



Miriam "Mim" Nichols

August 6, 1923 - June 19, 2012

Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, Miriam "Mim" Nichols, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, age 88. Mim, a lifelong resident of West Hartford, will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Mim was born in Canton, OH, August 6, 1923, to John Waters and Josephine Kaufmann. She and her sister Helen moved with their parents to West Hartford when she was 9 years old and she graduated from Hall High School in 1941. Mim was a cheerleader at Hall High School, where she was also voted the most popular girl in her class. She then attended the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

Mim married J. George Schilke, Jr. in 1946. They were married for 37 years and were the parents of Joyce, Gail and Donna Schilke. During her life, Mim worked at the YWCA in West Hartford and was a proud member of The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, as well as an enthusiastic dancer with Helyn Flanagan's adult women's tap class, the Sophisticated Ladies, until she was 86. Widowed in 1983, Mim married her beloved second husband, Robert "Bob" Nichols in 1989 and they happily traveled the world together until his death in 1998. Mim became a stepmother and grandmother to Bob's adult children Paul, Stephanie, Stodd and Zannah and their children.

Mim moved into The McAuley in 2009 after living for 60 years on Linbrook Rd. She is survived by her three daughters, Joyce Cohen and her husband, Charles Morey of UT /NYC and their son, Will Morey of Los Angeles; Gail

Schilke of Sarasota, FL and Donna Schilke of CT/PA and her children Rebekah, Gabriel and Joseph Castagno and her granddaughter Ariela Castagno.

Mim Nichols' family would like to express their appreciation to the nursing staff at The McAuley, to McLean Hospice and to her end-of-life caretaker, Gloria Sampson. Although Mim will be greatly missed by all who loved this most gracious lady, she has left behind a legacy of inspiration that will live on in the lives of all she touched. A memorial service will be held Monday, June 25, 2012 at the McAuley, 275 Steele Rd. Building A, at 1:00 p.m. Please note, due to construction, parking with shuttle service will be available in the lot behind Mercyknoll at 243 Steele Rd. West Hartford. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army Southern New England Division, 855 Asylum Ave. Hartford, CT, 06105 attn: Donations. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

McAuley
275 Steele Rd. Building A
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

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“ To Joyce, Gail and Donna; my sympathy to you and your families. I'm sorry I was unable to attend the memorial service yesterday.
Chuck Roberts

Chuck Roberts - June 26, 2012 at 04:19 PM

GD

“ To all the members of the Shilke and Nichols Families

It was with sadness that we learned of Mim's passing, and we are thinking of you at this time of your great loss. Mim's outgoing personality, involvement in the community, her peppy spirit and many friends will be her legacy. To live forever in the hearts of her family and those she's left behind is not to die. We all are better for having known Mim, a loyal Hall High School graduate!!

With sincere sympathy,

Gladys and Bob Dunn, Former William H. Hall High School Principal

Gladys and Robert E. Dunn - June 23, 2012 at 09:01 PM

SF

“ Dear, Mim - such a good friend to all the Fays - especially Mom (Dee). I am so grateful that I had a chance to visit with her in March. I will always remember her laugh, her friendly ways and her "youthfulness" - yes, even at 88!
My sympathies to all her family on your loss.

Susan Fay-Wilcox - June 23, 2012 at 12:59 PM

MF

“ I will always remember Mim for her fun spirit! Lunch with Mim and my mom (Dee) was filled with stories of music in the park, parades, dinners and friends, friends, friends! My thoughts are with you all.
Mary Lee Fay

Mary Lee Fay - June 23, 2012 at 11:50 AM