



## Stella Maye Nicholas

July 3, 1942 - July 11, 2011

Stella Maye (Claywell) Nicholas, 69, of New Castle, passed away Monday, July 11, 2011 in her home following a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

She was born July 3, 1942 in Aaron, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Jessie E. and Ella (Witham) Claywell.

Stella married Donald A. Nicholas on November 22, 1963. She was a member of the Greensboro Order of the Eastern Star for 36 years and was Past Worthy Matron in 1980 and Past District Deputy #12 in 1982. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, her dog, Duchess, spending time with beloved husband and soulmate, her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Donald A. Nicholas; three children, Jessie D. (wife: Lee) Nicholas of New Castle, Donald E. (wife: Chris) Nicholas of New Castle and Mariella (husband: Donnie) Worthman of Cicero; 12 grandchildren, Samantha, Jessalyn and Jacqueline Nicholas, Cody and Nathan Nicholas and R.J. Fellers all of New Castle, Abigail Nicholas of Greenfield, Eryn Purkey, Ciara and Jacob Burns of Cicero, Elizabeth Jane Miller of Anderson and Joseph Worthman of Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan; three great-grandchildren, Ethyn and Caden Huffman and Michael "Boo Boo" Hatcher III; a sister, Carol Stigall of New Castle; a sister-in-law, Shirley Claywell of Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Virginia Sturgell and Glenna Makela and a brother, Robert Claywell.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2011 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Donald Silvers officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with an Eastern Star Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m.

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

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Stella Nicholas.

# Tribute Wall

GK

“ We hope our plant arrived in time for the funeral service. We wish we could be there with you all. We hope Donald, Jesse, Donnie, and Mariella are all holding each other up. Hope to hear from you soon and we will be in touch.

Geneva and Ed Keith - July 16, 2011 at 02:33 PM

AL

“ Deepest sympathy goes out to your entire family.

Amy Legler - July 13, 2011 at 06:07 PM

DR

“ Jess, Lee and family ~  
Andrea, Kaylea and I will be thinking of you, just keep all the great times you all had with her! We would be there if we could. We love you!!  
Darla, Andrea and Kaylea Raines

Darla Raines - July 13, 2011 at 12:27 PM

DW

“ Stella was a wonderful lady. She will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God bless you and carry you through this time of loss.  
Marie and Dave Wheeler

Dave and Marie Wheeler - July 12, 2011 at 10:12 PM

BB

“ Dear Don, Carol and family, I am so sorry to hear of Stella's passing I'm sure she will be missed by all. I have many fond memories of her while we were growing up. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With love your cousin, Barb.

Barbara Brown - July 12, 2011 at 03:17 PM

SM

“ My best wishes to the family. Stella was a good friend and I am grateful to have known her. You will still be with the family because you will be watching down on them.

Stephanie Matzenbacher - July 12, 2011 at 09:28 AM

MT

“ We were so very saddened by the news of Stella's passing. Mother and dad have recently returned from a trip to Tennessee and Kentucky, but were unable to travel as far as Indiana on this trip due to a minor fall in the Houston airport that resulted in mother needing sutures in her arm before going on to Nashville. Stella had such a marvelous personality and I regret we were not able to spend more time with you all. God bless you all and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

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**Marcia (Keith) Turnipseed** - July 11, 2011 at 10:39 PM