



Earlene Elizabeth Nicoletti

June 6, 1931 - May 13, 2011

Earlene Elizabeth Nicoletti, of Gainesville FL, died suddenly on May 13, 2011, while visiting relatives in Missouri. She was born June 6, 1931, to the late Wayne Leroy and Martha Jane (Nickel) Blackburn of Wentworth MO. She was a graduate of Pierce City High School, then attended St. John's School of Nursing in Joplin, MO, receiving a degree of Registered Nurse. On June 13, 1954, she married Paul Nicoletti of Goodman MO, and moved to Columbia, MO where he received his degree in Veterinary Medicine. Earlene worked in various medical fields and was a former school nurse at the Teheran American School in Iran. She retired, due to health issues, after 20 years of service with the Veteran's Hospital in Gainesville, FL.

Earlene is survived by the following: her husband, Dr. Paul Nicoletti, a Professor Emeritus of the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, at Gainesville; two daughters, Julie and husband Craig Chamberlain of Louisville, CO, and Nancy and Dr. Larry Leader of Hattiesburg, MS; two grandsons; two granddaughters; two brothers, Jake and wife Marilyn Blackburn, and Jim and wife Jeannie Blackburn of Wentworth, MO; two sisters, Shirley Jerrell and husband Mike of Wentworth, MO, and Shirry Linzey of Berryville, AR; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter in 2009, and two brothers—Eddie Leroy and Robert James Blackburn.

Earlene was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, helpmate, and nurse, with a witty sense of humor. She loved giving dinner parties and was a very elegant hostess. She was a volunteer for numerous charity activities. She had many friends and loved ones which she treated with her kindness and goodness.

Visitation and Memorial services for Earlene will be August 14, 2011, with visitation at 1:00 PM. Memorial will be held at 2:00 at the Lakin Funeral home of Pierce City, MO with Rev. Robert Summers officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
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Pierce City, MO 65723
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Earlene Elizabeth Nicoletti*

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“ *After losing my husband at the age of 45, I started working for the UF vet school in Gainesville, FL. I was warmly welcomed by Dr. and Mrs. Nicoletti who made a point of taking me to some of the college events. I will always be indebted to their kindness and especially Mrs. Nicoletti. She was always so generous. When I sent over some peaches from my u-pick weekend, she returned a cobbler. She also provided wonderful home cooking leftovers. Last Christmas, she surprised me with a beautiful musical holiday ornament that opens to reveal a moving ice-skating scene inside -- something I will always treasure.*

So many in the Gainesville community knew her from her work at the VA Hospital and also through the local veterinary auxiliary. One of my personal friends was shocked to hear of her death and related how Earlene had given her a recipe that she still has today.

Thank you, Mrs. Nicoletti. You made life sweeter for us all and we will never forget you.

Patricia Wlasuk, Gainesville, FL

Patricia Wlasuk - August 10, 2011 at 01:11 PM

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“ *My best Memories of Earlene was when I had cancer, she called frequently and her concern for my health really was comforting to me. She with her nursing was always there helping me thru all of the different steps that I went thru, She was a dear sister-in-inlaw to me and was very comforting to her brother, he certainly appereciated the time she took making frequent calls.*

Clara (Blackburn) Nichols - August 04, 2011 at 08:05 PM