



Donald Wayne Higgins

May 10, 1939 - April 6, 2025

Donald Wayne Higgins, age 85, of Ozark, Arkansas passed peacefully and joined his family and friends in Heaven, Sunday, April 6, 2025 in Ozark. He was born May 10, 1939 in Mulberry, Arkansas to Elmer Earl “Pete” and Ora Mae Meadows Higgins. Don was a member of the Assembly of God Church, served as a Sunday School Superintendent and Deacon at congregations in Covina, California, Mulberry, Arkansas, and Ozark, Arkansas. In high school and as a young man, he enjoyed car racing on “the strip” on highway 64 east of Mulberry. He lived in Glendora, California for several years and made numerous church friends. He enjoyed spending holidays on the Colorado river with friends, water skiing, driving a speed boat, getting horribly sunburned, even sinking the speed boat in the Colorado river during a storm. Don was a farmer, spread chicken litter and lime, drove a dump truck and helped build I-210 in California, was the owner and driver of an 18-Wheeler and drove for Dewayne Higgins Trucking of Mulberry, Arkansas. He was also a “self-proclaimed” assistant manager banned from the cash register at Hillbilly Quik Stop in Ozark, sneaking more candy bars and biscuits and gravy than he should have as a diabetic.

Don had great love for his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, but his greatest love was his wife, Walkana. He and Walkana spent numerous nights attending rodeos, county fairs, and trail rides in Arkansas and Oklahoma. In the years prior to his death, he suffered from dementia, but

anytime given the opportunity, he continued to open and close the car door for Walkana. While going for drives, he would continue to tell the driver how to drive while sitting in the back, even proclaiming the driver was going “too fast” at times. His family and friends will miss him dearly.

Don is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Wanda Morse and Linda Medlock; and one brother, Bill Higgins.

Don is survived by his wife of 65 years, Walkana Alston Higgins; one daughter, Ginger Woolsey of Ozark; one son, Scott Higgins and wife Laura of Alma, Arkansas; one brother, Harold Higgins and wife Francis of Mulberry; one sister, Margaret McCabe of Ozark; eight grandchildren, Lisa Woolsey of Lexington, Kentucky, Lindsay Woolsey and fiancé Charles of Russellville, Arkansas, Leslie Black and husband Cody of Russellville, Jake Higgins of Boulder, Colorado, Max Higgins and fiancé Alana of Springdale, Arkansas, Eric Melton and wife Meisha of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Kaili Donahue and husband Matt of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Alayna Adams and husband Clayton of Fayetteville; and twelve great grandchildren, Miriam Phwandaphwanda of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Naomi Phwandaphwanda and Esther Phwandaphwanda both of Lexington, Kentucky, Milani Carter, Nora Grace Black, Brooks Black, Barron Black, Amira Carter all of Russellville, Arkansas, Magnolia Melton and Murphy Melton of Fayetteville, and James Donahue and Susannah Donahue of Tulsa.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, April 10, 2025 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral service will be 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 11, 2025 at the Mulberry First Assembly of God Church, 314 Heard Avenue Mulberry, Arkansas, with Brother Jim McElhaney and Brother John Kindrix officiating, with burial at New Cemetery, Alma Avenue in Mulberry.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dwight Morse, Rickey Morse, Dewayne Higgins, Brent Higgins, Jeff Brown, and Kendale Wagner. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Bill Vickery, Oscar Parrish, and Joe Powell.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

New Cemetery

Alma Avenue
Mulberry, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

APR **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mulberry First Assembly of God Church
314 Heard Avenue
Mulberry, AR 72947

Burial

APR 11 (CT)

New Cemetery
Alma Avenue
Mulberry, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow



Byron Lasater V - April 14, 2025 at 09:59 AM

AM

“ Annie Coleen Mohr lit a candle in memory of Donald Higgins



Annie Coleen Mohr - April 11, 2025 at 04:39 AM

LM

“ From Larry and wife Debi McSherry of Covina, California, we would like to say to Walkana and family that we extend our condolences and are keeping you all in our prayers.

Larry MCSHERRY - April 11, 2025 at 12:18 AM

GH

“ Gary & Marcia Hendry purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Wayne Higgins.



Gary & Marcia Hendry - April 10, 2025 at 09:21 AM

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“ Gary & Marcia Hendry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Wayne Higgins.

Gary & Marcia Hendry - April 10, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ Always enjoyed talking with Don in the morning at Hillbilly. Everything from trucking to drag racing. Rlp my old friend

Kevin Doyle - April 09, 2025 at 02:28 PM

TF

“ The Melton Kids & Our Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Wayne Higgins.



The Melton Kids & Our Families - April 09, 2025 at 01:51 PM

MP

“ Margaret and Dennis Pinder purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald Wayne Higgins.



Margaret and Dennis Pinder - April 09, 2025 at 01:09 PM

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“ Margaret and Dennis Pinder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Wayne Higgins.

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