



Lemmie
"MOMO"
LEE HIGGINS

BORN INTO LIFE
FEBRUARY 15, 1933

BORN INTO ETERNITY
AUGUST 26, 2023

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
11:00AM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
11:00AM

CHRISTIAN EMBASSY WORSHIP CENTER
1072 W BARTLETT AVE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89106
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MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
316 NORTH WALNUT STREET
TALLULAH, LA 71282
PASTOR KEARY GRAYSON
MISTRESS OF CEREMONY - MRS. HAZEL SULUKI

REMEMBERING
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Clemmie
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Reflection of Life

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalm 84:10

A Time to be Born

Clemmie Lee Howard Higgins was born February 15, 1933 to the late Hubert and Annie Weary Howard in Tylertown, MS. She was one of thirteen children. Her parents and twelve siblings preceded her in death, Marshall, David, Lerue, Nathaniel, Cullen, Ruby J, Vonnie B, Margarite, Ester B, Kessie, Willester and Kenneth "Joe". Her loving husband of 40 years Willie Higgins Jr also preceded her in death.

A Time to Live

Clemmie attended Mt. Moriah school, played basketball, and accepted Christ at an early age. She was baptized at Mt. Moriah MBC all in Tylertown, MS.

She later moved to Tallulah, Louisiana, and in the late 1940's she joined Mt. Olive MBC. She was a very active member of her church and was always willing to help anyone in need or just because she wanted to. She believed in giving her last to make sure everyone around her was well and was just that friendly neighbor, who invited you over for a cup of coffee, good meal, and great conversation. At her same church, she was an active Usher for over 60 years and an Honorary Usher for over 10 years, until God called her home after a job well done.

In 1949, Clemmie married Major Lee Fortenberry Sr, and from that union came two children, Major Lee "ML" Jr. and Annie Ruth. They later separated and she then met Willie Higgins Jr. The two were married on March 1, 1965, until his passing on April 24, 2005.

During the time of Clemmie building her family, she worked at the Chicago Mill from 1963 until 1970 when they closed down. Then in May of '72, she began working for Anderson Tully until she retired in July 1991 due to breast cancer. Clemmie battled her disease with treatment and surgery, which led her to a victory and that battle laid to rest. This gave her the opportunity to get back to work, cleaning houses and caring for children for many years.

A Time of Homegoing

Clemmie went on to be with her Heavenly Father on August 26, 2023, while at home with her loving family.

A Time to Mourn

Clemmie leaves to mourn her precious memories, one son Major Lee "ML" (Gloria) Fortenberry Jr. of Tallulah, LA; one daughter Annie Ruth Fortenberry; one granddaughter Constance "Shawn" (Dwayne) Brown, two great-grandchildren Jahkiyla and Zavier "Z-Boy" Fortenberry and one great-great granddaughter Riya McCurchin all of Las Vegas, NV; nieces Edna (Freddie) Abram of Tylertown, MS; Emma Jean (LC) Wilson of Pontiac, MI; nephews Billy Ray Fortenberry of Tylertown, MS; Franklin Quinn Jr of Starkville, MS; a great-great-niece, Deandria "Dee" (Henry) Thompson of Jackson, MS, and host of other nieces, nephews, great and great-great-nieces and nephews, family and friends.

In-Laws

She leaves one brother-in-law, Junius "Joe" (Lyalice) Robinson Jr. of New Orleans, LA, three niece-in-laws, Bridgette Pellebon of Westwego, LA, Patricia Robinson of Fayetteville, NC, and Sharon Jackson of Tallulah, LA, six nephew-in-laws, Victor Robinson of Atlanta, GA, Melvin (Connie) Robinson of Fort Meade, MD, Billy Ray (Shelly) Robinson of Dallas, TX, Marvin King of Ruston, LA, Kenneth and Warren King of Tallulah, LA, cousin-in-law's, Iree "Weaver" (Thelma) Jackson of Tallulah, LA, Irene (Paul) Cooks and Faye Coleman of Las Vegas, NV

Extended Children

She leaves her extended children from her first marriage, four extended sons, Glenn, Steven, Michael, and James Fortenberry, all of Tallulah, LA, and four extended daughters, Jackie Jordan, Renee Miller, Cheryl Miller, all of Tallulah, LA, and Gloria Miller of Houston, TX.

Bonus Family

She leaves her bonus family, Robert "Bob" Lee Mitchell Jr., Corliss Williams, Gilda (Syd) Holliday-Gaddy, Constance Holliday, Kimberly Washington, Barbara James, and Vincent Brown, all of Las Vegas, NV, bonus-grandchildren, Yolanda Langston of Mesa, AZ, Roderick "Icehouse" Jackson of De Soto, TX, Ronnie Griffin of Puerto Rico, and Karisma "KC" Singleton of Las Vegas, NV, bonus-great-grandchildren, Shatovia "Tovi" Brown, Samekia "Tosha" Langston, Omar Lang, Taylor Galtney, Bria (Quan) Glover, Sumiah Dines, and Rayshawn "Ace" McCurchin, all of Las Vegas, NV, and Destiny Cobbs of Mesa, AZ, bonus-great-great-grandchildren, Daking "Phatt", Honesti, Alaina "Laina", D'Anthony "Rue", Nalijah, Ayaila, Darryl "Baby Boy", Andre'Ana "Minnie", DeDre "DJ", Lyric, and D'Tre "Big Baby", all of Las Vegas, NV.

