornton; three step daughters, Cathi Utley and husband Danny of Hermann, Missouri, Peggy Chenault and husband Zane of The Colony, Texas, and Cyndi Holt and husband Bill of Memphis, Tennessee; nine step grandchildren, Beth Rouse and husband Joe Marshall of Piggott, Arkansas, Claire Chenault and Neal Chenault, both of the Colony, Texas, Will Daffron and Molly Daffron, both of Piggott, Arkansas, Jonathan Utley of Hermann, Missouri, and Hailey Holt, Olivia Holt, and Wilkes Holt, all of Memphis, Tennessee; and one step great grandchild, Aubrey Rouse. Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 30, 2012, at First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, with Dr. Steve Abbott officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to First Baptist Church, Missions, 2000 Dawn Hill Road, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
2000 Dawn Hill Rd.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
<http://www.fbc-siloam.com>

Tribute Wall

GW

“ Ed and I came to JBU the same year, 1960. I relied on Ed's teaching experience as I had had none: he became my mentor. Our friendship goes back 52 years. Sally and I miss him. Gil and Sally Weaver

Gilbert Weaver - December 04, 2012 at 07:56 AM

LC

“ Lydia & Eddy ---

I remember when your family moved to Siloam and joined the JBU family of faculty and staff. I have fond memories of your Mom especially. I am thankful that your family became part of JBU & our town. Your Dad was especially close to Dr. Panage throughout his years at JBU. I'm thankful that your Dad published the writings & memories of Dr. Panage too!

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your families.

Lucy (Kennedy) Cundiff

Lucy Cundiff - November 30, 2012 at 12:06 PM

RT

“ Ed Nichols was one of my life-long friends. We were neighbors when we were kids and when to our early years of school together. We have remained friends throughout all these years. I'm thankful that my friend Ed knew the Lord as his Saviour and that he is with Jesus now. Along with many others, I will miss my friendship with Ed.

Ray Trammell

Ray Trammell - November 30, 2012 at 11:58 AM

RN

“ Ed Nichols was the first person I met when I moved into the faculty residences at North Hill in 1964. He immediately began to help unload my Uhaul trailer. After we had retired he and Dr. Gaston Griggs visited the church I was pastoring in Prairie Grove. I told the congregation about his unusual act of kindness. After I finished the account, Ed stood to his feet. He had something to say. "By the way," he said, "you never did pay me for that." Good humor as well as kindness was characteristic of Dr. Nichols. Good works will not open the gate of heaven, but Ed Nichols enters those gates with a huge load of them trailing behind him.

Richard L. Niswonger - November 30, 2012 at 10:53 AM

DB

“ Dr. Nichols was an enjoyable man to be around. I appreciated his humor and his straight talk. I will miss him on Sunday mornings.

Dennis Brown - November 29, 2012 at 04:18 PM

JS

“ My real sympathies to Dr. Nichols' family and community. He was sharp and insightful, and I'll never forget the literature class I took with him. He was a charming colleague, and he is surely missed.

Joe Sutliff Sanders - November 29, 2012 at 10:02 AM

EB

“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Nichols passing. I've known him most of my life and will miss running into him around town. I always loved his quiet gentle nature and his humor. Such a wonderful man. And another of the 'old timers' from JBU gone to join that large group waiting for us on the other side.

Ellen Brammer - November 28, 2012 at 02:02 PM

CL

“ 7 files added to the album Dr Edward Nichols



Cathi Utley, daughter in law - November 28, 2012 at 12:39 PM

RV

“ *Dr Nichols was truly one of the 'JBU Gems' in the 60's. A good friend, a good christian man, a good teacher.*

Randy Vohs - November 28, 2012 at 10:47 AM

JW

“ *I have fond memories of Dr. Nichols and his wry sense of humor which made him such a good teacher. He will be missed and I am so sorry for your loss. I remember him passing out sample term papers from previous classes for us as students to read to get an idea of what he was looking for in our own papers. As he gave one to a student, he said, "Here is one on kleptomania. I want to make sure I get this one back." Thank you Dr. Nichols for making learning important and fun.*

J. R. Whitby

J. R. Whitby - November 28, 2012 at 09:41 AM

KK

“ I was a student of Dr. Nichols in the early 90s, and when JBU gave me my first teaching position as an adjunct, Dr. Nichols was kind enough to share his office space with me. Now, as I teach Early American Literature to my students, I think often of Dr. Nichols' influences on my life and career. He introduced me to Emerson, especially, and reminded me that it was reasonable to "like the silent church" as well. I will always be grateful to Dr. Nichols for his kindness and his guidance.

