



## Kenneth "K.W." Nichols

November 1, 1929 - February 4, 2024

Kenneth "K.W." Nichols was born November 1, 1929, in Jadwin, Missouri. He was born to Everett Thomas and Edith (Krewson) Nichols. As a young boy, he grew up in Jadwin and was no stranger to hard work.

On January 27, 1951, Kenny was united in marriage to the love of his life, Louise Willadean Stephens, in Salem, Arkansas. Soon after, he was drafted into the United States Army during the Korean War. Kenny served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge on May 15, 1953.

Kenny and Willadean were blessed with three children: Gary, Beverly, and Kent. They shared forty-six years of lasting memories together before her passing May 20, 1997. After her passing, Kenny spent time at the cemetery every day for seven years. He would regularly bring her a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Kenny worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator running a dozer for over seventy years. He built a strong reputation as a skillful operator known for his integrity and passion for his high-quality work. He was recently recognized for over 100,000 hours of experience on a dozer building thousands of ponds, lakes, and clearing property all over Dent and surrounding counties.

When he wasn't on a dozer, Kenny enjoyed making memories with his family.

He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and cherished spending time with them. Kenny had strong faith in the Lord and truly enjoyed reading his Bible daily, wearing a number of them out. He was a faithful member of the Church of Christ.

Kenny entered into eternal rest February 4, 2024, in Salem, Missouri, at the age of ninety-four years. He is survived by his loving children: Gary Nichols and wife Linda of Craig, CO, Beverly Fleener and husband Richard of Montauk, MO, and Kent Nichols of Salem, MO; grandchildren: Kris Nichols and wife Joanna, Chad Nichols and Alexia, Tiana Nichols, Autumn Beall and husband Joseph, Summer Watt and husband Dan, Spring McDonald and husband Ryan, Cameron Brown, Jayden Brown, Jett Nichols, and Kannon Nichols; great-grandchildren: Nolan, Olive, Silas, Hannah, Elijah, Sarah, Thaddeus, Lydia, and Paisley; as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, his wife: Louise Willadean Nichols; parents: Thomas and Edith Nichols; and granddaughter: Tonya Fleener.

His legacy of hard work, love, and dedication will be forever remembered by those who loved him most. Kenny will be deeply missed.

Funeral Services for Kenneth Nichols were held Saturday, February 10, 2024, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Leroy Kunkel and Matt Kunkel officiating. Special Words were shared by sons Gary and Kent Nichols. Congregational Hymns were led by Ryan McDonald singing "Heavenly Sunlight", "Sweet By and By", "A Beautiful Prayer", "Paradise Valley", "If We Never Meet Again", and "Where The Roses Never Fade". Serving as Pallbearers were Joseph Beall, Ryan McDonald, David Hodges, Clinton Hodges, Mike Hodges, and Donald Clark Hodges. Honorary Pallbearers were Kent Nichols, Gary Nichols, Jett Nichols, Kannon Nichols, Kris Nichols, and

Richard Fleener. Military Honors was provided by the American Legion post 99 and Missouri Honors Team. Burial was in the Jadwin Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of K.W. Nichols to the Jadwin Cemetery and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Condolences may be left online at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Jadwin Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

### Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Kent,  
We were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We were unable to come to the service, but you will be in our prayers.*

*Steve and Becky Spencer*

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**Stephen Spencer** - February 10, 2024 at 06:40 PM



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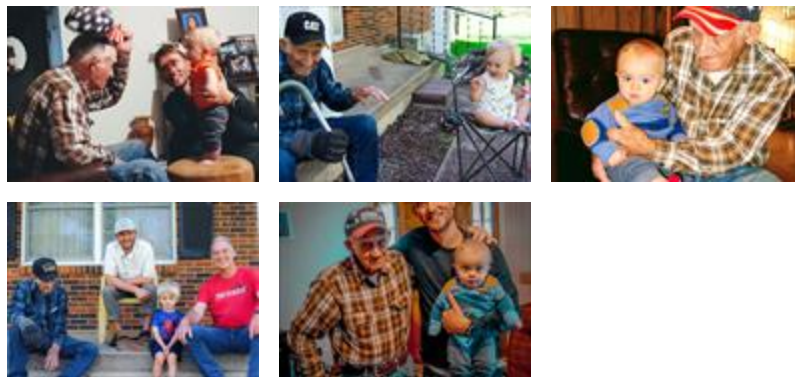


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**Wilson Mortuary** - February 10, 2024 at 02:31 PM

KN

“ *Grandpa was tough as nails but also had a very kind heart. We will surely miss him. Love you Grandpa*



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**Kris Nichols** - February 10, 2024 at 12:00 AM



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**Wilson Mortuary** - February 09, 2024 at 09:36 PM



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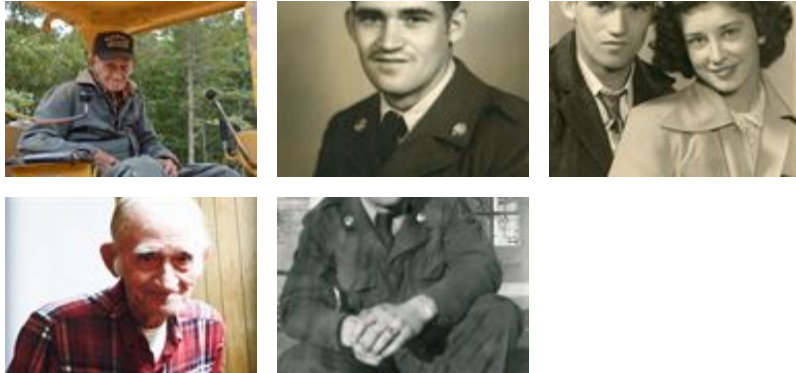


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**Wilson Mortuary** - February 09, 2024 at 06:35 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - February 09, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ Jerry Higgins lit a candle in memory of *Kenneth "K.W." Nichols*



jerry higgins - February 08, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Autumn Beall - February 08, 2024 at 01:44 AM



*Grandpa wasn't one for big events so I was extremely surprised that he came to my college graduation. He told me he knew Grandma would have wanted him to be there.*

Autumn Beall - February 08, 2024 at 01:45 AM

AB

“ *Autumn Beall lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "K.W." Nichols*



Autumn Beall - February 08, 2024 at 01:43 AM

PC

“ *Pleasant Plains Church of Christ purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kenneth "K.W." Nichols.*



Pleasant Plains Church of Christ - February 07, 2024 at 04:09 PM

GB

“ *Kent and family, I am sad for you all. We saw him and Sister Nichols very few times but they mad such an impression on both of us. Her with her cheerful outlook in spite of pain and he with his tender care. Wish I was able to attend service!*

Glenda Brockman - February 07, 2024 at 09:59 AM

SP

“ *Kent, you and your entire family have the Pappert Family's sympathy. Your Dad was quite the guy!*

Sharon K Pappert - February 06, 2024 at 02:05 PM

RR

“ *Everytime I had Kenny work for me he would be all business till break. But at the end of the day we would always talk. He always bragged of his kids and told the love of his family and deceased wife Ge always had life lessons to tell you. He was a truely inspiration for me. I haven't seen him much in the last few years but I will truely miss him*

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**rick ragsdale** - February 06, 2024 at 06:08 AM