



## Elbert Keith Nichols

March 25, 1941 - June 16, 2017

Elbert Keith Nichols, 76, of Bloomfield, passed away Friday, June 16, 2017 at IU Health Bloomington Hospice House. He was born on March 25, 1941 in Monroe County, the son of Elbert I. and Fonnies G. (Timmons) Nichols.

Keith was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in March of 1964. In October of that year, he married Joyce (Ferguson) Nichols, and they shared 52 years of marriage together. Keith began his career as a journeyman iron worker, and went on to become a mechanic and radiator repairman. He was a Master Mechanic for three coal mines, and owned his own repair shop, helping anyone day or night.

Keith was a member of Masonic Lodge #84 in Bloomfield, and was an avid race fan. He enjoyed both watching and participating. Keith will be remembered as a selfless and giving man whose main joy in life was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Keith is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joyce Nichols; sons, Kevin (Cathy) Turpin, Richard (Brenda) Nichols, Jim (Andrea) Nichols, and Joe (Tina) Nichols; many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Mike Nichols, and sister, Jeannie Nichols.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Dickie Nichols, one

grandchild, and many other family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Burial will follow at South Union Christian Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017 at the funeral home. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Keith's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

SW

“ I know it's been a long time and I am not even sure you can remember me. I lost my daddy over a year ago. He was good friends with Keith. I still remember going to the drag strip and riding my bike pretending I was a dragster. I was only 3 or 4 at the time but I remember it clear as day. If my dad Keith Spurlock was never friends with your Keith I would never have those memories. Mom said I only remember the time cause I had a crush on one of the sons. Sorry I don't remember that. I even remember the time he had the accident with the radiator. We went there shortly after but that was the last time I seen him. I think it really sticks out in my mind because Mom and Dad were preparing me for what I might see. I hope your family is doing well. Just thought I would leave this message to let you know I was wondering about your family.

Shannon (Spurlock) Werne - September 12, 2023 at 04:32 PM

PS

“ Joyce and family. I just got the paper and read of Keith's passing. I'm so sorry I didn't know, I would be been there. Prayers for you all. Love penny

Penny P Smiddie - June 20, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Elbert Keith Nichols.



June 19, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Elbert Keith Nichols.*



June 19, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Elbert Keith Nichols.*



June 19, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Elbert Keith Nichols.*



June 19, 2017 at 09:00 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Elbert Keith Nichols.*



June 19, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elbert Keith Nichols.*



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June 19, 2017 at 06:52 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Elbert Keith Nichols.*



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June 18, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Keith as he was in this picture. I can still see him sitting in the front porch swing laughing and joking with daddy. I am sorry that I can not be at the funeral home, you all will be close in my heart, thoughts, and prayers. May God ease your pain and bring comfort to you in this most difficult time.*



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**Irene Frye Griffin Peck** - June 18, 2017 at 04:15 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elbert Keith Nichols.*



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June 18, 2017 at 12:46 PM

JD

“ Keith will surely be missed. Danny and I always enjoyed going over and talking to him when we came to visit!

Janice and Danny - June 18, 2017 at 11:30 AM

SS

“ Steve and Donna (Fleener) Shaw purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Elbert Keith Nichols.



Steve and Donna (Fleener) Shaw - June 18, 2017 at 11:00 AM

DS

“ Keith was one of those fun cousins. He always had a smile and a laugh. I remember him from our very younger years and it was always a fun time to be around him.  
I am so sorry for your loss.

Donna Shaw (Fleener)

Donna Shaw - June 18, 2017 at 10:08 AM

AR

“ Our deepest sympathy from Alvin Roberts and family.

Alvin Roberts - June 17, 2017 at 08:45 PM

TW

“ Joyce, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Keith. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family during this difficult time. Terri Wilson

Terri Wilson - June 17, 2017 at 04:29 PM

ME

*Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers are with you all. May God's peace be with you. Lonnie, Michelle, Dylan, Dane, and Caitlin Emmons*

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**Michelle Emmons** - June 20, 2017 at 11:41 AM