



Cannon "Nick" Smith Nichols

June 16, 1930 - January 22, 2021

Mr. Cannon "Nick" Smith Nichols, 90, of Newnan, passed away, surrounded by his family, on January 22, 2021 at Wesley Woods of Newnan. Nick was born on June 16, 1930 in Newberry, SC to the late Thomas Smith Nichols and Elsie Cannon Nichols.

Nick grew up in Newberry, SC. He was a 1947 graduate of Newberry High School. Nick married Tena Price Nichols in 1950. Nick graduated from the Clemson Agricultural College in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in Textile Engineering. Nick served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked in the textile industry for 43 years. Nick retired as Director of New Products from Playtex International. He was a longtime member of Newnan First United Methodist Church. He and Tena recently celebrated 71 years of marriage.

Nick loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandson. He and Tena were avid golfers who thoroughly enjoyed their years at the Newnan Country Club. Nick volunteered at the Newnan First United Methodist Church. Nick never met a stranger. He was a great conversationalist who was known for his sense of humor, quick wit, and easy smile. He had many friends who appreciated his loyalty, honesty, and humor. Nick could fix anything and was especially talented in furniture restoration. He and Tena enjoyed traveling to St. Simons Island, GA and to visit family.

A private graveside service was held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park at 10:00 am on January 24, 2021 with Rev. Sharon Edgar officiating. With military

honors presented by the U.S. Army. Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Wesley Woods of Newnan Residents Association at 2280 US Highway 29, Newnan GA 30265. The donation should be designated to the Employee Appreciation Fund/Plaza Employees.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

Survivors include his wife, Tena Price Nichols; brother, Bobby Ray Nichols; daughter, Paige (Steve) Stripling; son, Alan (Denise) Nichols; grandchildren, Katie (Sam) Hawthorne, and Josh Nichols; great grandson, Noah Hawthorne.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

DF

“ A kind smart executive who was counted on heavily for his expertise on planning and inventory management control.,A great family man.
Don Franceschini

donald j franceschini - August 09, 2025 at 08:03 AM

CB

“ Mrs. Tena,
I was heartbroken to hear about Nick's passing. You are forever in my prayers he will be missed at Wesley Woods. He was a joy to be with and always had a kind word to me.
Gone but forever in my heart. Praying for you and your family.



Cynthia Blossomgame - February 07, 2021 at 11:32 PM

CL

Sorry for your loss Alan and for your family

chsrlotte Longshore - February 10, 2021 at 09:07 PM

TP

“ Tena, Alan and Paige, Angie and I send our condolences on the passing of Nick. He was a wonderful person and we were blessed to have known him. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.

Terry Pylant - January 27, 2021 at 06:52 PM

JW

“ Tena and family, I was so surprised to see the obituary in today’s paper. Nick was one of the kindest people with the biggest smile and always so friendly. I am so sorry for your loss. May all of your good memories bring you comfort in the days ahead! Judi Worth

Judi Worth - January 27, 2021 at 03:26 PM

SF

“ Tena - so sorry you lost your Nick. You know I mean it when I say that I know how you feel. I have been there. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. Shirley Fair.

Shirley Fair - January 25, 2021 at 02:44 PM

FF

“ We are sorry to hear about Mr. Nichols. He was such a kind man. Our prayers are with the entire family during this time of loss. Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - January 25, 2021 at 07:56 AM

BW

“ May he Rest In Peace.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - January 25, 2021 at 07:34 AM

CM

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. I worked with Nick at Playtex

Connie Abernathy McKoy - January 26, 2021 at 11:54 AM

MR

“ We are devastated about Nick’s passing. He was an amazing man. We had many good times at Wesley Woods and our outings to Sprayberrys. Nick will be truly missed. We love you Tena.
Mary Jo and Connie



mary jo rhodes - January 24, 2021 at 07:44 PM

SS

“ To the Nichols family---so sorry to hear of your loss. My dad and mom, Neal & Myrtle Holdbrooks worked with Mr. Nichols at Playtex, they retired from there; I also work there and remember him very well, always had that big smile. Praying for all of your family during this difficult time, may God give you comfort and His Peace now and in the days ahead. God Bless!

Syble Holdbrooks Storey - January 24, 2021 at 06:21 PM

BC

“ Tena, Paige, Steve and family,
I was so shocked to read of Nick’s passing. Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. My prayer is that God will give you strength and comfort in the days ahead. David enjoyed all those years of working with Nick at Playtex and I enjoyed all those years of knowing him and seeing him in the bank. Please know that I will be praying for you as you grieve his passing. God bless you.

Brenda B Clark - January 24, 2021 at 03:06 PM

DS

“ Dear Tena, Paige, Alan and Family,
I am so, so sorry to hear about Nick. Ya'll were such good neighbors
for many years. I cherish the many real good memories.
May the Good Lord give you peace, love ❤️ and contentment
during this very difficult time.
God loves you and I do too,
Don Jones Sr.

Don Jones Sr. - January 24, 2021 at 01:33 PM

RW

“ “Miss” Tena, Paige, Alan, and family,
I am sorry to hear of Mr. Nick's passing. I have so many wonderful
memories of growing up as neighbors and friends. Thinking of you
all today and in the coming days. Praying that God will give you
comfort and peace. We love you!
Ruth, Tom, Tayler and Thomas

Ruth Warren - January 24, 2021 at 01:13 PM

GP

“ My heart was saddened by the death of Nick. Have known him and
Tena for a long time. Love and prayers for Tena and family at this
difficult
time. God grant
you peace

gerrie petty - January 24, 2021 at 01:03 PM

SM

Tena and Paige. I know this is a bittersweet time for all of you. But
knowing he is at peace, makes it a little easier. My heart and prayers
are with you. May you feel Gods hand on all of you. You are so loved

sandra moye - January 25, 2021 at 11:22 AM