



John Wayne Nichols

June 27, 1954 - July 18, 2018

As with the central character in his favorite song, “The Yellow Rose of Texas,” John Wayne Nichols of Plano, Texas had eyes “as bright as diamonds” and a sparkling wit that charmed all those he encountered.

John passed away on July 18, 2018 at the age of 64, due to complications from a stroke suffered on July 1, 2018. He was born on June 27, 1954 in Dallas to Forest Nichols and Annie Yvonne (Childress) Nichols; he was named after the famous actor. He was a lifelong resident of Texas and a member of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas. Professionally, John was respected around North Dallas as the IT tech (first for D&H Distributing and then for CopyNet) who could expertly fix any printer/copier/computer problem, delivered with his signature jokester style.

John is survived by his husband, Richard DeKnock of Plano, Texas. The vows they took in a commitment ceremony on July 21, 2001 were renewed in a marriage ceremony on July 21, 2015. As a couple, they were active in GALA (Gay and Lesbian Alliance of North Texas) and other groups and events supporting LGBT rights in Texas and nationwide. John also was well known at area community markets as a sales consultant for Tastefully Simple and Homemade Gourmet products.

Survivors also include sons John Eric Painter and William Scott Nichols, both of Dallas; brother James Wyatt Nichols of Dallas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was especially close to nephew Mark Edward Nichols of El Sobrante, California; niece Mary (Nichols) Aills of Gilmer, Texas; and cousin Frank “Butch” Dykes of Longview, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Mildred Frances (Nichols) Morris; and

brothers George Edward Nichols, Harvell Ray Nichols and Robert Earl "Pete" Nichols.

Communion service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 28 at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 8011 Douglas Ave., Dallas TX 75225. A gathering in the church parlor will follow, until about 1:15 p.m. No visitation. Flowers (especially John's beloved yellow roses) will be gratefully accepted at the church; remembrances also may be made at the Richard DeKnock & John Nichols page at gofundme.com.

Memorials

We're so sorry for the passing of your husband John. When we met you and John, we were blessed with your friendship. We remember John's great smile and his positive attitude, he will be missed.

DALE & RAY GRISSOM-WRIGHT, JULY 31, 2018

I met John and Richard many years ago at Tom Thumb!! I Loved them both and will sincerely miss Johns smile and laughter and he was a great jokester!! he will be truly missed!! love ya John !! Praying for your family!!

DEBORAH DIONNE, JULY 27, 2018

Dear Richard, We are so sorry for your loss. John was full of energy and was a bright spirit. We know that he will be greatly missed by his wide circle of friends and family. Sincerely, Tinker and Russ

TINKER GOGGANS AND RUSS SIKES, JULY 25, 2018

Richard, So sorry for your loss. I just met you guys once or twice. You were both a joy. I know John will be missed. RIP, John. Hugs.

DEBBIE LALONDE, JULY 20, 2018

My heart goes out to the entire family. Please know he is no longer in pain and will be keeping his presence known to all who loved him.

LEWIS RITTER, JULY 20, 2018

Words cannot express how my heart bleeds to hear such tragic news. John was an amazing, inspiring, caring, funny, loving man. He brought so much joy to everyone's life. I will miss him terribly. May he rest in peace. Love - Robert

ROBERT PETERSON, JULY 20, 2018

Will miss your smile and laughter. Rest In Peace my friend.

DAVID HEARN, JULY 20, 2018

We will all miss John at the Frisco Rotary Farmers Market. I know he's up there in Heaven drinking a bottomless cup of coffee and eating his favorite Tacodeli breakfast burrito. Prayers to all of you left behind.

CINDY JOHNSON, JULY 20, 2018

I love you Uncle John and I can't wait till we are together again!!! The kids and I will miss you and I'm sorry that we didn't get to make it more to Dallas! You're so awesome!!! We love you!!!

ANDREA ENGLISH , JULY 20, 2018

We will miss John's bright eyes and smiling face. Our thoughts are with our friend Richard in his time of grief.

LYN AND RON JENNINGS, JULY 20, 2018

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