



## Harold L. Higgins

July 12, 1947 - July 14, 2024

Memorial services for Harold Loyd Higgins, Jr., 77, of Whitehouse will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Danny Snell officiating.

Mr. Higgins passed away Sunday, July 14, 2024, in Whitehouse. He was born July 12, 1947, in Paris, Texas to Harold Loyd Higgins, Sr. and Doris Gaylord Lockey.

Harold graduated from Whitehouse High School in 1965. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1974 from East Texas State University and a Master of Science Degree in 1985 from the University of Texas at Tyler. After serving six years in the United States Air Force, Harold served an additional 32 years in the Texas Air National Guard. He retired as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the State of Texas. Chief Higgins continued to serve Texas as Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Texas State Guard. While serving in the Guard, Harold was also the Program Manager for the Texas Department of State Health Services Region 4/5 Immunization Program. Upon his retirement from the State, he was recruited by NET Health where he served as the Deputy Director. Harold was a champion for the field of public health for more than 35 years.

Throughout his careers, Harold was recognized on many occasions for his outstanding work ethic, leadership, and commitment to serving the public. Some of his more prestigious accomplishments included the W.T. "Doc" Ballard Award for Excellence in Public Health, the Air Force Meritorious

Service Medal with two devices, the Air Force commendation Medal with one device. Harold achieved his highest honor when he was inducted into the Texas Military Forces Hall of Honor on May 17, 2014. Harold was also a member of several clubs and organizations, including the National Guard Association of Texas, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, the Goodtime Shooters Club, the Bumpers Camping Group, and the Whitehouse Coffee Club.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Doris Higgins and daughter Paige Higgins. He is survived by his loving wife Anita of 55 years, his daughter Amanda Kubala and husband Brandon, his son Taylor Higgins and wife Anicka, his sister Gaye Wulf, his brother Dan Higgins and wife Rebecca, his sister Brenda Hall and husband Tommy, and Sister-in-law Linda Warren. Harold had three grandchildren, Collin and Clayton Kubala and Larken Higgins. He is also survived by three nieces, three nephews, and nine grandnephews.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, Tunnels to Towers Foundation or First Baptist Church, 801 East Main, Whitehouse TX, in lieu of flowers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Memorial Service

JUL **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold L. Higgins



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - July 22, 2024 at 04:22 PM

SK

“ Suzin K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold L. Higgins.

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**Suzin K.** - July 23, 2024 at 02:01 PM

SW

“ My sincere condolences to the family, Harold was such an intelligent, soft spoken manager, I still miss his leadership and guidance. He will always be remembered as one of my favorite work relationships. He guided us and allowed us to build concepts and development projects as a team and I will always have the warmest memories of him. The "Good ones" are always gone to soon.

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**Stephanie Walker** - July 23, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ 101 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - July 22, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Linda Willis lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Higgins*



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**Linda Willis** - July 22, 2024 at 10:51 AM

SS

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Harold. We all went to church together as children. He was two years younger than me, but we shared a Spanish class together under Mr. Moody in the '62/63 school year. He sat in the desk in front of me. And one other little note. A couple of weeks ago I was going thru a trunk of things I had kept over the years and there was a baseball that had been given to my grandfather, Rudolph Pike in 1962. It was marked COLTS 1962 and all the boys on the team had signed it. He had been their Colt League baseball coach. After his passing, my grandmother gave it to me. On the ball are the signed names Mike Morris, Doug Dudley, Randall Brown, Gary Warren, Buddy North, Kenny Walker, John Yarbrough, Gary Lough, Gary Thorn, Meredith Pike and HAROLD HIGGINS. That ball is sitting here on my desk now as I think of about remember Harold Lloyd. God bless his family

Sandra Pike Slayton - July 21, 2024 at 05:55 PM

LJ

“ Love Zoe and Jack purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harold L. Higgins.



Love Zoe and Jack - July 20, 2024 at 05:29 PM

LO

“ Lawanda O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold L. Higgins.

Lawanda O. - July 20, 2024 at 03:08 PM

TW

“ *The 136AW Rusty Wrenches purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Harold L. Higgins.*



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**The 136AW Rusty Wrenches** - July 19, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold L. Higgins.*



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July 19, 2024 at 12:56 PM

CF

“ *Cecelia Caviness, Dusty Gonzalez & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold L. Higgins.*

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**Cecelia Caviness, Dusty Gonzalez & family** - July 19, 2024 at 12:56 PM

KU

“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Higgins*



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**Kelley Uzzell** - July 19, 2024 at 09:00 AM