

Heartfelt Thanks

The family of Neoma Higgins appreciates the many acts of kindness and love extended to them during this time. A special thank you to Dr. Bernadette Anderson, PCP, to Zusman Hospice for their assistance, and to Nikki Elliott for the care she gave to her Great-Aunt.

To My Family

Trust and lean on God, knowing I'm at complete rest, No more sickness, no more pain. In the presence of our Lord and Saviour....looking down and saying to you and the boys, don't cry for me, don't worry about me...I have a new body and a new home. We will see each other again and will never have to worry or be apart in eternity. Miss me yes, I'm with you always...take comfort and peace knowing I am in complete rest. My Heavenly Father has work for me to do. Take care of each other like I showed you how to do. ALWAYS remember how much I love you. What a Blessing that God chose you to be my child and my grandchildren, too.

Love, Ma.

Written by Stephanie, friend and former co-worker of Marilyn.



To offer condolences to The Thompson Higgins Family,
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A Celebration of the Life of



Neoma Lee Thompson Higgins

September 14, 1925 - February 14, 2024

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Visitation: 1:00 pm Service: 2:00 pm

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home

The Chapel of Peace East
5456 East Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

Obituary

Neoma Lee Thompson Higgins, age 98, transitioned Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Neoma was born in Cumberland Furnace, Tennessee on September 14, 1925 to the late Anthony Herbert and Charlie Nina (Manlove) Thompson. The Thompson family home, built by her father, is on the National Register of Historic Places. In her early teens, she lived with family in Toledo, Ohio, later moving to Columbus and attending East High School. She worked for several years at the Neil House and Mills Restaurant in downtown Columbus. She relocated from Columbus to Boston when she married the late Earl Hamilton.

Neoma enjoyed cooking and was the Head Cook at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center until her retirement. She met and married Sam Higgins in Boston. They were married over 25 years and traveled the country together. She loved reading, fishing, playing Bingo, and watching TV detective shows. She was a long-time Eastern Star matron in Boston. Neoma had a great smile, a wonderful sense of humor, and loved her family.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Sam; son-in-law, Richard; brothers, Hubert, Edward, Herman, and Hershel Thompson; sisters, Emma Crockett, Elizabeth Hopson, Myrtle Nesbitt Simpson, Katherine Goldstein and best friend, Leoni.

She is survived by her beloved daughter, Marilyn Elizabeth Alston (affectionately known as "Cookie"); step-children, David and Debra Smith; grandchildren, Gerald, Nathan, Craig, Tony, Kenny, Ayana, LeStar, David, Angel; several great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Order of Service

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| ORGAN PRELUDE | Chapel of Peace Music Ministry |
| PRAYER..... | Elder Brenda Talley |
| SCRIPTURE READING | Elder Brenda Talley |
| Old Testament | Psalm 121 |
| New Testament | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 |
| SELECTION | Chapel of Peace Music Ministry |
| ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | Elder Brenda Talley |
| REFLECTIONS | (2 Min Please).....Family and Friends |
| OBITUARY | Read Silently |
| SELECTION | Chapel of Peace Music Ministry |

The Eulogy

Elder Brenda Talley

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| BENEDICTION..... | Elder Brenda Talley |
| RECESSIONAL..... | Clergy, Family, and Friends |