



## Baylor Erdman Nichols

September 25, 1924 - March 20, 2015

Baylor Nichols, beloved husband and family man, passed away on March 20, 2015. Baylor was perhaps best known for creating art for over 70 years. His art was exhibited throughout the East Coast. In 1968 and 1970 his paintings were chosen in the Virginia Museum Biennium for One-Man Exhibitions at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. He received numerous awards including an Award of Achievement at the Peninsula Fine Arts Juried Exhibition in Newport News in 1986.

Baylor was born on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and lived in the state his entire life. After one year at the College of William and Mary, he served in the Navy on the USS Natrona, in the Pacific Arena, during World War II. He went on to receive his BA from James Madison University and a Masters Degree in Art Education at Columbia University. In 1953 Baylor joined the Virginia Department of Education as Supervisor of Visual Arts. He went on to become the Associate Director of Fine Arts working with teachers in all areas of the arts. Baylor retired in 1985 having served Virginia's educational system for 35 years.

Baylor worked with the original committee to create Arts Alive in West Point, VA and served on the Arts Alive Board from 2004 to 2010. He delighted in sharing his talent as a mentor to other artists in the community. Baylor's paintings are displayed in many private collections in California, Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. His paintings are also in the public

collections of Ferrum College, Longwood College and Richmond Public Schools.

There will be a Celebration of Baylor's life at the Vincent Funeral Home in West Point, VA on Monday, March 23rd at 2 p.m., immediately followed by a reception at Baylor and Gail's home.

Baylor is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Gail Carter Nichols, and children, Carol Cunningham (George) West Point, Kathryn Giampietro (Fred) CT, Rachel DeAngelis (Gene) NJ and Tom Nichols (Nancy) Chesterfield, step-daughters, Gina Presson FL, Tina Nowak (Mark) PA, Christy Shaughnesy (Mike) PA; grandchildren, Erin Muchowski (Matt) NJ, Ryan Smith (Carla) Richmond, Anthony DeAngelis NJ, Claude Giampietro Alexandria, and Spencer and Marshall Nichols Chesterfield; and six great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Arts Alive, P.O. Box 152, West Point, VA 23181.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel

417 11th St

West Point, VA 23181

(804) 843-2550

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Baylor Erdman Nichols.*



April 01, 2015 at 03:41 PM



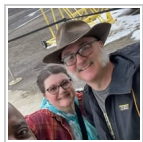
“ *Arts Alive and the whole community was enriched by Baylor's talent and his dedication to the arts. I will miss his valuable input, his keen insight, his smile and his wit. I'm so glad we celebrated his 90th Birthday in grand style. --- Rev. Tim Dice and family.*

**Timothy Dice** - March 23, 2015 at 03:34 PM



*I worked with baylor in the dept of education for many years a lovely person he will be missed patty anderson ennis*

**Patty ennis** - August 23, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *I moved into the house next door to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols in January of 2012. The first conversation I had with Bailor was when he came over and offered to let me use a stepladder the first weekend I moved in and was doing some cleaning around the outside of the house.  
He was a fascinating man and I truly wished I'd have known him longer.*

**Bob Seashols** - March 23, 2015 at 11:03 AM

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“ We are greatly saddened by Baylor's passing away Friday. He was a wonderful friend, artist, teacher and mentor who always found something positive to share with striving artists. He will be missed by all who knew him, and his beautiful works of art will be living testaments of his talent to all who have known his work. He will continue to live in our memories and hearts. Sending our deepest sympathy to Gail and to all of his family, Love , Dave and Anne Wilcox

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**Anne Wilcox** - March 22, 2015 at 06:54 PM

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“ I am saddened to learn of Baylor's death as a wonderful person has left the world. But I am glad he devoted his time to painting the last few years and his artistic legacy will live on. Baylor was always enthusiastic, supportive, and a hard worker (I've attached a picture of Baylor hanging an Arts Alive art exhibit-something he did faithfully for years). I am so glad I had the chance to know Baylor and that I have one of his watercolors hanging in my bedroom that I cherish and look at every day.



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**Beth Dandridge** - March 21, 2015 at 10:06 AM