



Bobby Joe Higgins

July 8, 1949 - May 7, 2020

Bobby Joe Higgins, beloved husband, father, grandfather, bus driver, and gospel singer, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at the age of 70. He was born on July 8, 1949 in Sulphur Springs to Joe Pat and Billie Jean Gunn Higgins. After high school, he served in the U.S. Army for two years, one year at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and one year in Vietnam. Upon returning home, Bobby started a painting business that he would own for 30 years. For the last 13 years, he worked in transportation at Chapel Hill ISD and was named Driver of the Year in 2020.

Bobby's first love was always singing Southern Gospel Music. He was a part of numerous quartets over the years, including Route 7 and Rose City Quartet, and his beautiful voice, lovable personality, and good-natured spirit made him a joy to be around and sing alongside. Bobby's love for singing gospel music was second only to his love for Jesus Christ. He sang for the joy of the Lord and used his music to love and serve those who listened.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Cheryl Higgins; his son, Blain Higgins; his daughter, Melissa McFarlin and husband Craig and his sister, Patsy Tuscana. He also leaves behind two special grandsons, Carter and Case McFarlin and a host of family and friends. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rebecca Higgins and his parents, Joe Pat and Billie Higgins.

A private graveside service will be held at Williams Cemetery in Chapel Hill with Rev. Gil Lain officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be scheduled in the future.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Bethel Baptist Church Benevolence Fund, 13108 Hwy 64 E, Tyler, TX 75707.

Comments



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Higgins.



May 11, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Higgins.



May 11, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Higgins.



May 11, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ The memories I have of Bobby ALWAYS include him smiling. I enjoyed watching and listening to him singing with Rose City because it was obvious he was singing unto His Lord and Savior. Prayers for Cheryl and their families.

Alice Roach Zillmer - May 11, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Higgins.



May 10, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ Lonny And Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Bobby Joe Higgins



Lonny and Kelley Uzzell - May 10, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Cheryl, Blaine, Missy and family:

I'm still in a state of shock and can only imagine the pain all of you are going through. Bobby Joe, Ronny and I were all born around the same time and played together at Grandpa and Grandma Gunn's every time we all got together. Those are memories from the past and were good ones. But more importantly are the memories of his grown up life having found Jesus Christ and, for as long as I can remember, singing with gospel groups that traveled all over praising God through his beautiful music. We didn't see each other often in our adult lives, Thanksgiving Reunion mostly, but since moving back to NE Texas I have tried to attend any concert he was having in our area. He was never at a loss for conversation and was as glorious in his singing and his testimonies as well, God blessed him in many ways with his family, his love of singing and his love for the King of Kings. He will be singing in that beautiful choir in heaven and making joyful sounds unto the Lord. He will be missed by so many here on earth but has added a new voice in heaven.

God's blessings and all my sympathies to you, the children, grandchildren, Patsy Jean and her family and all his many friends, singing family and church family. So sad the times we are living in right now making it impossible to console in person or even be able to visit with extended family and express our sorry and attend normal burial services. Gone but will not be forgotten.

With heartbreaking love and condolences,
Carol Gunn Vernon

Carol Gunn Vernon - May 09, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Gone too soon cousin! You were also fortunate to get those great musical genes. You were a gentleman and were raised the right way, too. I always enjoyed seeing and visiting with you at the Gunn cousins reunion. I'm sure you've already joined my Daddy in the heavenly quartet. My condolences to Cheryl and the rest of your family. 'Til we meet again.

Michael Gunn - May 09, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ Cheryl, Bobby was strong in his faith as you are. Can u imagine him singing with heavens angels today? Praying for you as you travel this road. Remember every day, we are one day closer to be reunited with our love ones. What a reunion that will be!!
Love Pam Cochran

Pam Cochran - May 09, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes to this family. Mr. Bobby was a great friend to our family and was a close confidant and voice of reason during I time in my life when I needed help. He meant a lot to my mom and dad and always kept in touch. I have been lucky to have a group of friends who were always first names and first to help. If Bobby, Jerry and Big John showed up, you knew things were going to be ok. God just gained another choir member. Thank you for being a part of many people’s journey. Love, Jim, Amy & Aspen Cunningham

jim cunningham - May 09, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Bobby was the baritone for Rose City Quartet for over eight years. He was ever bit a "quartet man", loving every minute he sang for Jesus! Every time we met to practice, to sing for churches or organizations, or to just sit around and fellowship, Bobby gave us humor, his deep knowledge of the Scriptures and history! He was our go-to for all our blessings over meals, he could do it the best and quickest!! He was always willing to do whatever he could to further our ministry, from helping with the equipment to washing the coach! We cannot express how deeply he will be missed in our ministry. We miss him tremendously, however, we know he is singing around the throne of Jesus right now and loving every minute of it! Heaven gained a true saint of God, Bobby loved Jesus to the utmost, never missing a chance to share his Savior with whomever would listen! Till we meet again.....Rose City Quartet

Chuck & Jean Roach - May 09, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Cheryl, Blaine, & Missie you're all in my prayers . Bobby Joe will be missed by all of our family , he was so full of life and always had a smile on his face ,a very happy person. We all will miss his singing with the gospel group . Now he is singing with the angels in God's choir.

Virgie Añn Boyd - May 08, 2020 at 10:37 PM