



## William Ridgely Nichols III

October 13, 2002

Mr. William Ridgely Nichols III, 76, of Kent Island, MD, died Sunday, October 13, at the Washington Hospital Center.

He was the husband of Doris E. (Susie) Nichols, his wife of 49 years.

Born in Baltimore, he was the son of William R. Nichols, Jr. and Anna Catherine Myers.

Mr. Nichols graduated in 1944 from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He finished at the top of his class as a Radar Mechanic, earning the rank of corporal as the war ended.

After the war, he attended the Johns Hopkins University, earning a degree in Industrial Engineering. Mr. Nichols was a four year starter on the football team, including the year Hopkins was invited to the Tangerine Bowl. Under the ROTC program, upon graduation in 1951, he was commissioned as a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He flew 17 missions as a B-29 pilot during the Korean War with the 371st Bombardment Squadron of the 307th Bombardment Wing, 20th Air Force.

Following the war, he began a lengthy career with the Koppers Company and its subsidiaries, retiring in 1994.

Upon retirement, "Nick" enjoyed life on Macuum Creek, genealogy, NASCAR, computers, and his grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a sister, Shirley Nix of Sykesville; a daughter, Robin Flinko, of Pasadena; three sons, William R. Nichols IV of Cinnaminson; NJ, Scott J. Nichols of Frederick, MD and Robert C. Nichols of Annapolis, MD and 9 grandchildren, Zachary Flinko, William R. Nichols V, Danny Nichols, Kelsey Nichols, Richie Nichols, Christopher Nichols, John Nichols, JoJo Nichols, and Emma Nichols.

Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2002 at 11 AM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester. Family and friends may call on Wednesday, October 16, from 7 to 9 PM.

Memorial donations may be made to United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Maryland, 211 Chinquapin Round Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

# Tribute Wall



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