

Herbert E. Nichols ... of Leicester, was truck driver

LEICESTER — Herbert E. Nichols, 61, died Thursday, Feb. 13, at New England Medical Center in Boston after a long illness. For 39 years, he was the husband of Rosemary L. (Dickinson) Nichols.

He was born in Greenfield, a son of Herbert F.C. and Arlene (Parker) Nichols. He graduated from the Bromfield School in Harvard and attended Springfield College. He furthered his education at Plymouth State College, where he earned an associate's degree. He played basketball at both colleges and also enjoyed playing football.

Mr. Nichols was a tractor trailer driver for 35 years, working for several truck service companies. He was also self-employed. He was a member of the National Truck Drivers Association and Professional Truck Drivers Association. He earned many awards, including Truck Driver of the Year 1994 and State Champion of Tanker Division 1994.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Spencer, where he had served as a deacon and belonged to the men's league. He enjoyed golfing and fishing.

Mr. Nichols had lived in Colrain, Harvard and Auburn before moving to Leicester in 1970.

Besides his wife, survivors include a son, Richard Cary Wentworth Nichols of Leicester; a daughter, Jody A. Nichols of San Antonio; a brother, Kenneth E. Nichols of Tewksbury; two sisters, Kathleen R. Cox of Maryville, Tenn., and Rebecca J. Quinn of Littleton; a grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

NICHOLS — Herbert E., on Feb. 13. A funeral service will be held Monday, February 17th at 11 a.m. in the First Congregational Church of Spencer, 205 Main St. Calling hours will be Sunday from 4-7 p.m. in the Morrison-Morin Funeral Home, 1131 Main St., Leicester. Burial will be private in Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton, at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made to either the First Congregational Church of Spencer Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 187, Spencer, MA 01562, or to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.