



## Vance Higgins

May 14, 1959 - April 17, 2023

John "Vance" Higgins, age 63, passed away on April 17, 2023. A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at South Shelby Baptist Church (19445 Hwy 145, Shelby, AL 35143) at 11:00 AM. A memorial service will follow at 12:00 PM.

He was born in Louisville, Kentucky on May 14, 1959. Vance graduated from Central High School in Evansville Indiana, where he played defensive end for the football team. After graduation, he worked for CSX Railroad, where after 30 years, he retired as a Signal Forman. He then made his home in Shelby Springs, Calera, Alabama. He enjoyed spending his leisure time with his longtime girlfriend Diana Smith, playing golf, swimming in his lake, watching ball games, dining out, and also enjoyed eating her Southern cooking and famous lemon meringue pie. They attended South Shelby Baptist Church.

Vance was preceded in death by his mother: Regina Sue Horton Higgins.

He is survived by his father: Jim Higgins (Peggy); his brother: Steve Higgins (Terry); his nieces: Teila Pitts and Sheila Shepard; and girlfriend Diana Smith.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to South Shelby Baptist Church.

Order of service:

Song

Eulogy by Pastor David Warren

Words from family by Steve Higgins

Song

Message pastor David Warren

Closing prayer Pastor Derek Deavers

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

South Shelby Baptist Church  
19445 Highway 145  
Shelby, AL 35143

## Memorial Service

APR **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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19445 Highway 145  
Shelby, AL 35143

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ Hi Steve...sorry I am so late seeing and replying to this. Have so many very special memories of Vance when I was younger. We went through a lot together. I remember your family as we all went to Mill Road Baptist church together. The last time I saw Vance was at one of our high school reunions - loved catching up with him. That was back in 2007. I offer my sincere condolences to you and your family. We all know Vance is in a much better place.

*Brad Allen*

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**Brad Allen** - December 07, 2023 at 11:54 AM

CS

“ Graduated in same class from high school, remember Vance as a football player  
Great memories

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**Charlie Sininger** - April 22, 2023 at 08:56 AM

SH

*Thanks man...! Pat O'brian just mentioned your name the other day. Big Brother Steve*

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**Steve Higgins** - April 26, 2023 at 10:15 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the entire family. The only smiling face I see is “Sue” seeing her son, Vance, again. I can see her face and saying “you’re mighty right” with her little finger raised! Prayers to all. Cindi



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**Cindi** - April 21, 2023 at 09:06 PM

SH

*Right on...! Steve*

**Steve Higgins** - April 26, 2023 at 10:12 PM

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“ *Frenchell Lansford lit a candle in memory of Vance Higgins*



**Frenchell Lansford** - April 20, 2023 at 05:42 PM

SH

*Our family thanks you for your kind gesture.  
Steve Higgins*

**Steve Higgins** - April 26, 2023 at 10:10 PM

TF

“ *The Spillman Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vance Higgins.*



**The Spillman Family** - April 20, 2023 at 09:51 AM