



Mr. Charles "Chuck" Nichols Sr.

November 6, 1921 - June 5, 2014

Mr. Charles L. "Chuck" Nichols Sr., 92, retired owner of Nichols Package Store, died peacefully Thursday morning at Berkshire Place. Born in Pittsfield on Nov. 6, 1921, one of nine children born to Harry F. and Alice M. Pharmer Nichols Sr. Chuck graduated from St. Charles Parochial School and was a 1939 graduate of St. Joseph High School. He continued his education at Bentley College in Boston, graduating in 1942.

Chuck was a US Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a Lieutenant (J.G.) as an instrument flight instructor. Returning from the war in 1945 he joined the family businesses on Wahconah Street, which were started by his father, Harry F. Nichols Sr. in 1914. Chuck retired in 1984, continuing to work at the Package Store with his son Charles Jr. and son-in-law Peter Maniatis periodically for many years. Chuck was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 68, a member of the Bishop Conaty Third Degree Knights of Columbus, the Exchange Club and the Skyline Country Club. As a lifetime communicant of St. Charles Church, he was very active as an usher, lector, volunteer and Holy Name Society officer. He also enjoyed playing in several local pitch leagues with his wife and was an avid golfer.

Mr. Nichols leaves his wife, the former Evelyn W. Skowron whom he married on May 15, 1944 at Holy Family Church. They were blessed to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with their entire family this past May. He leaves twin

sons Michael J. of Pittsfield and David H.(Grace) of Denver, CO and Charles Jr.(Carol) of Pittsfield. His daughters are Theresa (Francis) Lipari of Plymouth, MA, Judith (Peter) Maniatis of Pittsfield and Wanda Nichols of San Francisco, CA. He also leaves his brother Arthur J. Nichols and sister Dorothy F. Demick, both of Pittsfield, and 6 grandchildren along with 3 great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his brothers Francis, William, Harry Jr., Robert and Raymond, and sister Marion Reed. The family would like to thank the staff at Berkshire Place for their kindness and the compassionate care they gave Chuck.

FUNERAL NOTICE:

Mr. Charles L. "Chuck" Nichols died Thursday morning June 5, 2014. Funeral services will be Tuesday morning June 10, 2014 at 11 a.m. from the DWYER FUNERAL HOME with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12 noon in St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. Daniel B. Brunton of Springfield, MA. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be at the DWYER FUNERAL HOME on Monday, June 9, 2014 from 3 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Joseph High School Scholarship Fund or to St. Charles Church Endowment Fund, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 3:00 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

JUN **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *My condolences and best wishes to all of the Nichols family. Many fond memories of times at the lake.*

Jon Avner - July 16, 2014 at 10:48 AM

HR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss. Jim and Heidi Rose*

Heidi Rose - June 10, 2014 at 06:48 AM

GC

“ *Dear Theresa & Fran so sorry for your loss. Will be thinking of you during these difficult times! Gary Clarkson*

Gary Clarkson - June 09, 2014 at 10:49 AM

DD

“ *Our Dear Uncle Chuck will be missed. Naval Aviator during WW-II, a member of the Greatest Generation, brilliant entrepreneur. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

With love and respect,

David & Ann Demick & Family

David F Demick - June 08, 2014 at 08:12 PM