



## Mr. Arthur "Art" Nichols, Sr.

June 23, 1931 - August 9, 2022

Mr. Arthur "Art" Nichols, Sr., of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2022, shortly after celebrating his 91st birthday. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on June 23, 1931, the son of the late Harry and Alice Pharmer Nichols, he graduated from St. Joseph High School and later earned his bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Science from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston, MA.

Following graduation, Art proudly served his country as a pharmacist at both West Point, NY and the Pentagon in Washington DC, in the United States Army.

Art was the proud owner of Nichols Pharmacy in Pittsfield, where he served his community for nearly 50 years until his retirement. He was known not only for his service, but also his kindness and dedication to each and every one of his customers.

Art loved being a part of nature, whether he was out in his garden, cross country skiing, fishing for trout, or admiring the wildlife on Thomas Island. He was a master craftsman, whose home was filled with Shaker-reproduction furniture that he so beautifully made.

Art was a beloved member of the Berkshire Nautilus, where his friends

enjoyed his company just as much as he did theirs! Additionally, for many years he served on the board for Pittsfield Cooperative Bank.

Perhaps, however, most important was Art's genuine love of, and zest for life, which was reflected in each and every part of his day.

Art was predeceased by his beloved wife of nearly 60 years, the former Eileen "Pat" Mehos, whom he married at Sacred Heart Church in 1953. He is survived by his sons, Arthur J. Nichols, Jr., (Corinne), Joseph C. Nichols (Nancy), and Shaun J Nichols, as well as his three daughters, Maris Nichols, Maureen A. Nichols, and Marie A. Nichols. Art leaves behind his four granddaughters, Maya Kraushaar, Kristal Nichols, and Alaura "Paige" and Kiliagh McGann, his grandson, Joseph E Nichols, and his four great grandchildren, Elaisah Nichols, Skye McGann, Tobias Arthur Kraushaar, Phoebe Kraushaar. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Demick. Besides his wife, he was predeceased by his son, Daniel "Dan-Man" Nichols, as well as infants, John and Kathleen Nichols. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Francis, William, Harry Jr., Robert, Raymond, and Charles Nichols, as well as his sister, Marion Reed.

#### Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Arthur "Art" Nichols, Sr., will be Friday, August 12, 2022 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11am at St. Charles Church, where he was a communicant, celebrated by the Rev. A Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus of St. Charles. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church  
89 Briggs Ave.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ So sorry to learn of Art’s passing.

*Our family has such wonderful memories of Art and Pat. The boat rides, picking strawberries and picking fresh vegetables from Art’s garden! Lots of laughter and love. ❤️ We will cherish our memories.*

*Art, you were a special person with a heart of gold. RIP. Give our love to Pat!*

*Kathy, Keith, Melissa & Jessica Michon*

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**Kathy Michon** - September 16, 2022 at 09:49 PM

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“ I grew up at 316 Wahconah Street . My aunt Anne and Uncle Bob Hood worked at Nichols Pharmacy.

*So did my mom Kathryn Dani’s and my aunt Teresa Trainor. My childhood all included Harry’s*

*Supermarket, Nichols Pharmacy and Nichols Package Store .All of the Nichol’s family were always incredibly nice All of the customers felt like family cause that was how you were treated.*

*Mr Nichol’s ( Art) was so friendly I am so sorry to the Nichol’s family for there loss . Mr Nichols thank u for all of your kindness Donna Danis Farnham Rest In Peace*

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**Donna Farnham** - August 23, 2022 at 02:09 PM

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*thank you for the kind words Donna.....I worked with your lovely mom at the Pharmacy. Michael Nichols*

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**Michael Nichols** - December 15, 2022 at 08:43 PM

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“Always try to keep an open mind and you will find out that there is another way to do it just as well or usually better...Make sure that you take time to marvel at the miracle of growth. It still amazes me that a minute seed can produce such magnificent plants.”

- Arthur Nichols, Sr. from his journal about gardening written for me in 2005

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Maya Kraushaar (Nichols) - August 18, 2022 at 09:50 AM

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“ Grampa,

Thank you for sharing with us your gift of wonder for nature and awe of the magical power contained within a seed. The connection I have to plants undoubtedly took root though time spent with you in your incredible garden.

Thank you for being a thoughtful and wise role model. Thank you for teaching me so much and with patience. I'll never forget how calm you remained while teaching me how to drive a standard and not panicking when I almost drove your truck into a ditch accidentally going in reverse!

Thank you for teaching me to value all things handmade. Your appreciation for woodworking and talent in creating stunning wooden furniture inspired me from a young age to strive to create beautiful things with my own hands.

These memories, and so many more, I hold dear, while the values you have instilled in me, I aim to impress upon your great grand kids. Your spirit will live on in my heart and reflect in the beauty and harmony that exists in nature.

Thank you for everything Grampa 💕



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Maya Kraushaar (Nichols) - August 18, 2022 at 09:49 AM

LH

“ We had the extremely good fortune of living next door to Art for the past 11 years. He was a great friend and neighbor and the consummate gentleman.

*From that first St. Patrick's Day in 2011 when Art welcomed us to the neighborhood sporting a bright green mustache until he passed this week, we always appreciated Art as a very funny, kind and thoughtful friend. In the Summer months, he would regularly invite us over to his beautiful vegetable garden to help ourselves to whatever we wanted. In the Winter months, he would call us a few times a week just "to check in".*

*Art always spoke of his children with great pride and of his late wife, Pat, with tremendous devotion. Art was a class act in every way and will be missed greatly.*

*We extend our deepest sympathies to Art's family and hope that you will draw comfort from the fact that his was a life well-lived.*

*Larry & Rosemary Harnett*

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**Larry & Rosemary Harnett** - August 11, 2022 at 01:30 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Art Jr and Corinne** - August 11, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ Art and Corinne purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Mr. Arthur "Art" Nichols, Sr..

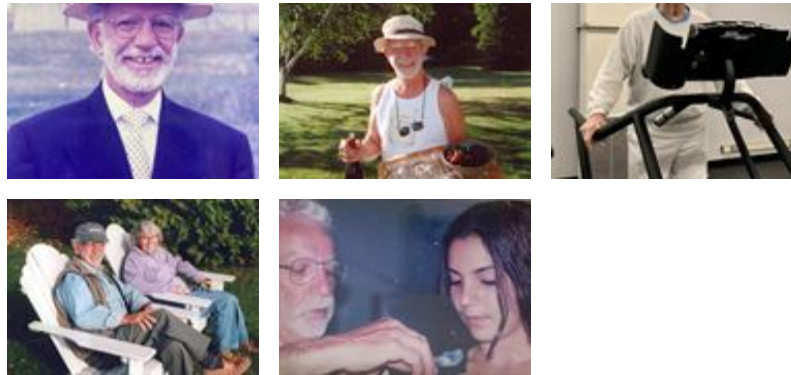


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**Art and Corinne** - August 11, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - August 11, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Arthur "Art" Nichols, Sr..



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August 10, 2022 at 09:37 AM

LT

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to Joe, Nancy and family. Art was a special man. His caring and kindness as our "North side" pharmacist will forever be remembered and deeply appreciated.*

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**Larry and Cindy Tallman** - August 10, 2022 at 08:32 AM