



## Melba Jean Nichols

February 8, 1938 - November 2, 2024

Melba Jean Nichols 86 of Foley Alabama, formerly of Russellville Alabama passed away peacefully after a 8 year long battle with dementia. She was born Feb 2, 1938, in Haleyville Alabama to parents Elmer and Minnie Hooker. She was preceded in death by her husband John E Nichols, her parents, brothers Bill Hooker and Jack Hooker, sisters Mary Colburn and Doris Baker. She is survived by her daughter Becky and (Gary Pennington) of Foley Alabama, grandson Austin Darling of Russellville Alabama. Granddaughters Michelle Gibson of Sarasota Fl, Tina Pennington of Peoria IL, Tami Pennington of Foley Al, and Rachel Pennington of Sarasota Fl. Six great grandchildren Austin, Hunter, Tyler, Annika, Allison and Thomas. Surviving sisters Marie Mason of Columbia South Carolina, Brenda Bates of Sheffield Alabama and brother Robert Hooker of Haleyville Alabama. A host of nieces and nephews.

She loved her life as a military wife, she was a great bowler, loved traveling and she loved her family. After retirement from military life they settled in Russellville where she worked for The Franklin County Times a few years. The visitation will be 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 8, 2024, @ Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Brother Lloyd Ray Griffus will officiate the service. She will be entombed in the Winston Memorial Garden Mausoleum in Haleyville, AL. The pallbearers will be Clay McNatt, Levi McNatt, Drew Nix, Steve McDonald and Ricky Bates Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Spry Memorial Chapel  
907 South Jackson Avenue  
Russellville, AL 35653  
(256) 332-1122  
sprymemorialchapel@yahoo.com

## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I won't forget seeing her for the 1st time in years at Brentwood Retirement. I know she didn't remember me but she loved the music Mike & I sang ❤️❤️❤️❤️ RIP sweetie 🙏🙏

Diane King - November 06, 2024 at 11:02 AM

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“ Becky and Austin, Prayers for each of you during this sad time. Jean was a lovely lady and caring neighbor. I was blessed by knowing her. Betty Sparks

Betty Sparks - November 05, 2024 at 10:10 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy, Becky, to you and your family! My thoughts and prayers will be with you today and always. Hugs, my friend!! 🙏  
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Darlene Smith - November 04, 2024 at 03:04 PM