



Mary Ellen Nichols

October 25, 1915 - November 29, 2009

Mary Ellen Nichols, 94, an award-winning, long-time educator in the Millville School System and author, passed away on November 29, 2009 at her residence in Easton, MD.

Mary Ellen was selected as a Teacher of the Year in 1970. She taught grades K through 12 during her career in Millville from 1955 to 1977 when she retired and moved to Washington, D.C. She coordinated the first Head Start and Language Arts and Reading programs in Millville. At Millville Senior High School, Mary Ellen was a reading teacher and learning disabilities specialist, one of the first to be accredited in New Jersey.

“Mary Ellen Nichols was a demanding, but compassionate educator,” said Dr Larry Miller, retired Millville superintendent of schools, who was the principal of Millville Memorial Junior High School when Mary Ellen was a teacher there. “She had an uncanny ability to inspire students, even the most challenged students. Mary Ellen wouldn’t allow her students to fail; so their success is a great legacy for this remarkable teacher.”

Prior to moving to Millville in 1955, Mary Ellen taught grades K through 6 at schools in Warrenton, VA, Baltimore, and York, PA.

Mary Ellen moved to Washington, D.C. after she retired from teaching so that she could be closer to her grandchildren. Mary Ellen enjoyed spending time with her family, and she was extremely supportive of their achievements. She was also very active in the Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church in Washington. She wrote several family journals, short stories and published the

book, "Surviving Your Seventies." Mary Ellen enjoyed painting and playing bridge.

Mary Ellen was a member of the New Jersey Education Association, the Millville Teacher's Association, the Association for Learning Disabilities Teachers-Consultants, the Millville Women's Club and the Millville Hospital Auxiliary.

Mary Ellen held a bachelor's degree from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, and she attended Johns Hopkins University, the University of North Dakota and Glassboro State College's graduate school. She held a learning disabilities certification form GSC.

Mary Ellen is predeceased by her husband, John Nichols Sr., and son, William Nichols.

She is survived by her daughter Roselee Roberts and her husband Art of Washington, D.C.; son John Nichols Jr. of Millville; granddaughter Leigh Melton, Esq. and her husband John of Easton, MD, granddaughter Elizabeth Holah and her husband Greg of Portland, Ore.; and four great-grandchildren. The immediate family is planning a private service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bill Nichols Memorial Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, 3300 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302. The scholarship was established in memory of Mary Ellen's son.

Condolences or tributes for the family may be sent to www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Nichols*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Nichols*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Nichols*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Hi John, My sincere condolences regarding your Mother's passing. You were fortunate to have her for so many years. I hope you have many fond memories of those times. Carol###imported-begin##Carol Graiff###imported-end##*

December 03, 2009 at 11:28 AM



“ Dear Roselee, Art, Libby, Leigh and family,

We were so sorry to learn of the passing of your Mother. She was a lovely lady and it was always a delight to visit with her and to listen to her thoughts.

She and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ed and Lillian##imported-begin##Ed and Lillian Borrone##imported-end##

December 03, 2009 at 10:44 AM



“ Oh, what a wise, witty, compassionate and strong woman we have lost.

I have not seen Mrs. Nichols in many years, but I am sure that many who have known her for any quotient of time, can't help but feel blessed to have known her.

I knew Mrs. Nichols through her son, John, my longtime pal. (God bless her for her endurance and patience for John and I as we rumbled through our 'twenties' in the style of poets on a runaway train. She never wavered in her guidance and love for us).

Also, at a particular rough time in my Dad's life, Mrs. Nichols and John took him into their home. I will forever be indebted.

Rest gently in peace, Mrs. Nichols. Oh what an honor it was to have known you.

To the family, I can only say that I wish I had told her all the above more often and more recently.

Glenn Lillie##imported-begin##Glenn Lillie##imported-end##

December 02, 2009 at 10:06 AM



“ *Psalms 119:76-77 (KJV)*

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.##imported-begin##Rev. Valentine Vit##imported-end##

December 02, 2009 at 08:19 AM