



## Connie Nichols

May 24, 1938 - May 8, 2023

CEDAR FALLS – Connie L. Nichols, 84, died peacefully Monday, May 8, 2023, at his home. He was surrounded by his family.

He was born on May 24, 1938, in Plainfield, Iowa, the son of Charles and Mabel (Carter) Nichols. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1956, where he lettered in baseball, basketball and football. He lettered in baseball during his college years and received his bachelor's degree from Iowa State Teachers College in 1960. After college, he served honorably in the Army National Guard of Iowa and the Air Force reserves for 6 years. In 1961, he married the love of his life, Susan James. He was employed at Viking Pump, John Deere, Nortrax, Paladin, Blount and Norco. He continued to consult in Human Resources into his seventies.

Connie was an athlete, a great storyteller, and the consummate patriarch of the Nichols family. He was a constant force in the lives of those he loved. A devoted husband and loving father. A leader who helped form the values, beliefs, character, work ethic and spirit that binds our family together across generations. He was organically witty and loved to tell jokes. He fought a courageous battle against Parkinson's Disease and faced it with fortitude, patience, and even humor. He was loyal to a fault, and we are to him... forever.

He is survived by his wife Sue; children: Kari (Stephen) Nitzschke of Tampa, FL, Brad (Julie) Nichols of Cedar Falls, and Casey (Shawn) Llewellyn of Urbandale; eight grandchildren, four bonus grandsons, two brothers, Ken (RuthAnne) Nichols and Gene Nichols and sister-in-law Chris Nichols. He was preceded in death by his brother Bud Nichols.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, May 22, 2023, at Orchard Hill Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the Parkinson's Foundation at [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

**MAY 22.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Orchard Hill Church  
3900 Orchard Hill Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall

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“ Graduated from cedar falls high with Connie, loved him dearly! We danced together for a senior show, and had so much fun! He has a special light in his soul, love in his heart, a wonderful sense of humor, a great family man, outstanding athlete, very generous nature, and is a true friend!  
My love to the family. You were blessed to have him!  
His Spirit will continue and be close to those who truly loved him.  
Prayers and endless blessings upon those who feel the depth of the loss.  
Love Naomi Harold Stone  
nfstone@icloud.com

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**Naomi Harold Stone** - May 24, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Nichols.



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May 20, 2023 at 01:25 PM

BS

“ Bill and Marilyn Van Sant purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Connie Nichols.



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**Bill and Marilyn Van Sant** - May 19, 2023 at 02:09 PM

WT

“ WM London Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Connie Nichols.



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WM London Team - May 18, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Connie Nichols.



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May 14, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Connie Nichols.



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May 13, 2023 at 09:13 PM

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“ I met Connie through our Parkinsons singing group. Connie always had a spark of mischief in his eye & loved to tease the gals. We will miss his jokes & stories - everything from how he met his wife to what he did in his younger days. He was like the energizer bunny - if he fell down he' get up & fight again.  
We'll certainly miss him & watch out for those "sweet violets!"  
Kathy Obermeier

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Kathy Obermeier - May 13, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Connie Nichols.*

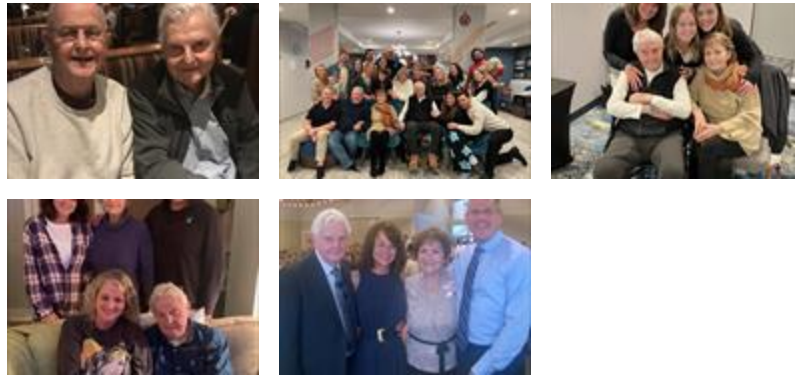


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May 13, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Connie Nichols*



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**Stephen Nitzschke** - May 13, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *I see Connie in my mind on the patio of the annual 4th of July party. A group is gathered around him hanging on his every word, smiling and laughing. A storyteller indeed! He will be missed.*

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**Jeff Miller** - May 13, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Connie Nichols.*



May 13, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Connie Nichols.

May 13, 2023 at 05:15 AM



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



May 13, 2023 at 05:15 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Kari Nitzschke** - May 12, 2023 at 08:33 PM

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*My dad's high school graduation picture 1956*

Kari Nitzschke - May 13, 2023 at 01:52 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kari Nitzschke - May 12, 2023 at 08:29 PM

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*My dad with his blonde curly hair as a toddler*

Kari Nitzschke - May 13, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Connie Nichols



Richardson Funeral Service - May 12, 2023 at 12:47 PM

PH

*I sure hope we can attend. I am your Dad's Sweet Violet if you heard that story 💜 He teased me all the time., so when I sent him a card I always signed it Sweet Violet and I am not Sweet! The group says I am! Connie was a great man, we will all miss him. Your whole family are in are prayers 🙏*

Pat Homeister - May 12, 2023 at 11:31 PM



*My dad and Brad XO*

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**Kari Nitzschke** - May 13, 2023 at 01:55 PM