



D. Milton Nichols

October 5, 1935 - December 31, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Dutch Milton Nichols, 90, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2025. Friends are invited to a visitation with the family on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Maples Memorial United Methodist Church. A memorial service will follow at 6:00 p.m. A private burial will be held at Blocker Cemetery. Rev. Tom Buckley and Rev. Kerry Powell will officiate.

Mr. Nichols moved to Olive Branch, MS in 1945 and graduated from Olive Branch High School in 1953. He attended the University of Mississippi where he was a member of ATO fraternity and a Campus Senator. During the summer of 1955, he volunteered with the United States Forestry Service as a forest fire fighter in Oregon. He graduated from Ole Miss in 1957 with a B.A degree in Banking and Finance. After graduation, Mr. Nichols worked for the 1st National Bank in Memphis and then the United States Treasury Department where he was Assistant Comptroller of the Currency. During this period, he also enrolled in the Southern Law University program, affiliated with Memphis State University, receiving a law degree in 1962. After opening Olive Branch Insurance Company in 1968, Mr. Nichols made the decision to enter local Olive Branch politics and was first elected Alderman in 1973 and served until 1977. In 1977, he was elected Mayor of Olive Branch and continued

through five terms of service until 1997. During his tenure as Mayor, Mr. Nichols guided the City of Olive Branch through unprecedented growth and expansion. He was instrumental in the establishment of the City Park, acquisition of the Wesson House, and the Olive Branch Airport. He actively pursued any project or business, which could benefit the citizens of Olive Branch. He continued his public service in 2011 when he was elected to the Desoto County School Board representing District 1. Mr. Nichols remained a devoted member of the Board until 2023.

Mr. Nichols joined Maples Memorial United Methodist Church in 1957 and served on various committees, often a chairperson during his years of membership. He was a Mason, a Shriner, and a member of numerous clubs and civic organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, and Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies included painting, gardening, history and talking. He literally never met a stranger and always had a smile. He was generous, devoted to his family and friends, and unfailingly kind. He was a mentor to many and a friend to all.

Mr. Nichols was preceded in death by his parents, Vea and D. Frank Nichols; son, Keith Nichols and brothers, Harold Nichols and William Nichols.

He is survived by his wife, Dorgie Nichols of Olive Branch; daughter, Cindy White (Barry) of Germantown, TN; grandson, Rhett Armistead (Ginger) of Olive Branch; great-granddaughter, Emily Armistead of Olive Branch; sister, Sandra Shassere of Norris, TN and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to Maples Memorial United Methodist Church at (www.mapleschurch.org), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at (www.stjude.org) or to a charity of your choice.

In honor of his service to our great city, the City of Olive Branch flag will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Blocker Cemetery

9501 Pigeon Roost Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Maples Memorial United Methodist Church
8745 Goodman Rd.
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ Rhett, Wendy, Grayson, and Mia purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of D. Milton Nichols.



Rhett, Wendy, Grayson, and Mia - January 10 at 11:32 AM

AK

“ Avery & Sharon King lit a candle in memory of D. Nichols



Avery & Sharon King - January 06 at 07:38 PM

DO

“ David and Betty Olds purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of D. Milton Nichols.



David and Betty Olds - January 06 at 02:23 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of D. Milton Nichols.



January 06 at 01:06 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of D. Milton Nichols.*



January 06 at 12:32 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of D. Milton Nichols.*



January 06 at 10:29 AM



“ *Milton was one of the most caring individuals I knew and he was a true fixture in Olive Branch when Mayor and before. Praying for his family*

Dewayne Fesmire - January 05 at 06:11 PM



“ *One of the best friends I ever had. We didn't start out as friends but when we joined forces and Milton rocked DeSoto County. We both lost one of own with Al Gilless and we both just wept. If he was a friend it was for life. Heaven is having the best time with all the folks he hasn't seen in a while. Tell Al your brothers and all your family hello for me. Love You My Friend! Bryan*

Bryan Shaver - January 05 at 04:41 PM

SF

“ *Signature Flooring purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of D. Milton Nichols.*



Signature Flooring - January 05 at 02:23 PM

PE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Milton,s Family*

Pat Young Evans - January 05 at 12:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of D. Milton Nichols.*



January 05 at 11:18 AM

LW

“ *Your life was a blessing,your memory a treasure.You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure, Leslie Williams and family*

Leslie Williams - January 04 at 08:24 AM

LW

“ *Leslie Williams lit a candle in memory of D. Nichols*



Leslie Williams - January 03 at 08:23 PM

AP

“ *Anna Zujkowski, (Culpepper Place) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of D. Milton Nichols.*



Anna Zujkowski, (Culpepper Place) - January 01 at 08:06 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Karen Hunt lit a candle in memory of D. Nichols*



Bob & Karen Hunt - January 01 at 02:57 PM