



## Irma "Pat" Nichols

October 6, 1915 - October 13, 2017

Irma "Pat" Nichols, 102, of Grand Island, formerly of Cleveland, OH, entered her heavenly home on Friday, October 13, 2017.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Bickford Cottage, 3285 Woodridge Blvd., Grand Island. A gathering of family and friends will be from 1:00 until service time. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Pat was born October, 6, 1915 in Prospect, Ohio, the daughter of Harry and Mabel (Jones) Lodwig. She grew up and received her education in Prospect. Throughout high school, Pat played the piano for school and sang and acted in school operettas. She earned her nickname, Pat, from playing the character in "The Wild Oats Boy." She also perfected her hymn-playing techniques by playing piano in church in her hometown of Prospect. Pat went on to continue her education at business school.

On August 27, 1939 Pat was united in marriage to E. William "Bill" Nichols. After their marriage, Pat and Bill traveled the United States, eventually making a permanent home in Cleveland. There they raised their two daughters and were heavily involved in church activities. Pat became the church organist, a career spanning 50 years, at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Parma, OH. She truly enjoyed learning to operate the pipe organ and playing for hundreds of church services, weddings, funerals and choir cantatas.

A most important legacy was taking the family on annual summer camping trips through the U.S. All 48 contiguous states were explored from 1960 to

1970. These trips resulted in her daughters' love of traveling.

Special gratitude goes to her friends at Regency Retirement and Bickford Cottage Assisted Living who made Pat feel at home in Grand Island for the past 11 years. Everyone enjoyed Pat's playing the piano and her music has blessed these friends. She became involved in her new community by joining Newcomers and More and also enjoyed the musical performances put on by the local high schools and the Grand Island Concert Association.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters, Linda (John) Dahlstrom of Grand Island and Nanci (Mark) Arnold of Chicago; grandchildren, Robert Dahlstrom of Grand Island, Randy (Jenny) Dahlstrom of Lincoln and Share (Robert) Williams of Wood River; great-grandchildren, Madison Dahlstrom, Joseph Dahlstrom, Samuel Williams and Alexandria Kruger; and nieces and nephews, Sondra (Michael) Rayke of Columbus OH, John (Joyce) Toms of Venice Beach, FL and Rick (Jo) Toms of Houston, TX. She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill"; sister, Margaret Toms and niece, Lorelee Miller.

Memorials are suggested to Samaritan's Purse ([samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org)) or Grand Island Concert Association.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

OCT **15**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Bickford Cottage

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bickford Cottage

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irma "Pat" Nichols*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM

JD

“ An Ode to Pat

*The Key Board is silent  
The Organ won't play  
Pat's a beautiful person  
We'll miss everyday*

*The Lord is my Shepherd  
He showed her the way  
That led to the Church  
Where she so Loved to play*

*Pat's wonderful music  
The talent she loved  
Brought us GOD's Music  
From Heaven above*

*She raised two great Daughters  
She loved very much  
Which gave her great Joy  
And a motherly touch*

*Her marriage long lasted  
A Husband beloved  
Who gave her the family  
She thanked God above*

*Everyone who knew her  
Were grateful indeed  
Because they were welcomed  
By the joy of her seed*

*God, thank you for bringing  
Your Pat to our lives  
It has made the world brighter*

*A pathway and Guide*

*God Bless you and keep you  
We'll miss you a lot  
Touch of heaven on earth  
That won't be forgot*

*Jim Dahlstrom*

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**Jim Dahlstrom** - October 14, 2017 at 01:04 PM

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*Thank you, Jim. We know this comes directly from your loving heart.*

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**Linda Dahlstrom** - November 25, 2017 at 03:55 PM

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**Jim dahlstrom** - October 14, 2017 at 11:33 AM