



## Nellie May Hornbeck Higgins

September 21, 1931 - June 6, 2022

Mrs. Nellie May Hornbeck Higgins, age 90, of Palestine, died Monday, June 6, 2022, at her home in Palestine. She had been in poor health for the past year and a half.

Mrs. Higgins was born September 21, 1931, in Brinkley, Arkansas, and was the daughter of Clarence Preston Hornbeck and Maudie Maire Devasier Hornbeck. She lived in Palestine all of her life, was a retired secretary to the superintendent of Palestine High School, and was an active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Palestine.

She enjoyed many years of traveling with her family and friends. She was very active in her women's bowling league and her favorite past time was dancing at the Senior Citizen Centers. She was awarded the key to the City of Palestine for her life long support and dedication.

Mrs. Higgins married Joe Lucas Higgins in 1948, and he preceded her in death in 1992. She is survived by three daughters; Daphne Jean Pike, and husband, Terry, and Doris June Shafer, and husband, Billy, all of Palestine, and Denelda Joyce Michaelis, and husband, Gary, of Goodwin, one sister, Francis Marie Middleton of St. Petersburg, Florida. She was a cherished grandmother of eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Deborah

Jo Glover and one son-in-law, William Glover, four brothers; Clarence, Jimmy, Leslie, and Larry, and two sisters; Jean Hodges and Linda Shelton.

Services for Mrs. Higgins will be held at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Palestine, 11:00 A.M. Friday. Visitation will be Thursday evening, 6:00 till 8:00 P.M., at Stevens Funeral Home, with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the M.A.D.D. (Mother's Against Drunk Drivers) 511 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas 75062 or The Leukemia Research Foundation, 191 Waukegan Rd., Suite 105, North Field, Illinois, 60093. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Bell Cemetery

Palestine, AR 72372

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
info@stevensfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
Palestine, AR

## Interment

JUN 10 (CT)

Bell Cemetery  
Palestine, AR 72372



# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Daphne, I am so sorry for your loss of your mom, such a great lady, she loved life and lived it to the fullest. I send my heartfelt condolences and prayers to you and the family.* ”

Peggy Brown - July 07, 2022 at 03:21 PM

CC

“ *God Knows She Will Be Missed Terrible, So Sorry For Ya,lls Loss Prayers For ya Love Ya,ll* ”



Carol Cummings - June 10, 2022 at 03:46 PM

LL

“ *Our prayers go out to the Nellie Higgins family.,She was a wonderful person and will be loved and missed by everone who knew her..* ”



L.S. Littlefield - June 10, 2022 at 12:46 PM

MP

“ *Sorry for your lost! I pray God comforts the family at this time! I've been gone many years and was fortunate to have visited with her a few years ago! A very sweet God loving person celebrating victory WTH her Maker!* ”

Mike Parker - June 09, 2022 at 05:13 PM

JT

“ *Mama and I are so sorry to hear this. We have you in our prayers and I'm see you soon. Daddy and Russell are probably on the welcoming committee to greet her in Heaven.*

*Janet and Elaine Toney*

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**Janet Toney** - June 08, 2022 at 05:35 PM

EM

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of Mrs. Nellie. She was a fine Christian lady and will be missed by those who loved her.*



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**Erna Morphis** - June 08, 2022 at 11:28 AM

RG

“ *Ms Higgins a True Christian Lady and showed a loving Heart to Everyone. I know she's with the Lord. Prayers of Comfort for Family and Friends*



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**Randy Grimes** - June 08, 2022 at 03:35 AM

HF

“ *Sorry for your loss, Our thoughts and prayers will be with the family*

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**Howard Hooker Family** - June 07, 2022 at 09:34 PM

WO

“ *My love, prayers and condolences go out to Miss Nellie's family. I am so sorry to hear about her passing. She has always been a wonderful friend to friend and I will miss her greatly. RILP Miss Nellie...*



Wanda Oswald - June 07, 2022 at 04:42 PM

FG

*Nellie was a blessing to everyone who knew her. We are sad she had to leave but we know where she is. I have known her all my life and loved her all those years. She was the real thing. God Bless you family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Fran Grimes - June 10, 2022 at 11:41 AM

DH

“ *Dee Harkrider lit a candle in memory of Nellie May Hornbeck Higgins*



Dee Harkrider - June 07, 2022 at 04:15 PM

HG

“ *Hannah Greenaway lit a candle in memory of Nellie May Hornbeck Higgins*



Hannah Greenaway - June 07, 2022 at 04:02 PM

PF

“ *Peggy Billingsley Ford lit a candle in memory of Nellie May Hornbeck Higgins*



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**Peggy Billingsley Ford** - June 07, 2022 at 02:42 PM

MG

“ *Marguerite Williams Gilmer lit a candle in memory of Nellie May Hornbeck Higgins*



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**Marguerite Williams Gilmer** - June 07, 2022 at 01:52 PM

MG

“ *Nellie May you will be missed. I have loved you for so many years. You were my ideal of a beautiful Christen lady. Rest In Peace Sweet Nellie May!*

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**Marguerite Williams Gilmer** - June 07, 2022 at 01:48 PM