



## Mr. Lawrence A. "Larry" Nichols

August 27, 1938 - July 27, 2018

WHITESBORO - Mr. Lawrence A. Nichols, aged 79, passed away at home on Friday, July 27, 2018 with his family by his side. Lawrence was a brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, friend, and mentor.

Lawrence was born in New York City to Charles and Vashti Nichols on August 27, 1938. He was educated in New York City public schools and attended Hunter College at the age of 16. He married the former Carrie Lee Patten on May 9, 1958 at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Harlem, New York. They shared in a loving union for 60 years. Lawrence enlisted in the United States Air Force and served as an airman from 1958 to 1967. He was employed by IBM, Manpower Development Center, and taught English to immigrants at the Bleecker Street School. He was a counselor for Marcy Correctional Facility and retired in 2001. As a young husband and father, Lawrence attended Utica College of Syracuse University and graduated, Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Studies in 1973.

Lawrence was a founding member of the Mohawk Valley chapter of Frontiers International in Utica, New York. As a past president and member of the Frontiers, he volunteered extensively in the community. Over the years, he worked with young people as a mentor, teaching skills they would need to become successful adults. This included fundraising for the annual HBCU college tours for high school seniors, pancake breakfasts, and field trips. He received the Internal Service award for his years of volunteer service from Frontiers International in 2016. Lawrence spent an extensive amount of time

volunteering his services to the Utica community.

In the early years of their marriage, Lawrence and Carrie were blessed with three children. Being a father brought Lawrence a great deal of joy. He was always very proud of the accomplishments of his children, no matter how great or small. He greatly enjoyed entertaining relatives and close friends at parties in his home and attending social gatherings. He enjoyed gardening, cooking, and was happiest traveling with his wife, family, and close friends. He was an avid reader and passed his love of books to his children and grandchildren who have lasting memories of reading with him.

Lawrence is fondly remembered by the love of his life, Carrie, daughters, Karen Nichols of Utica, and Cheri Brown (John), of Las Vegas, NV. He held close to his heart the memory of his son Kevin E. Nichols, and his grandson Daniel Alexander Brown who preceded him. He also leaves his grandchildren, Kenichea Nichols of Utica, Sabrina and Weslee Brown of Las Vegas, NV, and Avery Brown (Brooke) of New York City; and his sister Jacqueline Hunt of New York City. He is lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews, friends, neighbors, and members of the community at large including special friends David and Angela Smith of New Hartford. Lawrence was predeceased by his sisters Segrid, Leola, and Carmen; and his brother Oliver.

Visitation will be held Friday from 10:00-12:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Lawrence's funeral service and Home Going Celebration which will commence on Friday at 12:00 noon at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Pastor David Ossenfort officiating the ceremony. Military Honors will be conferred by the United States Air Force. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Mohawk Valley Frontiers or Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Interment will follow in New Forest Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## **New Forest Cemetery**

2001 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ My sincere condolences to Mrs. Carrie Nichols and their children. I will miss him dearly. Larry was a gentle giant, when he spoke, everyone listened. He would not hesitate to speak his mind. I never heard him argue but he had a subtle way of getting his point across....LOL



He was adamant about getting the gallons of tea and rolls for the Senior Holiday Dinner that The Mohawk Valley Frontiers would host every year and I truly appreciated it and whatever I needed him to do, he would look at me and give that little smirk and say "okay, if that's what you want me to do".

A very humble man always answering to the call of help or asking what can he do to help. Larry and Carrie were always fun to be around. And I have the utmost respect for Carrie because she was very attentive to Larry and helping him to serve the Mohawk Valley Frontiers and the community. She is a very special woman and my heart goes out to her during this very difficult time.

He and Andy Wertz are together now and I am sure that they have a lot to laugh and talk about....both gone but truly not forgotten.

My prayers are with you all,  
Darlene Mack-Brown

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Darlene - August 02, 2018 at 12:34 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to Larry's family and friends. I worked at both Marcy and Mid-State parole offices and had periodic contacts with Counselor Nichols. On every single occasion, Larry came across as a modest, professional, well-dressed man who always had a smile and always said hello in passing. I was continuously impressed by his style and demeanor in an environment that was not often easy or relaxed. He seemed to always have a sense of "calm" around him. God bless and Godspeed. Thank you for your service in and out of the military. Richard Matthews

Richard Matthews - August 02, 2018 at 08:26 AM

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“ RTC Transit Management team purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Lawrence A. "Larry" Nichols.



RTC Transit Management team - August 01, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Lawrence A. "Larry" Nichols.



July 29, 2018 at 09:29 AM