



William Ray Nichols

September 16, 1970 - September 17, 2025

William Ray Nichols, 55, of Chesapeake, OH, passed away on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH. He was born on September 16, 1970, in Williamsburg, VA, the son of the late Andy Raymond and Lorene Fern Jolley Nichols. William was an Engineer and Senior Reliability Manager and Maintenance Manager with Braskem PP Americas in Kenova, WV, and was a member of Lewis Memorial Baptist Church. William served his country in the U.S. Army beginning in 1988 and later finished his career with the Army National Guard. He served in two deployments with a total of twenty-one years of service and was honorably discharged as a Captain in 2018. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Virginia Ray Cheek; brother, John Lewis Nichols; and sister-in-law, Shirley Nichols. William is survived by his beloved wife of thirty-one years, Robin Bordwine Nichols of Chesapeake, OH; son, Andrew David Nichols; daughter, Alyssa Rae Nichols, all of Chesapeake, OH; sister, Lorene Virginia Blevins of Meadowview, VA; father-in-law, John David Bordwine and Ella Rosalie Bordwine, both of Chilhowie, VA; sister-in-law, Jenny Bordwine Blevins and brother-in-law, Brian Andrew Blevins both of Chilhowie, VA; nieces, Amanda Jane Burke (Ted) of Marion, VA, Christy Eliades (Dan) of Washington, Julianna Halsey (Jarrett) of Mouth of Wilson, VA; nephews, Lucas Blevins of Chilhowie, VA, John Nichols of CA and Allen Cheek of MD; several great nieces; great nephews; cousins and a host of friends. Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 PM on Friday, September 26, 2025, at

Lewis Memorial Baptist Church—located at 1358 West Pea Ridge Road in Huntington, WV, with Pastor David Lemming officiating. Military Honors will be provided at the church prior to the services. The family will receive friends from 2:00 – 3:00 PM on Friday at the church. Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services 1592 E. Pea Ridge Rd. Huntington, WV, is caring for the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Lewis Memorial Baptist Church
5325 W. Pea Ridge Road
Huntington, WV 25705
<http://lmbc.org>

Funeral Service

SEP **26.** 3:00 PM (ET)

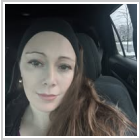
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Tribute Wall

RM

“ I was sad to hear of Will's passing. I was away, so unfortunately could not attend his services. I met Will at Braskem when I was their Account Manager from State Electric Supply. Will was a good person to know!! A really good person to know!

Reba Martin - September 26, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ He was my commander at the 212th. His knowledge, compassion and zest for life or inspiring. I never gave up a chance to learn from him or listen to his stories about the house he was building. When I became a commander, I used the lessons that I learned from him as he was a great leader.

Heather Beck - September 26, 2025 at 09:23 AM

HB

“ Heather B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ray Nichols.

Heather B. - September 26, 2025 at 08:56 AM

DS

“ Dixon Electrical Systems purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Ray Nichols.



Dixon Electrical Systems - September 25, 2025 at 07:53 PM

VG

“ VSP Technologies and GP&S purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Ray Nichols.



VSP Technologies and GP&S - September 25, 2025 at 02:08 PM

CB

“ There are few people in my life who I admire, and William Nichols is one of them. In fact, I aspired to be more like him my “words and deeds.”

As a soldier in the US Army, William rose to the rank of Captain, and he was a decorated combat veteran, for which I respected him deeply.

His skill set in all aspects of building was impressive. He always had at least one project underway. William had boundless energy and a passion for all that he did. He loved all outdoor activities, especially playing with his dogs and traveling the country with his family in their RV.

Robin and William were obvious soul mates, and their children Andrew and Alyssa completed their family. He loved Jesus Christ and he and Robin modeled a Christian life for their children.

William was a joy to be around and he always made others feel at ease. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. William was one of the finest people I have ever met and I was fortunate to be his friend. I will miss him.

LCDR Carl R. Barr, USN-Ret.

Carl Barr - September 25, 2025 at 01:35 PM

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Carl R. Barr, LCDR, USN-Ret.

Carl Barr - September 25, 2025 at 01:15 PM

EP

“ Enerfab P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ray Nichols.

Enerfab P. - September 25, 2025 at 09:48 AM



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

September 25, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William Ray Nichols.*



September 25, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *One of the finest officers I ever served with. Rest easy sir your mission is complete. I now have the watch.*

SFC Wyman L Gleaton III - September 23, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ *Hope, Wayne and Hunter Trivette purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Ray Nichols.*



Hope, Wayne and Hunter Trivette - September 23, 2025 at 02:01 PM



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Hope, Wayne and Hunter Trivette - September 23, 2025 at 02:01 PM

DB

“ CPT Nichols and I deployed together in 2013 and he was my Commander at the 212th SMC in 2017 before he retired, he was one of the greatest Officers in the OHARNG. He led with conviction and compassion, and his troops LOVED him for it. He always talked about his how much he loved and was proud of his family and how excited he was to spend more time with them. You will NEVER be forgotten Sir.

Dan B - September 23, 2025 at 11:13 AM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of William’s passing. In high school he was such a funny, easy going guy who got along with everyone. He and Robin were a perfect match.

Pamela Wedding - September 22, 2025 at 03:55 PM

JS

“ One of the finest Gentlemen on the planet, such a class act and a true friend!!!!
He was a solid example of a Christian man...
You will be missed my brother 💔

John Stevens - September 21, 2025 at 01:00 PM

BR

“ Knowing William was an extreme 🙏 pleasure. We worked together in the Military and he was One of the finest Officers in our Company. RIP 1LT Nichols and PRAYERS to your family.

Bonnie Robinson - September 21, 2025 at 09:56 AM



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

September 20, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Ray Nichols.



September 20, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ I am so sorry. Praying will give you comfort during this difficult time. Love you guys.

Pat and Debbie Stallard - September 20, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ Robin, Jimmie and I are praying for God's comfort for you and your family. We are so glad we got to know William and spend time in fellowship. He was such a gentle and kind man. We will miss him, and we love you all.

Jimmie and Karen Beirne - September 20, 2025 at 02:29 PM