



Duane Lee Higginbotham

August 28, 1939 - July 3, 2013

Visitation for Duane L. "Hig" Higginbotham, 73, of Bonfield, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bonfield First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Mel Nielsen will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, or to the Bonfield First United Methodist Church. He passed away Wednesday (July 3, 2013) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Mr. Higginbotham was a retired operating engineer with Local 150. He was born Aug. 28, 1939, in Brooksville, Fla., the son of Terry C. and Laura Lee Higginbotham. He was a Bonfield Village Board trustee, a former Bonfield Lions member, and Masonic Lodge 32nd degree Past Master of Kankakee Lodge 389. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved golfing.

Surviving are his wife, the former Carol Magruder, of Bonfield, whom he married March 16, 1958, at the Bonfield First United Methodist Church; one son, Terry Higginbotham (RoseLynn Kenny), of Oakhurst, Calif.; two daughters, Laurie Randazzo (Brent Wilson), of Bourbonnais, and Lee Anne and Sam Kenley, of Rolla, Mo.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Cindy Higginbotham, of Ottawa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Durwood.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bonfield First United Methodist Church
173 N. Church
Bonfield, IL 60913

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ *" I was fortunate to be part of a group of guys that went fishing in Northern Minnesota with Hig, what a gentleman. He was the only guy I ever met that could fillet a Northern Pike and know what he was doing. I will remember the laughter and his good nature, I was rewarded by meeting Hig. My condolences to his family.*

*Ernie Cox Jr.
St. Anne*

Ernie Cox Jr. - July 06, 2013 at 09:54 AM

CP

“ *Last year was the first I met Higgi by joining the Senior Golf league at Aspen....we golfed at different locations also.....I will always remember that deep dark voice that sounded and everyone listened.....but mostly I remember him shooting his age last year 72 at Aspen Golf course....and from then on Higgi was my HERO....my condolences to Carol and all the family*

Carl - Tues Senior Aspen Golf League

Carl Perri - July 06, 2013 at 08:04 AM

JP

“ *Lee Anne,
So sorry to hear of your family's loss. I know my father in law (Buck Healy) is gonna miss one of his favorite golfing partners. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.*

Jeff Paulissen

jeff paulissen - July 06, 2013 at 06:58 AM

VT

“ So sorry to hear about Duane. Your family is in our thoughts.

Vern Tompkins and Family



Vern Tompkin - July 05, 2013 at 08:02 PM

JP

“ Thinking of you BC & Sam

JR POE - July 05, 2013 at 05:44 PM

JS

“ Carol:

My wife Jan and I are out of town and will not be able to attend Duane's wake or funeral. I just wanted you to know that I very much liked Duane. He was a good guy and I always enjoyed talking with him. Please express our condolences to your whole family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jerry Shapiro

Jerry Shapiro - July 05, 2013 at 01:14 PM

BF

“ Bridgett Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Higginbotham



Bridgett Fitzgerald - July 05, 2013 at 12:35 PM

TM

“ Terry And Linda Meyer lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Higginbotham



Terry and Linda Meyer - July 05, 2013 at 11:28 AM

TM

“ Dear Carol, Terry, Laurie, and Lee Anne and families....We are so saddened at Duane's death. What a fine fellow he was! We enjoyed his resonating voice when he'd honor us with special readings at church around the 4th of July, etc. He was a terrific golf buddy for Terry and the guys. He'll be missed greatly in that group. He was an outstanding citizen with his involvement in the Lion's Club and the 'government' of Bonfield...and the entire community will mourn for him and will miss him very much. You have our deepest sympathy. We pray that God will comfort you and give you strength during your grieving, and will give you peace in knowing that Duane is no longer suffering from the battle he's fought for so long! Know that you are ALL in our thoughts and prayers at this time. God bless your family! Sincerely, Terry & Linda Meyer

Terry and Linda Meyer - July 05, 2013 at 11:24 AM

SP

“ Sherry Parks lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Higginbotham



Sherry Parks - July 05, 2013 at 11:20 AM

FA

“ Lee Anne, "Gurl", our "Sister" ! All us "Boyz" wish we had the words to express our sorrow for your loss. Know that even though we can't be there with you in Kankakee at your Dad's services, we are with you in spirit. " The BlackSheep and The Unforgiven"

Friends of "Hig" and Lee Anne - July 05, 2013 at 11:11 AM

AD

“ ART AND SUE DUCHARME lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Higginbotham



ART AND SUE DUCHARME - July 05, 2013 at 11:04 AM

AD

Are prayers are with you Carol love always

ART AND SUE DUCHARME - July 05, 2013 at 11:06 AM

JP

“ Jim Puswaskis lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Higginbotham



Jim Puswaskis - July 04, 2013 at 01:46 PM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss. Laurie, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May Peace like a river flow over you at this time. Love ya, Janice (JR)

Janice - July 04, 2013 at 11:13 AM

JA

“ *Janice lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Higginbotham*



Janice - July 04, 2013 at 11:11 AM

LM

“ *Lanny & Chris Magruder lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Higginbotham*



Lanny & Chris Magruder - July 04, 2013 at 11:09 AM

PV

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. My heart is crying with you. Peace be with you! Pam, Ken, Aaron and Grant VonderHaar*

Pam VonderHaar - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ *Virginia R. Dominick lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Higginbotham*



Virginia R. Dominick - July 03, 2013 at 06:00 PM

RM

“ *Rick And Kim Magruder lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Higginbotham*



Rick and Kim Magruder - July 03, 2013 at 05:07 PM