



Colleen Rea Nichols

September 19, 1944 - June 30, 2021

Colleen Nichols, 76, of Ruthven, formerly of Spirit Lake passed away on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at the Ruthven Community Care Center.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2021, at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Colleen was born on September 19, 1944, in Estherville, IA to Albert and Alice (Hartman) Kelly. She graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1962. She was united in marriage to Wayne Oliver Nichols on April 15, 1967 in Spirit Lake. He preceded her in death on May 2, 1984. She worked for many years as a 911 dispatcher for the Dickinson County Sheriff's Office. Colleen enjoyed her job here, and she was dedicated to working for the safety and well-being of her community.

In her free time, Colleen enjoyed collecting Teddy Bears, crocheting, sewing, quilting, tatting, completing puzzle books and brain teaser games. She also enjoyed watching the game show network. Colleen loved spending time with her two sons and their families, whether it was going out to eat or just enjoying a day together.

She is survived by her son Dale Nichols (Leann Gertsma) of Royal, IA;

daughter-in-law Tonya Nichols of Spencer, IA; sister Goldie Zens of New Richmond, WI; twin sister Charleen Enderson of Milford, IA; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Aaron Nichols, and a sister, Patricia Kelly.

Tribute Wall

NR

“ *Nancy Reiman lit a candle in memory of Colleen Rea Nichols*



Nancy Reiman - July 06, 2021 at 10:27 AM

BW

“ *Bev Sauer Wittler lit a candle in memory of Colleen Rea Nichols*



Bev Sauer Wittler - July 04, 2021 at 06:10 PM

PG

“ *Sympathy to Colleen's family from SLHS class of '62.*

Pamela Carlson Grems - July 04, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colleen Rea Nichols.*



July 04, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Colleen Rea Nichols.*



July 04, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Bob & Pat Clark*



Bob Clark - July 02, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ *My sympathy to Collen's family.*



Deb Wilcox - July 02, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of Colleen Rea Nichols*



Greg & Dee Baloun - July 02, 2021 at 11:02 AM

DR

“ *Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Colleen Rea Nichols*



Doug and Barb Ricke - July 02, 2021 at 05:22 AM

Jill
Floyd

“ *RIP Aunt Colleen* ❤️



Jill Floyd - July 02, 2021 at 12:31 AM

MF

“ *Mark & Sandy Fodness*



Mark & Sandy Fodness - July 01, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Colleen Rea Nichols.*



July 01, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Colleen Rea Nichols.*



July 01, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ *Deloures lit a candle in memory of Colleen Rea Nichols*



Deloures - July 01, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ *Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Colleen Rea Nichols*



Ray and Diane Tucker - July 01, 2021 at 07:46 PM