



## Anna Mae Nichols

September 27, 1919 - October 25, 2008

### NICHOLS

Anna Mae "Mas" Nichols, resident of Grey Forest, Texas for 55 years, was called home by angels to be with our Lord and her loving husband, Jack, on Saturday, October 25, 2008. When the angels lifted her up to heaven she was surrounded by her devoted family in her home. She was born in Roswell New Mexico on September 27, 1919. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Charles Jackson Nichols, parents Mary & Gregory Samuel Moore, and a sister, Betty Jean Buchanan. Mas is survived by three sons, Charles Jackson Nichols, Jr. "Tex" & wife Debby, of Port Aransas, Texas, Charles Lee Nichols "Spike" & wife Lynn of McAllen, Texas, Carlton Jay Nichols "Buck" & wife Sherry of Helotes, Texas and one daughter Jan Ann Schwarz & husband Robert of Helotes, Texas. She was the loving grandmother to seven grandchildren, Laura Paige Stone & husband Brian, Robert Schwarz Jr. & wife Lee Ann, Logan Nicole & Taylor Ashley Nichols, Dustin Cade & Ashley Marie Nichols, and Esther Conolly. She was the loving great-grandmother to 4 great-grandchildren, Brittany Lauren & Kelsie Lee Ann Stone and Robert Schwarz III "Trey" & Kendra Lee Schwarz. She leaves a loving legacy to her family. She was the first president of the Marshall High School FFA Booster Club, received the Northside Outstanding Volunteer Award in 1993, and the Yellow Rose of Texas Award from the Constance Allen Heritage Guild for Lifetime Learning. She taught at the San Antonio and

Alamo Heights Independent School Districts and at Helotes Elementary for 25 years before she retired in 1990. After her retirement in 1990 she formed the GrandPALS organization of senior citizens who serve as mentors of Helotes Elementary. She remained very active in the community until her health started to fail. She served on the Grey Forest City Council for several years and was a member of the Helotes Optimist Club. Mas devoted her life to children. In 2002 the Northside Independent School District made a wonderful tribute to Mas by naming a new elementary school in her honor, the Anna Mae "Mas" Nichols Elementary School. She was an outstanding teacher and unselfish community servant. There are thousands and thousands of children whose lives have been positively influenced by her. She will always be remembered for her gentle kindness, her positive "cup half full" attitude, and her favorite inspirational saying "Sure You Can!" Services will be held to celebrate her life on Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, Texas. If you wish, in lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Anna Mae "Mas" Nichols Elementary, c/o Northside Education Foundation, 6632 Bandera Road, Bldg A, San Antonio TX 78238 210397-8964.

# Tribute Wall

BM

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**Brian McFarlane** - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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**Brian McFarlane** - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Tex and Jan Ann, When I was a teenager I lived on Greenlawn across the street from Jack & Mas u both were very small..it was a 2story garage apt. Then Jack worked for Scoby's & Mas was a housewife..we had so much fun playing hide and seek, catching lighti

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**Joie Spillers Laney** - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear JanAnn, Tex, Spike, Buck and family. I'm so sorry to hear of Mas's passing. Growing up I always admired her strength and fairness in some of our childhood squabbling, and she was my friends mother. The world was blessed to have her. Love Cissy

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**Cissy Elkins** - November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ I was a student at her school Nichols Elementary. I thought it was an amazing school. She made me wanna come to school just seeing her there. I remember when I first met you she really made a difference in my life. She will be greatly missed.

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**Heather** - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Gerald Maddox** - October 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Jan Ann & family, I am so sorry for your loss, your Mom was one of a kind that will not be soon forgotten. You will have a lot of happy memories of her and we all will, Love and blessing to all the family.

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**PAT MENN** - October 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Nichols Family,  
I am also a Helotes Elementary kid; I was in her sixth grade class in 1966. I adored her stories of her beloved sons. I remember how she supported me emotionally during my parents' separation and divorce. She was a great inspiration; I

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**Cathy McCammon Hord** - October 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To Spike an Buck, my best friends forever, Your Mom was a wonderful lady. I was her student the first year she taught at Helotes Elementary. I still have fond memories of us growing up together and her always being there to guide us.  
I will always think o

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**Johnny Sorrell** - October 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am so saddened to hear of Mrs. Nichols' passing. I am "one of her kids" from Helotes Elementary from the late 1960's. I saw her at a Northside ISD function about 10 years ago and she remembered my face and called me right over to her - amazing! She wa

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**Jan O'Hara Karmes** - October 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I hope the family will accept my sincere sympathy and know my prayers and love are being sent their way.

*Mas and I were co-workers and friends at Helotes Elementary School for many years. She was a wonderful and inspiring teacher and a dear friend. I*

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**Dee Cleborne** - October 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Rob and I were so blessed to be touched by the thoughtfulness and inspiration of Mas. She touched so many of us and made us feel we had alot to contribute to our students. We owe her alot for the person we have become.

*Our sincere wishes and prayers to h*

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**Rob and Jody Summers** - October 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ May you know the peace and comfort this heartfelt thought imparts. The ones we love are never gone, they live within our hearts. Thinking of all of you at this time of sorrow and remembrance. Love, Kenny and Margie Cox

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**Ken and Margie Cox** - October 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My thoughts are with each of you. Mas was at different times my neighbor, advisor, supporter and always friend. She was a wonderful person who faced life with great determination and integrity. I shall miss her and am honored to have known her.*  
*John Scot*

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**John Scott** - October 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *How perfectly special she was. We hold you close to our hearts.*  
*Love, Betsy, Mark and Baby Scarlett*

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**Betsy And Mark Wade** - October 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *My prayers are with your family. Mas was a GREAT person..*

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**Jackie Brauchle Osburn** - October 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Johnny, Debbi, and Chloe*

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**Johnny Coker** - October 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *My prayers are with you. I know how your hearts are burdened with sorrow.*

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**Pat Garrett** - October 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I was very fortunate to be one of those children whose life was positively influenced by Mrs. Nichols at Helotes Elementary. Memories of her and her classroom in the old 6th grade building will always have a special place in my heart. She was truly spec

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**LeeAnn DeSpain Havelka** - October 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Nichols Family,

*Anna Mae was a dedicated and active member of our organization. She was a good friend to many of us. She will be greatly missed. Our sympathies and prayers are with the family.*

*Love and Prayers,  
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SF

“ We are so sorry for you loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

*Much love! The Friedlands.*

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**Suzanne Friedland** - October 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM