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**Homegoing Celebration  
For  
Willie J. Nichols  
"Nick the Barber"**



**Sunrise**  
January 1, 1932

**Sunset**  
November 17, 2004

**Tuesday ~ November 23, 2004**  
Wake 10:00 a.m.      Funeral 11:00 a.m.

**New Hope Baptist Church  
543 Richmond Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222**

**Reverend Herchel Chapman, Jr., Pastor  
Officiating**

## ***Willie James Nichols***

Willie James Nichols born to Willie Nichols and Fannie Nobles Nichols in North Augusta, South Carolina on January 1, 1932, went home to be with the Lord on November 17, 2004.

He was a pillar in the community and among his peers and often wore many hats; Decorated Korean War Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient, Master Barber, Community Leader, U.S. Army Retention NCO and Retired Public Safety Officer from the University at Buffalo. He was a true hero to so many.

No one was a stranger to him. He could converse and relate to people from every walk of life and could cause them to smile as they went on their way. His heroic service and dedication to the U.S. Military will be forgotten nor his sacrifices in the infantry during the Korean War. As a Barber, first at the VA, then in his business, "Humboldt and Delavan Barbershop", he was known as "Nick the Barber", who would also make house calls on his elderly or homebound customers. Cherished for his leadership abilities, he was able to galvanize an entire eastside Buffalo community during the turbulent 1960's. He founded and forged a community organization (Humboldt and Delavan Community Interest League--HADCIL) so strong, that its legacy still exists today as the respected, Hamlin Park Taxpayers Association. As a Law Enforcement Officer he trained with Buffalo's K-9 Unit. He always enjoyed working with his Fellow Officers to provide safety and protection to those on UB'S campus until his retirement in 1991.

Willie was survived by his wife, Maggie Carter Nichols, their four children, Judge Katie Nichols Harrod, Esq. (Jerome), Alfred S. Nichols, Thomas J. Nichols (Marcella) of Buffalo, NY and Dr. Arlene Nichols Miller, MD (Charles) of Whitsett, NC; and his sons, Brandon Hall and Troy Hall.

He also leaves to cherish his memory four grandchildren; Paul A. Harrod (19), Shayla L. Harrod (18), Sara E. Harrod (10), Charlene N. Miller (13), one brother, Tommie Nichols, three sisters, Louise Baskett (Frank), Fannie Julia Blanchard, all from North Augusta, SC and Estelle Benjamin of Philadelphia, PA. Three sisters, Josephine Nichols, Frances Jones and Willie Mae Johnson, preceded him in death. Willie also leaves behind a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He had a profound love for family, not only did he care for and love his family but his family greatly loved him. He truly was a "strong warrior, who tried..."

**WE MISS YOU ALREADY**

## Reality of Life

Life isn't just full of happiness,  
It's sunsets, it's love, it's tears.  
It's the thoughts of yesterdays memories,  
That can wash away all our fears.

It's that very painful experience,  
That each one of us has had.  
It's the laughter that fills the air,  
It's the tears when you are sad.

It's loving that someone special,  
That at one time made you smile.  
It's the pain of losing that person,  
But the memories that make it worthwhile.

It's that child in every one of us,  
Although in time we'll all be old.  
It's the good times we'll never forget;  
It's the memories we'll always hold.

It's the hug that we all need,  
When we'd rather drown in our sorrow.  
It's the hope in every one of us,  
That makes us hold on for tomorrow.

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**In the Midst of the Storms of Life  
There's Peace and Calm in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm**

**Remember:**

With the Lord as **"YOUR SHEPHERD"**  
You have all you need,

For, if you **"FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS"**  
Wherever He may lead,

He will guard and guide and keep you  
In His loving, watchful care

And, when traveling in "dark valleys"  
**"YOUR SHEPHERD"** will be there...

HIS goodness is unfailing,  
His kindness knows no end,

For **THE LORD** is a **"GOOD SHEPHERD"**  
On whom you can depend...

So when your heart is troubled,  
You'll find quiet, peace and calm

***IF YOU OPEN UP THE BIBLE  
AND JUST READ THIS TREASURED PSALM.***

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL

### SELECTION

New Hope Baptist Church

### SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament ... *Psalm 23*  
New Testament ... *John 14:1-6*

### PRAYER OF COMFORT

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Reading of Obituary and Condolences

### REMARKS

Rev. Dr. Howard J. Woods  
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC

### EXPRESSIONS

Designated Speakers

### SOLO

"The Lords Prayer"

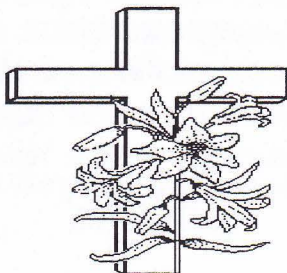
Sherrie Singletary

### EULOGY

Rev. Dr. Paul Thompson, Pastor Emeritus

### RECESSIONAL

New Hope Baptist Church



***INTERMENT***

FOREST LAWN CEMETERY

***AUSPICES***

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BUFFALO, NY 14215

***PALL BEARERS***

BROOMFIELD JOHNSON, III  
HENRY TONEY  
CRAIG MABREY  
THOMAS WORLEY  
MICHAEL A. GRIFFITH  
JON POPE

***~ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ~***

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU  
FOR YOUR MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS, EXPRESSIONS OF  
LOVE, WORDS OF COMFORT AND PRAYERS DURING THIS  
TIME. PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR FAMILY IN YOUR  
PRAYERS. THANK YOU.  
THE FAMILY