

Ada (Boyd) Nichols

Farm Matriarch, Seamstress, Cook

Ada Louise Boyd Nichols, 94, of Morris Township, Huntingdon County, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at Epworth Manor in Tyrone, Blair County.

Born Jan. 11, 1924, along Beaver Creek, near the Youghiogheny River at Somerfield, Fayette County, Pennsylvania to Charles L. and Kathleen B. (Kridler) Boyd, young Ada later moved with the family to their farm in Sinking Valley, Blair County. She was a 1942 graduate of Tyrone Area High School.

Ada was united in marriage to Donald A. Nichols (Sr.) on April 18, 1945, at the Arch Spring Presbyterian Church, and joined him on his family farm near Union Furnace, Huntingdon County. Don preceded her in death on Nov. 28, 1994.

She is survived by their son, Donald A. Nichols, Jr., his wife, Karen Richard Nichols, and grandsons John Donald and William Richard Nichols, who continue to operate the family farm.

Ada is also survived by two brothers, John Boyd and wife Betty of Port Orchard, Washington, and Chester Boyd and wife Carole of Altoona. She was preceded in death by her sisters Freda Clawson, Frances Kimberling, Eleanor Korman, Fern Hobbs, and Inabel Black, and brothers Marlin, Edward, and Vern Boyd.

Ada was a talented seamstress who plied her skills at Reliance Manufacturing and its successor, Big Yank Apparel Corporation, in Tyrone, where she worked for 42 years before retiring in 1986.

She carried her love of sewing home, where she passionately designed and created quilts, afghans, and crocheted works for family, friends, and the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church, where she worshiped.

Ada was also an avid and adventurous cook and gardener who also enjoyed car rides. Family will remember her as a loving grandmother and a friend to those in need.

Friends and family are invited to a graveside service at Arch Spring Cemetery, adjacent to the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church, on Monday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Earnest Walls officiating. In lieu of flowers, Ada requested that memorial contributions be made to the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church, c/o Tom Kelly, 200 Kelly Dr., Tyrone, PA 16686.