



## Marilyn Winifred Nichols

April 21, 1934 - February 16, 2021

Marilyn Winifred Nichols, 86, of New Castle, formerly of Connersville, passed away on the morning of Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Henry Community Health.

She was born on April 21, 1934 in Connersville, a daughter of the late Paul and Edna (Jones) Nichols.

Marilyn graduated in 1952 from Connersville High School and later attended Indiana University Training School for Nurses from 1952 – 1954. She worked at the offices of Dr. J. G. Bledsoe and Dr. Ray McKee as well as the New Castle State Hospital and Henry County Memorial Hospital. Marilyn enrolled in courses for Dietary Management and worked for Lincoln Manor and later Heritage House as Dietary Manager before retiring in 2004. She was also an accomplished seamstress and co-owned and operated the “Sewin Shack” in Connersville with her daughter, Dorthea. She also taught upholstery classes at New Castle Vocational School and Ivy Tech in Knightstown and Muncie. Marilyn enjoyed making memory bears and her time as a 4-H leader in Henry County and as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Debra (Michael) Callaway, Diana Rose, Darlene (Rick) Manthei, Dorthea (Ryan) Stephen and Brian (Kim) Davis; grandchildren, Jeremy Callaway, Christopher (Christa)

Callaway, Amanda (Ferry) Netler, Shannon Bernhardt, Kimberly Campbell, Winifred Bray, John Paul Stotler, Ashley (Drew) Gragg, Toni Stephen, April (Curtis) Earlywine, Shea Sample, Dustin (Marie) Davis; great-grandchildren, James, Christopher, Kagan, Adaline and Garner Callaway, Kees and Annika Netler, Anna and Ellie Bernhardt, Alexander Bray, Grant Davis, John Luke Stotler, Nicholai, Serenity, Jacob and Jace Gragg, Colin Green, Harper Sizemore, Averyann Earlywine, Elijah, Finley, Madox, Ellie and Cameron; a brother, Stanley Nichols and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Nichols.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, February 19, 2021 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. Burial will follow at South Mound West Lawn Addition.

Friends may visit from 12 – 2 pm prior to the service.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Marilyn Nichols.

# Cemetery Details

## South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - February 19, 2021 at 09:49 AM



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - February 19, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Winifred Nichols.*



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February 19, 2021 at 07:37 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marilyn Winifred Nichols.*



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February 18, 2021 at 11:45 AM

MR

“ With your Mom’s guidance and instruction I learned how to sew during my years in 4 H. I spent many hours at your house with your Mom helping me every step of the way. It was because of her that I did manage to earn a couple of Blue ribbons in the sewing category and made it to the State competition my final year. To this day I still have a couple of items that she helped me make over 50 years ago. Mike, my husband of 47 years recalls the hours that he waited for me on your Mom’s front porch. We had just started dating and I would be inside receiving my sewing lesson from your Mom. True love. Lol

She was a very special woman that was responsible for some of my special childhood memories.

We are very sorry for your loss and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this time

Sincerely,  
Marla (Adams) Rinberger  
Lafayette, Louisiana

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**Marla Rinberger** - February 17, 2021 at 09:41 AM

DM

Thank you Marla! She loved 4-H time , helping with sewing and if she didn't like what she saw....TAKE IT OUT 😊. Baking all the the different foods together was also fun while listening to the radio and naming that tune to win prizes! Those were the days! She loved those times!

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**Darlene Manthei** - February 21, 2021 at 04:57 PM

AC

“ I have such fond memories of Marilyn. I loved helping her in the kitchen. My favorite memory was when Diane and I dressed up for Halloween. I grabbed her and didn't know who we were. RIP



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**Allen Campbell** - February 16, 2021 at 07:28 PM