



## Maxine Doris Nichols

September 18, 1929 - February 8, 2026

Maxine Doris (Deckard) Nichols, age 96, passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, February 8, 2026, in Danville, IN. She was born in Bloomington, IN, on September 18, 1929, to Myrtle and Robert Deckard. Maxine grew up on Snoddy Road in Bloomington; she was one of eight children. She graduated from University High School in 1948. Maxine met the love of her life, Edgar “Ed” Nichols, while in school and married after two years of dating. They were together until his passing on August 17, 1986. Maxine loved sewing for her family. She and Ed enjoyed traveling. They made several cross-country trips by motorcycle and in their travel trailer. Maxine loved spending time with her family and especially enjoyed creating and placing memorial flowers with her sisters.

Survivors include her daughter, Jean Murden; daughter-in-law, Katie Nichols; grandchildren, Sarah Loya and Rachel (Jonathan) Montgomery; great grandchildren, Miranda Montgomery, Matthew Montgomery, Andrew Loya, and Rex Loya; brother, Richard (Rose) Deckard; and many nieces and nephews.

Maxine was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edgar “Ed” Nichols; her son, Edgar Nichols Jr.; son-in-law Curtis L Murden; great grandchild, Luke Loya; and siblings, Mary Vesta (Bill) McHaffey, Maggie Marie (George) Clark, Mildred Loudean (Dave) McGrew, Martha Lou (Wes) Bruner, Laura Mae (Paul) Harding, and Mitchell “Bud’ Deckard.

A visitation will be held at Allen Funeral Home (4155 S. Old State Road 37,

Bloomington, IN 47401) on Saturday, February 14, 2026, from 11am-12pm with a funeral service at noon with Pastor Jeff Gammon officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Maxine was one the best Aunts a guy like me could have. She never missed a birthday card or a little short note of encouragement. My best memories of has today Christmas time, she always with out failere give me gifts of her homemade candies. Her chocolate coverd cherries were my favorite. She had a smile that was always there and always made you feel welcomed. Love you Aunt Maxine , say hi to Uncle Eddie, Grandma and Grandpa for me.

*Love your Nephew,  
Randy*

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**Randal Martin** - February 11 at 03:38 PM

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“ Jeannie,  
So sorry for the loss of your mother.  
Linda Deckard Reeves

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**LLinda Deckard ReevesLLinda** - February 11 at 11:22 AM