



"Nick" Gladys Nichols Williams

August 24, 1926 - September 27, 2023

Gladys Nichols "Nick" Williams

Nick Williams, 97 of Graceville, Florida went home to be with her Lord and Savior on September 27, 2023, at Shands Hospital. She was born in Dothan, Alabama on August 24, 1926, to Gladys and Colie Nichols.

She grew up in Graceville and was a graduate of Graceville High School with Salutatorian Honors. She attended and received her bachelor's degree in Math education from Florida State University in Tallahassee. She received her master's degree from both Florida State University and Troy University in Guidance and Counseling and Administration and Supervision. Her passion was teaching her students as exemplified by her 49-year career in education. She worked 24 years teaching at Graceville High School. She spent 25 years at the Jackson County School District Office working in Administration and Supervision, where she worked with education leaders from school districts all over Florida. Nick was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Education Honor Society and elected as an outstanding Woman of the Year at First United Methodist Church in Graceville. She was honored to be appointed to the Chipola College Board of Directors

She was proud to be elected as the first woman president of the Association of Student Services Administrators, member of the First United Methodist

Church of Graceville, Graceville Woman's Club, Graceville Garden Club, and winning at Bridge-a-rama and bridge clubs.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 37 years, Buddy Williams, five of her eight siblings Rheba, Annette, Shirley, Peggy, Diane, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Tootsie and Arthur Williams.

She is survived by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Lynn Williams Bennett and John Bennett, grandson John Williams "Will" Bennett, two brothers Colie "Sonny" Nichols, Jr. (Freida) Rex Nichols as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She loved passionately her family, friends, former students, and coworkers. She loved life and lived it to the fullest.

The time of visitation will be held Sunday, October 1, 2023, at the First United Methodist Church in Graceville, 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. (CDT), with the funeral to follow at 3 p.m. Burial will follow at the Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home directing.

Flowers will be accepted or those wishing can make memorials to the First United Methodist Church P.O. Box 376 Graceville, FL 32440 or to the Stop Children's Cancer 2622 NW 43rd Street, Suite B3 Gainesville, FL 32606.

Cemetery Details

Marvin Chapel Cemetery

1048 White Avenue
Graceville, FL 32440

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
1111 8th Avenue
Graceville, FL 32440

Service

OCT 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Nick was my boss at Jackson County School Board. She taught me so much! She was very proud of her work and rightly so. She loved her husband Buddy and especially Lynn! She was a kind and happy person. I could tell stories but there is not enough room. It saddens me to know she is gone but she lived her life well! Lynn my condolences!

Judy Branning - October 01, 2023 at 03:29 AM

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“ She was a special lady. Cheryl and I will never forget her kindness.

Rev.and Mrs. Dan Rhodes - September 30, 2023 at 10:59 AM

JH

“ Miss Nick was just special....no other words are needed. She and Mr. Buddy were good friends of my parents and I knew her before I got to Algebra 1. She struggled but she got me through it! She was kind, beautiful, smart...a great role model. My deepest sympathies to Lynn and her family.

Jane Campbell Hayes - September 30, 2023 at 08:46 AM

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“ I did not know Mrs Nick during my growing up years since I didn't grow up in Graceville. However I met her when I started teaching in Graceville in the mid 70's. . She was so kind and encouraging to me as a young teacher. I will never forget how she made me feel important. She was such a loving and classy lady and kindness just flowed freely from her heart. I will miss you Mrs Nick!

Shirley Owens - September 29, 2023 at 09:41 PM