



Joseph A. Higginbotham

March 15, 1936 - December 15, 2014

Joseph A. Higginbotham, 78, of Ottawa, formerly of Bonfield, passed away Monday, December 15, 2014 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Ottawa. He was born on March 15, 1936 in Evergreen Park to Terry and Laura (Lee) Higginbotham. Joseph married Vera Ingram on November 3, 1957 in Iroquois. She preceded him in death on February 23, 2000. He married Cynthia Reynolds on December 28, 2002 in Bonfield. Cynthia survives in Ottawa.

Joseph enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing and hunting. He retired from Vulcan Materials (formerly Lehigh Quarry) after 40 years. Joseph was the founder of the Salina Fire Department, where he served as chief for 13 years. He was a Mason, as well as a past Board of Trustees member for the Village of Bonfield.

He is survived by his wife; two sons Richard Gaffield of Bonfield and Richard (Shannon) Persinger of Ottawa; four daughters Vickie Gaffield of Bonfield, Danette (Tim) Sparenberg of Limestone, Vanessa (Allen) Longtin of Bonfield and Lori (Lee) Ryan of Ottawa; thirteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Joseph was preceded in death by two brothers, Durwood and Duane Higginbotham.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 from 4pm until 8pm at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral Service will be held

on Friday, December 19, 2014 at 11am at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will be follow at Bonfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Salina Fire Department or Bonfield Historical Society.

Cemetery Details

Bonfield Cemetery

Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 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

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Joe Higginbotham was one of the greatest people to ever walk this earth! No matter the situation, he always greeted you with a warm smile. We will miss him dearly and we only wish we could have spent more time with him. Our hearts go out to Cindy, Vanessa, Lori and the rest of the family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.



Jeff Schweizer & Connie Robinson - December 18, 2014 at 03:35 PM

CP

“ Joe was a kind hearted person who I had the pleasure of knowing. He raised wonderful children. Which I also have the privilege of being best friends with his daughter Vanessa there is a lot of him that shines through her..you will be missed by many may you R.I.P.

Chris papineau - December 18, 2014 at 03:47 AM

LG

“ We at the T & L Auction will miss our #5, what a nice man, enjoyed a funny joke and was exceedingly caring. Our sincere sympathy to all his family. May God Bless you all at this time. Tom & Loretta Gass

Loretta Gass - December 17, 2014 at 10:04 AM

Paula
Kee Elias

“ Joe was the most friendliest man, he never treated anyone like a stranger. Always had a smile that lite up the room. Joe will always have a place in our hearts. Just knowing he is at peace now is comforting. My deepest sympathy to all family members.

Paula Elias

Paula Kee Elias - December 17, 2014 at 09:36 AM



“ Kasher Tower of Treats was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Higginbotham.



December 16, 2014 at 07:30 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Joe's family. Joe never meet a stranger, and always had a handshake and a smile for everyone he meet. I spent a lot of my childhood with Joe, his brothers, and his parents, and was always treated like a member of the family. it's a sad thing to know that they've all now passed. God bless Joe and may his children find comfort knowing that he's at peace.

Jim Puswaskis - December 16, 2014 at 11:09 AM