



Raymond Higginbotham

May 31, 1935 - January 30, 2018

Services honoring the life of Raymond Higginbotham will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 2, 2018 at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Tahlequah Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home on Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family there to receive visitors from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Raymond was born in Casper, Wyoming on May 31, 1935 to Gordon and Sally Velma (Denny) Higginbotham. Raymond passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the age of 82.

Raymond graduated from Clovis New Mexico High School and went on to earn a Master's degree in Education from Northeastern State University. He was a teacher and an elementary school principal with 36 years of leadership at Deer Creek-Lamont (DCLA) Schools. Raymond faithfully served his country in the United States Navy until his honorable discharge.

On June 4, 1960 Raymond married the love of his life, Billie Capps, at General Baptist Church in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Their union was blessed with three children. Raymond was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He adored his family and loved spending time with them.

Raymond was good with his hands, a man of many talents and artistic skills.

He enjoyed drawing and painting as well as woodworking and carving. He created many treasured keepsakes for his family and friends. Raymond was also a Sooner fan and enjoyed cheering on his favorite team.

Memorials may be made to the Porta Caeli House, 2440 N. Harvard Ave., Tulsa, OK 74115.

Raymond is survived by,

Wife, Billie Higginbotham, Broken Arrow, OK

Children, Rhonda Hoemann and husband Royce, Washington, MO

Jason Higginbotham and wife Margie, Broken Arrow, OK

Darren Higginbotham and wife Kristy, Stinnett, TX

Grandchildren, Miranda Pickens and husband Ryan, Washington, MO

Bryce Hoemann and friend Lindsay Pittner, Washington, MO

Emily Taylor and husband Brannon, Broken Arrow, OK

Sarah Higginbotham, Broken Arrow, OK

Makenna Higginbotham, Stinnett, TX

Macy Higginbotham, Stinnett, TX

Great grandchildren, Lola Halcrow-Hoemann, Washington, MO

Lucas Pickens, Washington, MO

Brother, Buford Higginbotham, Plainview, TX

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

The family would like to make a special thank you to the staff at Griswold Home Care and Porta Caeli House.

Cemetery Details

Tahlequah Cemetery

Tahlequah, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Tahlequah Cemetery
Tahlequah, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Higginbotham*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *So sorry to hear that Mr. Higginbotham had passed. He was a great teacher. He taught many students in the Lamont/Deer Creek area, and encouraged many to do the best they could. May you be consoled knowing how many students he helped over the years.*

Vivian (Dixon) Smith

Vivian (Dixon) Smith - February 02, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 02, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ *John & Julie Higginbotham purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Higginbotham.*



John & Julie Higginbotham - February 01, 2018 at 03:16 PM

BC

“ *Our hearts are with your family. May God bless you with peace and comfort during your time of sorrow.*
Benny and Trudy Cullon

Benny Cullon - February 01, 2018 at 12:03 PM

SH

“ *So sad to hear this news. Your dad was a wonderful man! He always gave this “visiting girlfriend” a good natured hard time. Loved his sweet spirit!*

shannon Hobbs - January 31, 2018 at 09:21 PM

MK

“ *Always felt so comfortable knowing that my three children were in the care of Ray. He was a great friend and principle , him and his family. My children had a lot of respect and love for him. He was the best. Our condolences to Billie and the family. My children went to school with him and Billies children. They raised three great children, so much like themselves. Ray will be missed by many.*



Martha Kretzer - January 31, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Higginbotham.*



January 31, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Raymond Higginbotham.*



January 31, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *While they were in Lamont we lived across the street or the block from each other most of the time. We did lots of things together & our kids played or ran around together a lot so we have lots of memories but some stand out more than others.*

He always left Billie in bed & fixed his own breakfast. One day she bought Bugles. When he came home the next day he told her not to buy that new cereal again. She had no idea what he was talking about so he showed her. Them & all of us had a really good laugh about it,

Then there was the time when our youngest, Matt a 2nd grader, had mono & had to stay in bed. Ray (Mr. H) knew he liked to draw so he made a lap board for him. He spent hours drawing on that board not just then but for years. We were so grateful for his gift. He truly cared about the kids at school.

In the summer when he was teaching & wasn't at school Ray worked at the Coop elevator. He always liked to draw pictures so there was quite an array of art in the elevators. Some might have been rated "R" but they all were very interesting.

I worked for him at school, never a dull moment. Besides drawing pictures at the elevator he drew pictures at school, too. He was always collecting spiders or bugs of some sort & horny toads amongst other things. He even had a Chameleon he took back & forth to his home.

I could tell so many more stories & I know others can too.

He was dearly loved!

Kay Cardwell - January 31, 2018 at 04:05 PM

BW

“ *Brett & Andrea Warner purchased the Sapphire S
kies Bouquet for the family of Raymond
Higginbotham.*



Brett & Andrea Warner - January 31, 2018 at 12:49 PM

LG

“ *Linda & Tommy Blackwell and Girls purchased
the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of
Raymond Higginbotham.*



Linda & Tommy Blackwell and Girls - January 31, 2018 at
12:44 PM

FS

“ *Friends & Employees at Solvay purchased the B
eautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond
Higginbotham.*



Friends & Employees at Solvay - January 31, 2018 at 12:40
PM

RT

“ *Raymond and Carolee Trolinger purchased the M
edium Dish Garden for the family of Raymond
Higginbotham.*



Raymond and Carolee Trolinger - January 31, 2018 at 12:18
PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Higginbotham family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Raymond.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 30, 2018 at 02:54 PM