



Nathan L. Higgs, Sr.

January 20, 1945 - December 25, 2024

Mr. Nathan L. Higgs, Sr., 79, of Grayson, GA passed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024. Celebration of Life (Memorial Service) will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 1:00 PM at our Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. (770)338-5558.

“Bells will be ringing the glad, glad news

Oh, what a Christmas to have the Blues,

My baby’s gone, I have no friends

To wish me greetings, once again...”

(“Please Come Home for Christmas”, B.B. King)

On Christmas morning, after a short battle with cancer, I went home for Christmas....

79 years ago, on January 20, 1945, I was born on a farm in Speed, NC, (Edgecombe County) to Nathaniel Worsley and Rose Mary Batts Higgs. My

bonus dad, Arthur Lee Higgs, Sr., loved me as his own. I was raised in Speed, NC, by Jesse and Liler Higgs, or “Ma” as she was affectionately known. “Ma” barely stood 4 feet tall but had the presence of a woman more than 6 feet tall. She was very kind to me but was “no nonsense” for sure.

I was blessed to have a lot of sisters and brothers—Thurman Higgs (Mary), Arthur Higgs (Christine), Julius Higgs* (Helen), Jonnie Higgs (Mary*), Roy Higgs (Betty), Linda Pearson*, Paul Higgs, Jesse Lee Worsley*, Lois Jean Cooper (Garland*), Mary Williams (John*), Larry Worsley*, Jeremiah Worsley (Isalene*), Eddie Lee Worsley, Callie Peterson (Melvin), Gloria Jean Thompson, Dorothy Higgs*, Bernadine Wiggins (George), Debbie Ann Hunter, George Higgs, Jr. (Edwina), and Michael Higgs. I loved them all dearly.

I didn’t get to go to school often as we were only able to go to school when we were not planting, tending the land, or harvesting. Farm work came before school or anything else. In 1965, I married Stella Malone and had four amazing kids—Wendy Higgs, Nathan Higgs, Jr. (Romilde), Tammie Higgs, and Veronica Higgs Cope. We were married for 38 years. My kids have made me proud and are my greatest gifts to the world.

Growing up on a sharecropping farm was not easy, so when I got the opportunity to leave I did. I left Speed to go to the big city of Tarboro, NC, in Eastern NC, for industrial work in the early 1970s. I drove road construction trucks for many years and am partially responsible for many highways throughout NC.

Country Westerns and playing the guitar—any guitar I could get my hands on—were my favorite past times. From a very early age, I developed a love for the guitar from hearing my Uncle George Higgs Sr., play and learned to play by ear. My Uncle George became a world-renowned blues acoustic guitarist. My guitar became my very best friend and outlet when no one else was

around. I could play them all but I must say my favorite was the electric guitar. There was not a B.B. King or Chuck Berry song I couldn't play.

In 1998, I moved to the Atlanta area. I found love again and married Vanessa Mcadory. I loved her children Eugene and Starr as my own. We were married for over 25 years until she died of illness in 2021.

I'm sad to leave my family, especially my kids, grandkids (11), great-grandkids (12), and great- great grandkids (2), but my job on Earth was done and it was time for me to come home. Just know that I loved all of you deeply and I miss you already.

Like my favorite artist B.B. King once said, "There will be no more sorrow, no grief and pain, 'cause I'm happy, happy once again!" Be kind to each other, love on each other, and I will see you on the other side.

* denotes deceased

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Tribute Wall

Jl

“ John Batts III lit a candle in memory of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr.



John Batts III - January 11, 2025 at 01:46 PM

FL

“ Friedman Family Law lit a candle in memory of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr.



Friedman Family Law - January 08, 2025 at 08:52 AM

LF

“ Laura F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr..

Laura F. - January 08, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr..

January 03, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White was purchased for the family of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr..*



January 03, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *To the Higgs family I offer my sincere sympathy. Be encouraged and be ye lifted up.*
Jerry Spruell



jerry Spruell - January 02, 2025 at 11:01 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr..*

January 01, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ *Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr..*



January 01, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr..*



December 30, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *It hurts when we lose one of our Tarboro family members. Guys, please know that the Westray family have all of you in our prayers.*
- Regina Westray Harrison



Regina Westray Harrison - December 29, 2024 at 11:32 AM



Many thanks from our family for the love, support, and prayers.

Tammie - December 30, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *Michael Higgs Sr lit a candle in memory of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr.*



Michael Higgs Sr - December 29, 2024 at 07:54 AM



We appreciate your love and condolences.

Tammie - December 30, 2024 at 12:06 PM

MF

“ Mainboy and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr..

Mainboy and family - December 28, 2024 at 06:03 PM

MF

“ Mainboy and family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr..



Mainboy and family - December 28, 2024 at 06:03 PM

TH

“ 3 files added to the album Family Moments



Tammie Higgs - December 28, 2024 at 05:19 PM

SH

“ Me and Granddad 18yrs ago!! Wow, I'm gonna miss you granddad..I pray God welcomes you with open arms 🥹❤️🙏



Sherika Hunter - December 28, 2024 at 02:06 PM

TH

His Oldest grand daugfter, Sherika.

Tammie Higgs - December 28, 2024 at 07:10 PM

NJ

“ *The music has only paused Dad.
We are going to carry on the rhythm and beat from here!*
Jr.



Nathan Higgs Jr. - December 28, 2024 at 04:37 AM

TH

Absolutely will carry on the tunes bro!

Tammie Higgs - December 28, 2024 at 05:23 PM

MP

“ *MICHAEL PITTMAN purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr..*



MICHAEL PITTMAN - December 27, 2024 at 07:51 PM

TH

“ 1 file added to the album *Family Moments*



Tammie Higgs - December 27, 2024 at 07:13 PM

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“ *Tammie Higgs sent a virtual gift in memory of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr.*



Tammie Higgs - December 27, 2024 at 06:52 PM

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“ *Tammie Higgs lit a candle in memory of Nathan L. Higgs, Sr.*



Tammie Higgs - December 27, 2024 at 06:51 PM