Kristi Key - November 28, 2012 at 09:25 AM

NF

“ Dr. Nichols was a nice friend and encouraged me as a student at JBU. His gentleness and friendliness towards me at JBU led to us being friends even after graduation. He had a passion for God's Kingdom work at JBU and around the world. He'll be so missed!

Nathan Fields - November 28, 2012 at 07:50 AM

JW

I agree...Dr. Nichols was a wonderful professor who I only had for one semester plus one class during 2nd semester freshman English when he came into Dr. Thomas' class and released her to take care of a "family emergency" and none of us could get out of him what was going on! We all knew it had to be another Dr. Thomas doozy story that would only happen to her.

I think there were twice as many people in the next English class, some who were not even in the class, to hear the laughter tale of a trip to the principal's office to discipline who step daughter over something to do with glasses and poison ivy. If you wanted to learn English you took Dr. Nichols class.

Joel Wilson - November 29, 2012 at 04:30 PM

CU

“*Dr. Ed Nichols was a good man. He loved my Mother and his entire family but most of all he loved God. Anytime I needed pray, I knew he and my Mother would lift me up. I will miss you Dr. Ed and will always hold you dear in my heart.*

Cathi Utley - November 27, 2012 at 10:08 PM

LH

“*The "Acknowledgements" page of my recent book included the following:*

*"To Dr. Edward L. Nichols, Professor Emeritus of English, John Brown University,
I extend my appreciation for his professional advice and friendship."*

Ed encouraged me and others in our writing efforts. We enjoyed discussions on many subjects -- including authors, stories, poetry, cows, and hummingbirds. He displayed a genuine interest in other people and their problems and successes. He will indeed be missed. Rest in peace, dear Ed.

Louis Houston

Louis Burl Houston - November 27, 2012 at 07:41 PM

BS

“*So sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Many happy memories of sitting under Dr. Nichols as a student at JBU. Also, many years working with Carol at Gentry and Lydia in Siloam Springs. Your family is special in my memories.*

Betty Southerland - November 27, 2012 at 04:54 PM

DM

“ I had the pleasure of learning under Dr. Nichols as a student at JBU. He was a caring man who truly delighted in seeing me learn. He loved seeing me rise to a challenge and grow. He was truly one of the best professors I ever had the honor and privilege of studying under. What a great man! Glad he's now enjoying Jesus. See you soon Dr. Nichols.

Dell Miller - November 27, 2012 at 01:25 PM

RD

“ A few years back, after Dr. Nichols retired, he was still doing some adjunct work and needed an office space. We provided him a space down in the WLHC and one day I called him Coach Nichols! He responded - I'm AD Nichols!! Really enjoyed getting to know him during that time. He was always putting newspaper clippings in my box regarding our teams.

AD Nichols - you will be missed!

Robyn Daugherty - November 27, 2012 at 10:25 AM

RR

“ I came to JBU five years ago and Ed was always so welcoming to me and interested in what I was doing, even though he'd been retired for many years. He always checked up on my to see how my dissertation writing was going, and kept saying "I want to read it when you're finished." He was a very kind, gentle man, and I will miss seeing him around campus.

Rod Reed - November 27, 2012 at 09:27 AM

RK

We at Siloam Springs Writers will greatly miss Dr. Nichols. He was always a source of wit and wisdom. We looked forward to his box of homemade cookies at the meetings. He added a special flavor to our meetings that we will always remember.

Rachel Kulp - Siloam Springs Writers

Rachel Kulp - November 28, 2012 at 10:57 AM