

## Thomas "Tommy" Nichols

December 1, 1938 - April 9, 2026

Thomas "Tommy" Nichols, 87, of Wharton, West Virginia, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 9, 2026, after battling a long illness. He was born on December 1, 1938, in Olive Hill, Kentucky, a place he held dear to his heart.

Tommy proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army. During his time in service, he traveled throughout the United States and to Germany, standing ready during the Cuban Missile Crisis. His skill and dedication earned him the honor of sharpshooter, a distinction he carried with quiet pride. He held tight to the many fond memories he gained of the places he traveled to and of the people he met during his service.

After his military service, Tommy dedicated 28 years of his life to coal mining with Eastern Associated/Peabody Coal Company. Through grit, determination, and unwavering commitment, he earned his foreman certification and later worked as a fire boss, a reflection of both his leadership and the respect he garnered from those who worked alongside him.

While Tommy's work ethic was unmatched, his greatest devotion was always to his family. A loyal and loving husband of 60 years, he built a life grounded in love, strength, and support. As a father, he worked tirelessly to provide, always placing his family first. Becoming a grandfather brought him immense

joy, and later, becoming a great-grandfather filled his heart in ways words cannot fully express.

In retirement, Tommy embraced the simple pleasures that brought him happiness. He was an avid supporter of the Van Bulldogs, attending events of all sports. He found both joy and peace in gardening and birdwatching, especially when those moments were shared with his dear friend, Roger Castle. He also took great delight in making others laugh and in sharing those moments of laughter with them. Known for always keeping up with the latest gadgets, Tommy loved staying connected, whether it was browsing Facebook, sending funny messages at all hours on Messenger, upgrading to the newest TVs and surround sound systems, or shopping on Amazon and QVC. These small joys reflected his lively spirit and love for staying engaged with the world around him.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Harlis Nichols and Jewell Marie (Conn) Nichols.

He is survived by his loving wife, Garnet (Bonds) Nichols; his dear children, Tom Nichols, Jr. (Eva) and Penny Nichols-Green (Mike); his cherished grandchildren, Courtney Nichols, Nick Green (Kristen), Chelsea Nichols (Tracey), Lucas Nichols, and William Delisle; his beloved great-grandchild, Parker Dean Green; his siblings, Darlene Massey, Geraldine Nichols, Barbara Gail Harvey (Buddy), Coy Nichols, Shelvy Nichols, David Nichols (Janice), and Delbert "Duke" Nichols (Judy); along with a host of extended family members and dear friends who will miss him deeply.

A celebration of Tommy's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Bim Freewill Baptist Church, 60 Beaver Pond Creek Road, Bim with Pastor Scottie Elswick officiating. Tommy will be laid to rest at Graceland Memorial Park in South Charleston, West Virginia, following the service.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Wharton Community Recreation Council, In Memory of Tommy Nichols, P.O. Box 12, Van, WV 25206.

Tommy's life was one of love, service, laughter, and unwavering devotion. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff of WVU Thomas Memorial Hospital ICU, Select Specialty at CAMC Memorial and Dr. Howard Stanton, M.D. for the exceptional care, compassion and support shown during this difficult time. Their kindness and professionalism will never be forgotten.

You may visit Tommy's tribute page at [BartlettNichols.com](http://BartlettNichols.com) to share memories and condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, locally owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Nichols family.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Memorial Park

100 Graceland Circle  
South Charleston, WV 25309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bim Freewill Baptist Church  
60 Beaver Pond Creek Road  
Bim, WV 25021

## Funeral Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bim Freewill Baptist Church  
60 Beaver Pond Creek Road  
Bim, WV 25021

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.*



April 17 at 10:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.

April 17 at 10:30 AM



“ *Taylor and Kensley purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.*



Taylor and Kensley - April 17 at 10:01 AM



“ Taylor and Kensley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.

Taylor and Kensley - April 17 at 10:01 AM

TO

“ *Condolences to the Nichols family. Wishing you comfort and peace to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart.*

*Love and prayers, Tammy and Zoltan Ori*

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**Tammy Ori** - April 17 at 09:10 AM

BW

“ *Becky Whittington & Lana Workman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.*



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**Becky Whittington & Lana Workman** - April 16 at 07:56 PM

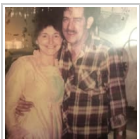
DM

“ *Donna Moore lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols*



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**Donna Moore** - April 16 at 06:10 PM



“ *Tommy was a good man. Garnet was a good person too! Prayers to all of you!*



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**Colleen Pugh** - April 15 at 05:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.



April 15 at 11:47 AM



“ Colleen Pugh lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols



Colleen Pugh - April 14 at 12:28 AM



I will miss him! He was good to me as well as Garnet! Prayers to all of you!!

Colleen Pugh - April 14 at 12:34 AM



“ Uncle Tom was a jokester, you never knew when he was going to get you. Always the laugh of the party. I've always admired his and Garnets relationship, I wanted that Love and friendship they had for each other. They didn't make many like him. Count yourself lucky to have known him. He was a good one💕💕

Carol Massey Price - April 13 at 06:19 PM

CC

*Tom and family,*

*Charles & I are so sorry for your loss. We'll be in continual prayer for comfort. God Bless your family with fond memories.*

**Cynthia Carl & Charles Carl** - April 14 at 08:58 PM



“ *Montana Parsons lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols*



**Montana Parsons** - April 13 at 02:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.

April 13 at 02:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.



April 13 at 02:30 PM

JN

“ For some reason that escapes me, Tommy loved my Bread and Butter Pickles. This past fall, he asked David if I had any from last year. I had none. Although I wasn't feeling well, he was so convincing and funny about the pickles, I made them just for him and sent them with pickled corn down to him. He was tickled pink. Just a little memory we can cherish. Jan & Dave

Janice Nichols - April 13 at 02:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.

April 13 at 01:29 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Nichols.



April 13 at 01:29 PM

GC

“ Garnet, Tommy, and Penny. I am so sorry for your loss. I love you and will be pray for comfort ❤️🙏

Gina Thurmond Cornell

gina thurmond cornell - April 13 at 12:29 PM

BW

“ So Sorry to Thomas family. Tom was a good friend for several years, always a kind word to me when sharing messages on some of the funny posts or pictures I would get from him. You will definitely be missed Tom! Love you Garnet

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**bobby Workman** - April 13 at 11:19 AM