



Mary Joan Nichols

December 30, 1919 - February 10, 2013

Mary Joan Nichols age 93 of Bloomington passed away Sunday morning February 10, 2013 at the Meadowood Health Pavilion. She was born in Lagrange County Indiana on December 30, 191 to Floyd and Bertha Plank Bolley.

Mary Jo and her late husband Leonard moved to Bloomington in the early 1960's when she went to work as a executive secretary to the President of the Indiana University Foundation, Bill Armstrong.

While in the Memorial Union Offices of the Foundation Mary Jo took every opportunity she could to meet and get to know various Indiana University students. She was a wonderful conversationalist and listener. After working for the Foundation Mary Jo went on to work with the Athletic Department where she developed a deep and abiding passion and appreciation of Indiana University basketball, often attending practices in Assembly Hall.

Mary Jo leaves behind two nieces Susan Summers of Pennsylvania, and Mary Dechant of Greece. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Leonard "Nick" Nichols.

Mary Jo's cremated remains will be laid to rest next to her husband in Brighton, Indiana.

Allen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Jo took me under her wing when she worked at the Athletic Department for Ralph Floyd, the Athletic Director at the time. She was a delight to be around, was fantastic with people, had the ability to adapt to any situation, and was always wearing a smile on her face. If you had a problem, she was the "go-to" person. She handled every situation with grace, and was an inspiration to all of us who worked with her -- she will be remembered with such fondness. Mary Jo, thank you for who you were - a person who cared for people and showed it.*

Nancy Wilson - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

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“*Thoughts and Prayers for the family of Mary Nichols. I was with Mary as she moved on to the other side. She went in her sleep peacefully. I already miss her dearly.*

Darla Burress - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

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“*Having just retired from the IU Foundation, I worked with Mary Jo when she was on staff. Mary Jo was one of the nicest ladies I ever met. She was sorely missed when she left. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Karen E. Cain - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM