



Matthew J. Nichols

August 8, 1934 - February 5, 2006

MATTHEW JUNIOR NICHOLS, the devoted son of Clarence and Arnettie Nichols, was born on August 8, 1934, in Greenville, North Carolina. He departed this life on Sunday, February 5, 2006, after a lengthy illness. At an early age, Matthew accepted Christ, joined the Charity Baptist Church, and was baptized by Pastor James L. Wilkins. He sang on the Young People's Choir. Matthew was affectionately known by his friends as "Nick". He received his formal education at Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School, Baltimore, Maryland. Matthew entered the United States Navy, where he completed his basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center located in Great Lakes, Illinois. He also served on the USS Coral Sea, an Aircraft carrier. He was assigned to naval bases in the states and toured throughout the world. After several years with the Navy Matthew was honorably discharged. During his enlisted time, while serving in Athens, Georgia, he met and married Helen Thomas. From this union, Clarence Kenneth Nichols was born. Returning to Baltimore, Matthew renewed his membership at the First Charity Baptist Church and served faithfully on the Senior Choir, Male Chorus and the Board of Trustees. Later, he married Delores Pettiford. They moved to Virginia for a short period and joined the First Baptist Church, Loretto. He was an active member and loved his pastor and church family. He returned home and continued his membership at the First Charity Baptist Church. Matthew was employed at the Head Ski Corporation, Montgomery Ward's and concluded his employment with retirement from the District of Columbia Federal

Government Children Center, Laurel, Maryland. His family will always remember Matthew. He was a dutiful and devoted son, loving and caring brother, father and uncle. To his nieces and nephews he was "5-0" and to his granddaughters he was "Papa son". Therefore, he leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Delores; sons, Donnell Thomas, Clarence Kenneth Nichols, and Earl and Andrew Mitchell; daughter, Tajuana Elam; son-in-law, Keith Elam; daughter-in-law, Stephanie Nichols; seven granddaughters, three grandsons, four great-grandchildren; a goddaughter, Tia Mildred Taylor; four sisters, Arnettie Crawley, Mary Atkins, Mildred Mayo, and Evelyn Harlee; three brothers-in-law, Coleman Atkins, James B. Mayo, Jr., and James Harlee; a sister-in-law, Creola Nichols; twenty-one nieces and nephews; two uncles, Elmer Nichols and Charles Mooring; three aunts, Amanda Tyson, Doris Mooring, and Dorothy Nichols; former wife, Helen Thomas Nichols; a buddy, James Turner; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

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“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. 1 Corinthians 15:26 informs us that the "last enemy death" will be "destroyed". There is hope for our dead loved ones. Acts 24:15 declares- "there is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and strength as you think about these loving promises from the Bible.##imported-begin##S. Hill##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your loved one. All too often we find ourselves losing a dear friend or a relative in death. It's such a grievous time in our lives, and we miss our loved one so much. It's comforting to know though that Almighty God knows our pain, and he purposes to end all sickness and death in the very near future. 1st Cor. 15:26 tells us, "As the last enemy, death will be brought to nothing." So this enemy that has plagued us for so long will soon be a thing of the past. Isaiah 65:17 lets us know that these former sad events that we experience will not even come up into the heart. Jehovah will wipe all traces of pain from our hearts, and bring our dead loved ones back to life. Imagine the joy we'll have at that time. May these wonderful promises encourage you, and bring you comfort at this time.##imported-begin##R Johnaon##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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