



Robert Higginbotham

July 19, 1962 - March 2, 2023

Robert Allen Higginbotham, 60, passed away on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at Winston Medical Center Nursing Home in Louisville, Mississippi, with his loving family by his side. Visitation will be Sunday, March 5 from 4 until 6 p.m. at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home in Louisville. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Monday, March 6 at First Baptist Church of Louisville. Interment will immediately follow the service in Poplar Flat Cemetery.

Robert was born July 19, 1962, to Reginald and Betty Bateman Higginbotham in Macon, Mississippi. He was a faithful follower of Christ, an avid outdoorsman, and community servant. Known as “Bobby” by his family, he lived life at a fast pace and was always on the go. He loved his church, First Presbyterian Church of Louisville, where he served as an elder. As an outdoorsman he loved to encourage others to hunt and enjoy the outdoors. He helped lead the National Wild Turkey Federation at the highest volunteer level, the National Board; where he served as the most recent Board President. He loved his hometown of Louisville and Winston Medical Center, where he worked as an X-ray Tech in the radiology department for 40 years and retired as the Director of Radiology. He loved watching the Ole Miss Rebels play any sport and traveled the country with family watching games. He was never scared to interject and stand up for a person or cause and fight for what was he thought was right. He will be remembered as a great friend who loved his family and would share whatever he had with anyone in need.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Carol Merritt Higginbotham; his children: Kiel Higginbotham and wife, Lara, of Brandon, Mississippi; Josh McNeill of Memphis, Tennessee; Julee McNeill Watkins and husband, Bennie, of Mount Juliet, Tennessee; and J. D. McNeill and wife, Katelin, of Louisville; and his mother, Betty Bateman Higginbotham of Shuqualak, Mississippi. One of his greatest joys was being “Bobby” to his four grandchildren: Jett Higginbotham, Lake Higginbotham, Maci McNeill, and Maggie McNeill. He is also survived by two brothers, Ronnie (Tina) Higginbotham and John David (Kristi) Higginbotham; as well as his nieces, nephews, other family members, and numerous friends. Robert was preceded in death by his father, Reginald Allen Higginbotham.

Serving as pallbearers are Tommy Boydston, Speedy Calvert, Roger Caperton, Gary Hilhouse, Will Hill, Robert McCool, Matt Norwood, Richard Randall, and Wendell Womack. Memorials in honor of Robert may be given to NWTF, 770 Augusta Road, Edgefield, SC 29824 or to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, P. O. Box 321397, Flowood, MS 39232.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
205 S. Church Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339

Interment

MAR 6 (CT)

Poplar Flat Cemetery
2188 Poplar Flat Road
Louisville, MS 39339

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I had the priviledge of meeting Robert and hunting with him the last few years in missouri. Robert was a very humble and kind person who had faith in our lord and savior. I know Robert loved turkey hunting and I can invision him in Heaven waking up to the sunrise and hearing turkeys gobble every morning with a big smile on his face.

To me Robert was a big deal but to Robert he was just one of the guys and thats what made him so special. The first time Robert came up to hunt with me before he left I asked him to sign the door on our refridgerator and he looked at me kind of funny and said why would you want me to sign your refridgerator i aint nobody. I replied yes you are your the president of the national wild turkey federation to me thats a pretty big deal. Robert said I'll sign it but I put my pants on one leg at a time just like you do and he truely meant that and from what I knew of him thats the way he lived his life humble and kind. By the way Robert Higginbotham is still on the door of our refridgerator in our cabin and as long as im upright it always will be. Its hard to understand why such a great person like Robert gets taken away so early in life but I have faith in the lord and I know he has his reasons. If I was to guess id say he needed another angel in heaven and theres no doubt in my mind that Robert could fill those shoes.

With a heavy heart I want the family to know how sorry I am for there loss and for Robert Id like to say good by for now my friend when the good lord calls me up hopefully we can meet up and chase those birds around the woods together again. Its been an honor knowing you in this life you may be gone for now but you will never be forgotten.

P.S. Maybe well even get to fry up some dandelions again and eat them!

Mike Mcghee

Mike Mcghee - April 14, 2023 at 11:30 AM

RB

“ We waited in line for the visitation but had to leave after a few hours. It is a real testament to Robert to have so many people care for him. Ray and Amy Berryhill

Ray Berryhill - March 06, 2023 at 12:01 PM

JS

“ I had the privilege of meeting Robert through my dad and his involvement with the Oklahoma Lt. Governors Turkey Hunt in Alva OK. It was always an honor when he walked into the hospitality room and I looked forward to one of his hugs. It meant the world to me when Robert attended the funeral of my dad. Robert was a true gentleman, a true friend and will be greatly missed. I can only imagine the turkey stories being told in heaven right now. We'll meet again my friend!

Julia Schrock - March 04, 2023 at 06:17 PM

TY

“ I met Robert through the Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor's Hunt & the NWTF. It was immediate to recognize that he had a true conviction for the organization and the outdoors. We had many great hunts, harvesting many “golly-whoppers”. Robert taught me a lot about the craft but also a lot about family and life. “Higgy” as we often referred to him became a welcome staple of our community hunt. You'll be missed my friend.

Tyler Mantz



Tyler - March 04, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Higginbotham.*



March 04, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Robert Higginbotham.*



March 03, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Higginbotham.*



March 03, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Robert Higginbotham.*



March 03, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ Praying for Robert’s family. Wonderful memories of working with him years ago.
Brenda Moore

Brenda Moore - March 03, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Prayers for everyone. Robert was always full of energy and the biggest Ole Miss fan I know. May the Lord's comfort be with you all.

Amanda Easley - March 03, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ Robert was so full of life and joy. Whenever I saw him, he had the biggest smile on his face. He will be missed but I know he is celebrating his Homecoming in heaven. Till we meet again...

Brandy M Stevenson - March 03, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ PRAYING for Robert's family, he was a great guy! 💔💔

Nadine Estrs - March 03, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Higginbotham.



March 03, 2023 at 05:39 AM

MR

“ So sorry for this news Prayers for comfort for Carol and all family that will miss him. A fine person for sure

mary reed - March 02, 2023 at 08:35 PM