



Sophia Nichols

October 30, 1920 - January 12, 2011

Funeral services for Sophia Nichols, 90, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 15, 2011 at First Baptist Church. The Rev. Ryan Goodroe and the Rev. Charles Roberts will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Saturday from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service in the Family Life Center.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 104 East Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Ms. Nichols died Wednesday, January 12, 2011. Born in Darlington Co., SC, she was a daughter of the late Steele and Christalena Dennon Nichols. She was a graduate of Winthrop College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She was employed by Sonoco Products Company, and later answered a call to the mission field, serving as a missionary for 43 years in Brazil and served many years as the executive director of Brazil's WMU. Shortly before retirement, she authored a daily devotional publication written in Portuguese.

She was a member of First Baptist Church where she served many years as a Sunday school teacher, and as a co-chairman of the Missions Bazaar. She was also involved in the Prayer Room ministry and the Shut-In ministry. Surviving are her sister-in-law, Betty Jo Nichols of Hartsville, SC; nephews, John (Elaine) Nichols of Hartsville, SC, Zack "Nicky" (Cindy) Nichols of Big Pine Key, FL; niece, Kris (Jerry) Johnson of Midlothian, VA. She was predeceased by brothers, John, George and Zack.

Tribute Wall



“ My parents were in church and school with her. I grew up hearing and respecting her. As an adult I came to know and talk to her personally. She warmed my heart every time that I heard her and saw her. I wish that my NC church had a regular visiting missionary that my grandchildren could learn to know and respect as I did with Miss Sophia Nichols. May God comfort you with her passing. Becky##imported-begin##Becky Wadsworth Walker##imported-end##

January 16, 2011 at 11:38 AM



“ We have known Dorine Hawkins Stewart since 1939, and through her we met Sophia, and learned to love her for her love of the Lord and for her love of missions. we had a good visit when she came for Dorine's 90th birthday party, which was also Buford's 95th. She always had a sweet smile, and a love for others.##imported-begin##Ruth Maddox, daughter of Mrs. L. W. Anderson##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 04:16 PM



“ To all she was a caring friend, an inspiring Bible teacher, an able administrator, a true missionary, and Sophia Nichols was called of God, responsive to that call, faithful and committed to HIM. It was a joy to know her, serve with her, and so very easy to know she lives forever. Perhaps as she heard, "Well done good and faithful servant", she breathed a prayer for this world--for you and the rest of us.##imported-begin##Sue and Henry Stanford##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 10:40 AM



“ We send our condolences to Sofia's family this morning as we join many who worked with her. She was indeed one of God's chosen and always did everything with such ease and dignity. Sophia was loved by missionaries and Brasilians alike as she treated everyone the same . . . And always radiated the love of God.##imported-begin##Margie and Bob Hampton##imported-end##

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“ Remembering a lovely, gentle Christian lady, missionary par excellence, always revealing remarkable resilience during difficult days, with a contagious sense of humor, endearing herself to hosts of dear friends and acquaintances on two continents,

*Pastor and Mrs. Robert F. Gabriel,
Missionaries Emeriti,
International Mission Board,
Southern Baptist Convention##imported-begin##Pastor Robert F. Gabriel##imported-end##*

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“ Sophia was a very special friend & mentor. I guess our South Carolina ties bound us together. She was a tremendous example of a Christlike lady.
Praying for all of her family and friends. God bless each one.
Rita Roberts##imported-begin##Rita Roberts##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 08:31 AM



“ Nichols Family,
We were saddened to learn of Mrs. Sophie's demise. We know you have many precious memories of her and we will be praying God will comfort you during this difficult time. We know her presence will truly be missed by many.
Sincerely,
Mary Frances and Linda##imported-begin##Mary Stewart and Linda Knorr##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 04:51 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Miss Sophia's passing. Her Christian influence has been felt in many parts of our world. She was a shining witness. She was so good to my parents, especially Mother, and I enjoyed many visits in her Sunday School class. Hartsville and FBC will miss her greatly, but oh, what a great reunion she has now experienced!##imported-begin##Peggy Timmerman Carter##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 03:27 PM



“ Sophia Nichols was a very wonderful person, as well as a Missionary for years. She truly was dedicated to doing God's work. She will really be missed.
Her last breath on this earth. will be her first breath in heaven. May God be with her family during this time.##imported-begin##Sarah Mobley##imported-end##

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“ Our Prayers are with the Nichols family. She was such a tremendous Christian Lady and touched so many lives. She will be missed by everyone.##imported-begin##Tommy and Deb Pennington Keith##imported-end##

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“ Sophia Nichols was a Christian missionary who lived her faith and set an outstanding example of a life committed to her Savior Jesus Christ. She served Him by serving her fellow man. She was loved by all who knew her. We are blessed to have known her.##imported-begin##Susan Reynolds##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 11:24 PM