

Dr. Rhea L. Nichols

MART -- Services for Dr. Rhea L. Nichols, 74, of Mart were held Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001, at the Littlepage Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Heyduck of the Mart First United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial followed in Mart Cemetery.

By special request of Dr. Nichols prior to his death, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was sung during the service by Erman Bunch. His wife, Mary Nichols, delivered the eulogy.

Dr. Nichols died Dec. 20 at his residence.

He was born Sept. 5, 1927 in Dallas and was a 1945 graduate of Adamson High School in Dallas. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1949 from the University of North Texas.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Following his military service, he returned to school and in 1961 earned a medical degree from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

Until his retirement in November 2000, Dr. Nichols practiced medicine in several communities, including Trinity and Mart.

He was married to Mary Lee Schreiber on May 22, 1965 and was a member of the Mart First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Monica Nichols of Mart; two daughters and son-in-law, Vickie and Richard Eckermann of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Lisa and Kenneth Bennett of Mart; and six grandchildren.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Mart EMS, P.O. Box 335, Mart, Texas 76664.