

Dr. Charles Edwin (Chugger) Nichols, 81, of Mountain Home, Arkansas, formerly of Clarinda entered into peace on Monday, October 4, 2021. Memorials are being directed to the Dr. Charles and Sharon Nichols Scholarship Fund.

Chugger was born April 7, 1940 to Ruth (Hillyer) Nichols and Claude Nichols in Clarinda, Iowa. Chugger graduated from Clarinda High School in the class of 1958, and on August 15, 1960 he married Sharon (Williams) Nichols. Chugger attended the University of Iowa where he was a proud member of Sigma Chi fraternity and went on to the Illinois Institute of Optometry in Chicago to complete his doctorate in Optometry. After beginning his career in Maryville, Missouri, Chugger and Sharon relocated to Clarinda where he practiced optometry with his father on the NE side of the square until his retirement in 1995.

Chugger enjoyed traveling with his wife, Sharon, having taken many trips to Europe with close friends and associates. Most recently, Chugger traveled to Italy to enjoy the Amalfi Coast. Chugger was also an avid golfer and was often prodded by his friends for his inability to get a hole-in-one on his home course in Clarinda while others were able to do so on an annual basis. All of that changed one summer, upon retiring to Florida where he gathered 3 holes-in-one in a single summer. All told, Chugger amassed 5 aces.

Chugger was also an avid hunter, often spending the late fall and winter months hunting pheasant, quail and occasionally turkey. On one such turkey hunting excursion, Chugger was able to put 3 shotgun rounds into a turkey he had called, only to have the turkey look at him and walk off. Witnesses of this event paid tribute to this event by mounting a turkey claw on a plaque.

To his union with Sharon were born three children – Jennifer Reed of Clarinda, Iowa, Chuck Nichols of Nixa, Missouri and Tim Nichols of Ankeny, Iowa.

Preceding Chugger in death were his parents, Ruth and Claude Nichols. Left to cherish his memory are his children, Jennifer and Todd Reed, Chuck and Felicia Nichols, Tim Nichols and Katy Wiest; and sisters, Alice (Penny) Chupp and Corrine Johnson. Chugger and Sharon also have eight grandchildren, Michaela Biggart and husband Justin, USMC LCpl. Shane Reed and wife Julia, Hannah Reed, Morgan Nichols, Colin Nichols, Ryan Nichols, Maison Nichols, Haedon Nichols; and four great-grandchildren, Ellie and Jaxon Biggart and Wesley and Aurora Reed; other relatives; and many friends.

In
Loving Memory

Dr. Charles E. (Chugger) Nichols

April 7, 1940 ~ October 4, 2021

81 years, 5 months, 27 days

Celebration of Life Memorial Graveside Service

11:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Words of Comfort

Todd Reed

Honorary Pallbearers

Justin Biggart
Shane Reed
Ryan Nichols
Colin Nichols
Wesley Reed
Jaxon Biggart

Place of Rest

Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorial

Dr. Charles and Sharon Nichols Scholarship Fund

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

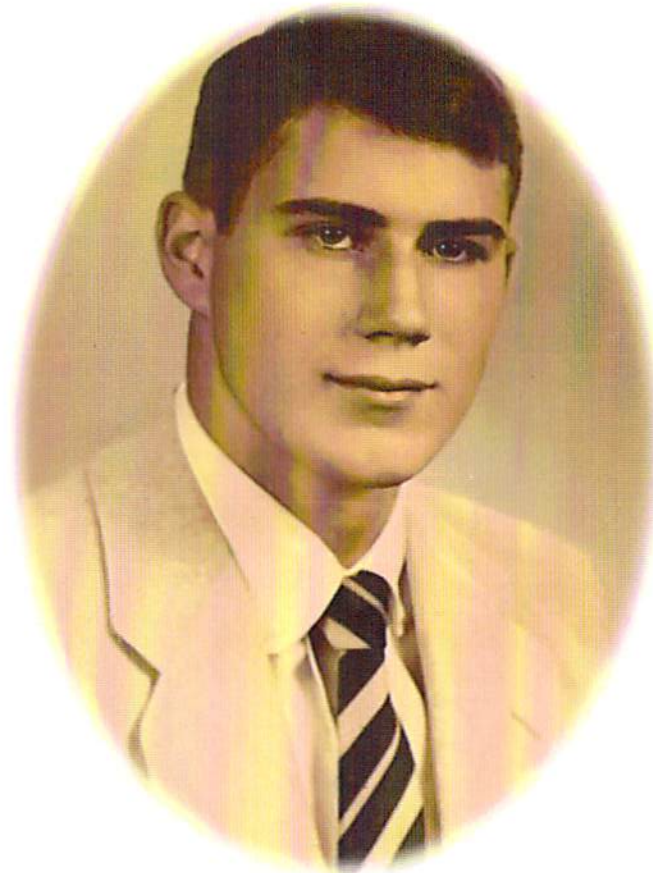
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23



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