



Mary Elizabeth Nichol

July 18, 1935 - July 8, 2014

Mary E. Nichol, age 78, of White Post, Virginia died Tuesday, July 8, 2014 in Winchester Medical Center in Virginia following a long illness.

Ms. Nichol was born and raised in Mullica Hill, NJ. She was a graduate of Glassboro High School and Glassboro State College (Rowan). She taught elementary education and special needs students for a number of years in Camden County before leaving to help run her father's farm and her own floral shop in Mullica Hill. In 1980 she moved to Virginia to devote herself to raising and racing horses.

For years she enjoyed success breeding quality horses and racing them throughout the Northeast. Her office was decorated with "win" pictures. She joined the Blue Ridge Hunt and was an impressive figure on her huge white hunter "Heathcliffe". A supporter of all things equine, she contributed to a number of organizations to benefit the industry and was an early member of the Clarke County Equine Alliance.

Mary was an avid reader and was always well-informed on the any issue of the day, always with a Republican perspective. A very creative person, she found great pleasure in the arts, as well as playing the organ and piano at home and played regularly at Cedar Creek Christian Church in Zepp, VA where she was a member. Pastor Ron Stiesel of that church will lead a celebration of life service at 1pm on July 21. The service will be held at Mary's beloved Sommerday Farm in White Post.

She was predeceased by her parents, Florence (nee Murphy) and Harold Nichol of Mullica Hill, NJ and her grandmother Mary Murphy of Wenonah, NJ. She is survived by her son Eric Miller of Chicago, cousins Penny and Mark Cipolone of Woodbury Heights, NJ, and dear friends Audrey Brown and Christopher Bates of White Post.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Boyce Volunteer Fire Company, Boyce, Virginia 22620 or to Opus Oaks, An Art Place, 109 First Street, Berryville, VA 22611.

Arrangements are by Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service, Winchester.
(As submitted by the family)