



Ernest Ray Higginbotham

October 23, 1933 - December 22, 2019

Ernest Ray Higginbotham, 86, Eleanor passed away Sunday December 22, 2019 at Hubbard Hospice House, West.

Ray as he was known by family and friends, was preceded in death by sons, Glenn Erwin Higginbotham, Brian Keith Smith; parents, Clarence and Virgie Higginbotham; two sisters and four brothers.

Ray served his country with the United States Navy. He retired from Monsanto as a chemical operator after many years of faithful service and was a member of the First Baptist Church, Eleanor. Ray was the kind of person that took pride in everything he did. He had a passion for golf and WVU sports.

Left to cherish the memory of this kind humble man is his wife; Jeannie Higginbotham; children, Teresa Leigh McCormick of Eleanor, Cynthia Rae Johnson of Cross Lanes, David Allen Smith (Beth) of Winfield, Cindy Lynn Seiler (Paul) of Florida; seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00am Thursday December 26, 2019 at First Baptist Church, 901 Roosevelt Blvd, Eleanor, WV with Pastor Greg Johnson officiating. Entombment with military honors will follow in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

You may share memories of Ray by visiting his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Higginbotham family.

Cemetery Details

Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens

Rt 62
Red House, WV 25168

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
901 Roosevelt Blvd
Eleanor, WV 25070

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Ernest Ray Higginbotham

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ Goodbye to my golf buddy for now. We'll be together someday in our heavenly home with our Savior. Even though we only played together once we had many, many shared golf stories. Ray & Jeanie were a joy to have in Sunday School and they sang wonderfully.

Tim Crouch - December 26, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Ernest Ray Higginbotham, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Navy Veteran, Ernest Ray Higginbotham, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 26, 2019 at 04:16 AM



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Timothy Fisher - December 24, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ernest Ray Higginbotham.



December 24, 2019 at 03:14 AM



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Timothy Fisher - December 24, 2019 at 02:37 AM

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“ I am so sorry to the entire family! So many happy memories with this family. My love to everyone!! ❤️



Sherri Hauer Gassaway - December 23, 2019 at 11:01 PM

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“ One of my favorite memories was taking Ray to the Honda Classic at PGA National in Palm Beach, FL. I'm not a golfer, but Ray spent hours and walked miles following the world's greatest golfers, explaining the rules and history of the game he truly loved.

Ray immediately welcomed me and my 2 children into the family when I married Jeannie's daughter Cindy and remains to this day the sweetest man I've ever had the privilege to know. You are missed beyond words, Ray...we love you.

Paul Seiler - December 23, 2019 at 09:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest Ray Higginbotham.



December 23, 2019 at 09:40 PM