A Time to Rest

And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. Exodus 33:14



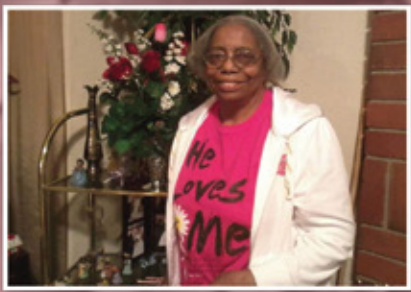


NEWS

- Employment peaked at 25.2%
- Construction of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge began
- Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany
- Albert Einstein emigrated to the United States from Germany
- The first drive-in movie theater opened in New Jersey
- The first Major League Baseball All-Star Game was played at Comiskey Park in Chicago

POPULAR Music

- You're So Square - The Platters
- Swanee Hoop - Duke Ellington
- Shades of Gray - Bing Crosby
- Did You Ever See a Dream Walker? - Eddy Duchin
- The Last Round Up - George Olsen



Order of Service

LAS VEGAS ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Hymn.....	Karen Brown
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament.....	Psalm 23
New Testament.....	John 16:22
Prayer.....	Bishop Darrell Thomas Sr. Philadelphia Church of God in Christ International
Musical Tribute.....	Minister Darrell Thomas Jr. Philadelphia Church of God in Christ International
Words of Comfort.....	Bishop James M. Rogers Sr. New Jerusalem Worship Center
Tribute to “Moma”.....	Constance “Shawn” Brown
Expressions - Two Minutes Please.....	Family & Friends
Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life.....	Karen Brown
Special Tribute to my Great-Grandma.....	Zavier Fortenberry
Eulogy.....	Pastor Willie C. Wheaton Grace Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church
Hymn.....	“Amazing Grace”
Viewing.....	Giddens Memorial Chapel
Recessional	

TALLULAH ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Hymn.....	Mt. Olive
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament - Psalm 23.....	Minister Donna Lisa Crockett
New Testament - John 16:22.....	Minister Joyce Williams
Prayer.....	Rev. Gerald Williams
Musical Tribute.....	Marvin King
Words of Comfort.....	Rev. Dennis Redden Jr.
Doorkeeper Tribute.....	Sis Zenola Frazier, Usher President
Expressions - Two Minutes Please.....	Family & Friends
Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life.....	Sherrie Lee
Special Tribute to my Great-Grandma.....	Zavier Fortenberry
Eulogy.....	Pastor Keary Grayson
Hymn.....	“Goin up Yonder”
Viewing.....	Harris Funeral Home
Recessional	

LOVING TRIBUTE TO
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Clemmie
"MOMO"
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THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew the day that God was going to call your name. In life we LOVED you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and although we cannot see you, you are always at our side Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Love the Generations,
Ann, Shawn, Jahkiyla and Riya

THE MOMENT THAT YOU
LEFT ME, MOMA

The moment that you left me, my heart split in two. One side filled with memories, the other side died with you. I often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheek. Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday; but missing you is a heartache that never goes away. I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain. You see life has gone on without you, but it will never be the same.

Love you always,
your one and only granddaughter,
Shawn.

MISSING YOU LIKE CRAZY

Words cannot describe the loss I feel
Saying farewell to you,
But heaven chose to give you wings
And now it's time you flew.
I wish that we could have more time,
That God had let you stay.
Forever would not be long enough
But I would take one day.
I wish I had just one more chance
To see that tender smile,
To laugh with you again my dear
Just for a little while.
Missing you like crazy, but never forgotten,
Forever you will remain,
My guiding light, my guardian angel,
Until I see your smiling face again.

Loving you always,
your Great-Grandson,
Zavier "Z-Boy"

REUNITED AGAIN

Each day I looked to heaven
Each day I called your name.
Each day just felt so different
It wasn't the same.
Each day I always questioned,
I would wonder why?
You had to go away from me,
My Angel in the sky.
I kept you in my heart,
And there you would remain
now we're back together
Reunited Again.
Mr & Mrs Willie and Clemmie Higgins Jr



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Roderick Jackson Jr., Madarrel Miller, Kourtney Moreland,
Baron Stevenson, Will Rogers Jr. and Patrick Bates

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Major Lee Fortenberry Jr., Zavier Fortenberry, Billy Ray Fortenberry,
Franklin Quinn Jr., Dwayne Brown, Robert Lee Mitchell Jr.,
Iree Jackson and Junius Robinson Jr.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your words have comforted us,
Your support has strengthened us,
And your love has sustained us.
We extend our deepest thanks
To you for your kindness
During our greatest sandness.
We appreciate it more than
Words can express, and it
Will always be remembered.

-The family of Clemmie "Momo" Lee Higgins

LAS VEGAS, NV

Memorial Arrangements Entrusted to:

Dr. Raymond L. Giddens Jr.

Giddens Memorial Chapel

71 N. Pecos Rd. #113, Las Vegas, NV 89101

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144 Spur Ranch Ave North Las Vegas, NV 89032

TALLULAH, LA

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Joseph G Jackson, Funeral Director

Harris Funeral Home

405 Sparrow Street Lake Providence, Louisiana

Interment

New Oakwood Cemetery Tallulah, Louisiana

Repast Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church

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