



## Jewel Maxine Nichols

September 2, 1926 - October 26, 2020

Graveside services for Jewel Maxine Nichols will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 31, 2020, at the Alva Municipal Cemetery with Rev. Katie Hill officiating. Interment is under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Jewel Maxine Nichols, daughter of the late James Sylvester and Nita Jewel (Hightower) Hughes, was born September 2, 1926, in Holdenville, Oklahoma, and passed away October 26, 2020, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 94 years, 1 month, and 24 days.

In 1946, Maxine married Warren Elmer (Bud) Nichols at the Methodist Church in Edmond, Oklahoma. Following their marriage, they made their home in Edmond. She and Bud moved to Perry, Oklahoma in 1948. Bud taught Mathematics and coached all sports. Another move took them to Alva, Oklahoma in 1953.

Maxine received her Bachelor's Degree from Northwestern State College in 1960, majoring in Elementary Education and English. Her Master's Degree was obtained from Northwestern State College in Alva in 1966.

In her 30 years of teaching in Alva Public Schools, Maxine instructed hundreds of students as a Physical Education teacher and then as an English teacher. Many recall her as a strict but fair teacher. She would cringe

whenever she encountered grammatical errors, especially if a sentence was ended with a preposition! And don't forget to put two spaces between the end of a sentence and the beginning of the next! Maxine was a sponsor to the Student Council and Buggettes Pep Club. She was highly respected by her peers, parents and students. In 2018 Maxine was honored by Alva High School Foundation as a Distinguished Teacher, an award she valued highly. As an educator, Mrs. Nichols loved her job, truly loved her students and demanded the very best of her students and herself.

From the time of her retirement until the time of her passing, Jewel Maxine Hughes Nichols treasured the life God had blessed her. She enjoyed reading, playing bingo, and was a very serious lifelong bridge player. She was an intellectual at heart, enjoying activities that challenged her. Maxine had a soft and compassionate side to her. She would truly listen as you would pour out your heart. Maxine did not judge and it was not her way to speak ill of anyone.

Maxine felt like she had many children. She once said, "All of my friends died and left me their kids!" She claimed us all! Maxine Nichols was a Mom to a lot of us!

Maxine Nichols was a devoted wife to Warren "Bud" Nichols. In the words of Bud's mother, Ruth, they not only loved each other, they actually liked each other. Both Maxine and Bud were committed to the world of education. Bud died in 2012 and Maxine made her home at the Homestead Retirement Center and Share Nursing Home in Alva until her death.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters.

Maxine is survived by one sister-in-law and one brother-in-law, Harold and Connie Myers; numerous nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Share Convalescent Home Activity Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
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## Graveside service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jewel Maxine Nichols*

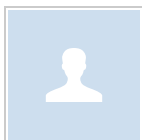
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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - November 14, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jewel Maxine Nichols.*



October 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Nichols was my English teacher at AHS my junior year in 1978-1979. She was strict, and I admit I was afraid of her!! However, she prepared me for a lifetime love of English and the ability to do well in all my future university courses. A few months ago, I began a program through the University of Washington to earn a certificate in Editing. Her teachings - from over 40 years ago - continue to impact me. I'm so grateful for her!! --- Tina (Woods) Parker*

**Tina Parker** - October 30, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jewel Maxine Nichols.*



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October 29, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ *I read all of the classic reads in her class and always looked forward to it, even if I hadn't completed the days reading. The desks arranged in a circle in her classroom were special and different. I learned my ability to “wing it” with her. That has made me a better nurse. I loved and appreciated Mrs. Nichols* ❤️

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**Kellie Dunkin** - October 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jewel Maxine Nichols.*



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October 28, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ *Virgil And Lavon Wiersig lit a candle in memory of Jewel Maxine Nichols*



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**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - October 28, 2020 at 05:19 PM

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“ *Natalie Case Gifford lit a candle in memory of Jewel Maxine Nichols*



Natalie Case Gifford - October 28, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Dale Vaughna Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Jewel Maxine Nichols*



Dale Vaughna Schmidt - October 28, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Joy Glass lit a candle in memory of Jewel Maxine Nichols*



Joy Glass - October 27, 2020 at 06:34 PM

JG

*Class of 1958: Mrs. Nichols will always be remembered for her wit and persistence for perfection in her classroom.*

Joy Glass - October 27, 2020 at 06:44 PM

IE

“ *One of my favorite teachers (and one reason for my English minor!). Rest in peace!*

Ida Evans - October 27, 2020 at 05:51 PM

JH

“ *Great teacher!*”



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**JANITA HOFEN** - October 27, 2020 at 03:54 PM