



Ms. Rose Ella Smith Higgins

October 12, 1934 - April 29, 2024

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To everything, there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

I was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on Friday, October 12, 1934, to Rev. James A. & Lucey Smith. I had buried both my parents, all of my siblings, and some of their spouses: James Smith and Tilton Smith, Joe & Lee Rosie Smith, Roberta & James Custard, and Elgethia & Bill Downey. My mission ended peacefully, surrounded by family and friends at my home in Fairburn, Georgia on Monday, April 29, 2024. I left to cherish my memory: my two children, Tina Louise Higgins of Fairburn, GA and James (DeeDee) Higgins of Austin, Texas; three grandchildren, Jordan McCombs of Vining, GA, and Daja Higgins and Diamond Counter, both of Austin, Texas; four adopted-in-love grandchildren, Katina Spruill, Stephan Sanders, Jordan Sanders, and Thomas "My Thomas" Lewis; one sister-in-law, Mary (the late Tilton) Smith; my friend and aide, Barbra Dixon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and close friends.

I retired in 1999 from Kimberly Quality Care, where I served as an aide and received the Employee of the Month Award in October, 1998. I was a member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio for over 50 years. There I sang in the Senior Choir, was a Pastor's Aide, a member of the Singles Ministry, and put the tithing envelopes in the back of the pews before

church every Sunday. I joined Open Word Christian Ministries in January, 2024 under Pastor Gary Taylor, Sr. Due to my sickness, I was an honorable member of the Hospital and Sick Ministry at Open Word. On October 16, 2023, Tina and I asked my nephew, Rev. Wayne Custard, if he would conduct my homecoming at Bethany Missionary Baptist Church.

On Monday, May 6, 2024, my family will greet visitors at Bethany Missionary Baptist Church, located at 4710 Parkers Mill Rd, Lexington, KY 40513 from 10 AM to 12 PM, and my Celebration of Life will start at 1PM. I will be laid to rest at Cherry Grove Cemetery, 930 US Hwy 27 #1, Cynthiana, KY 41031.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethany Missionary Baptist Church
4710 Parkers Mill Rd
Lexington, KY

Celebration of Life

MAY 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Rose , I will hold on to our last time together. I visit you we talked , laughed and look out the window of your high rider you lived at the time .. I love those wet kisses you will placed on my cheeks when you greeted me.. You was part of my childhood and for that I'm grateful.. I will hold on to those memories a lifetime.. Prayers to the Family and a special prayer to my Dear Friend Tina and Jamie .. Rest now Aunt Rose ..

Angie Powell - May 04, 2024 at 09:45 AM

FW

My church friend and long time church mother! Sorry to hear about your passing! The conversations we used to have sitting beside each other and the laughs we used to have about our hearing aids in church..lol! Prayers and hugs to Tina and the rest of the family! Rest on Ms Rose 🌹

Fannie Woods - May 04, 2024 at 07:25 PM

GD

Love you Tina, your momma was my first babysitter. I'm Thankful her love.

Gwendolyn Dunklin - May 05, 2024 at 07:06 PM

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Thank You for your kindness words. Fannie I remember you and momma set in the 3rd row at church in the old sanctuary of Macedonia. Angie and Gwen I can't I time in my life you were not in my lives. Thanks again

Tina Higgins - May 10, 2024 at 08:23 AM