



Jean Peterson Nichols

September 6, 1938 - February 25, 2020

Jean Peterson Nichols, 81, of St. Augustine passed away February 25, 2020 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, FL. Born in Independence, Iowa to Ward Travis Peterson and Edna Lucille Ebaugh (Peterson) on September 6, 1938, Jean had a demanding life growing up on a farm during the post-depression period. As the oldest of four; her childhood was shaped by severe conditions and hardship on their small farm. Her strength and resilience grew during these formative years as she was molded into an amazing citizen, mother and grandmother. Through her desire to leave farm life and see the world, she attended Iowa State University and then moved to work in Washington DC. She met and married Dr. Joseph Nichols, and they had four children. For the next 20 years and after the marriage failed, she worked a flexible yet rewarding job in order to raise her children and prepare them for adulthood. After her last child entered adulthood, Jean joined the CIA in pursuit of her lifelong passion to live abroad. She traveled and lived in England, Germany, Russia, Poland and many other places while serving her country. Jean retired to St. Augustine in 2012 and made many new lifelong friends.

Jean is survived by her children, Thomas “Tom” Nichols, Timothy “Tim” Nichols, Jarad “Jay” Nichols and Jennifer “Jeni” Wood; siblings, Richard Peterson, Ray Peterson and Judy Wittenberg; grandchildren, Ava Wood, Jacob Wood, Andie Nichols, Jarad Nichols, Martha Nichols and Lilly Nichols;

and many extended family and friends who will miss her dearly.

A Celebration of her life will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2020 at St Johns Family Funeral Home. The family will start receiving friends at 1:00 p.m.

St. John's Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 SR 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 824-1625
<https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 State Road 207
St. Augustine, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Peterson Nichols*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - March 11, 2020 at 03:37 PM



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



March 13, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ *Jean and Bobby Thompson and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jean Peterson Nichols.*



Jean and Bobby Thompson and family - March 12, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Jean Peterson Nichols.*



March 12, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *We have such fond memories of Aunt Jean’s visits to Iowa. She was always so kind and gracious to everyone, and so interested to catch up on all of our family news. It was an honor to have her attend Zach’s wedding and to hear of her recent adventures. I loved having her in my home for a brunch the day after the wedding, and sitting with a cup of tea for a long and lovely conversation with her. She was a beautiful person and I will miss her. Please keep in contact with us. Blessings to all of your dear family, Much love, Cousin Angie & Craig Wittenberg*



Angie Wittenberg - March 12, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Peterson Nichols.*



March 12, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



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