



Willis "Butch" Higgins

May 22, 1943 - March 30, 2025

Willis "Butch" Higgins, 81, of DeMotte, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, March 30, 2025.

Born on May 22, 1943, in East Chicago, Indiana, Butch was the son of Harold and Mary (Kovich) Higgins. He graduated from Dyer Central High School in 1961 and pursued additional college courses at IU Terre Haute, Indiana. Butch was a proud U.S. Army veteran serving in Vietnam. He dedicated over 50 years to his career as a pipefitter with Local 597 overseeing many projects and was well respected on and off the job.

On June 29, 1985, he married Suzanne Bakalar in Crown Point, Indiana, and together they built a loving life. Butch was an avid golfer and woodworker, a devoted Indiana University basketball fan, and a passionate athlete in his younger years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 39 years, Suzanne Higgins; children, J. Kelly (Elizabeth) Truman of California, Jill L. Truman of Florida, and Jody (Dan) Bohney of Indiana; as well as his nephew Jason (Danielle) Higgins and niece Allison (Doug) Higgins-Ballas, whom he cherished. Butch's legacy also lives on through his 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and a sister.

Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance at Jackson Funeral Service in DeMotte on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until the Time of Remembrance at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in Butch's honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
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A Time of Remembrance

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Willis "Butch" Higgins



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 04, 2025 at 03:00 PM

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“ If this is the Willis Higgins I knew in high school in Tracy, CA, then I send my condolences to the family. He was, even as a teenager, a real gentleman. I was sad to see him leave our community before high school graduation.

Gary Welch

Gary Welch - July 30, 2025 at 06:36 PM

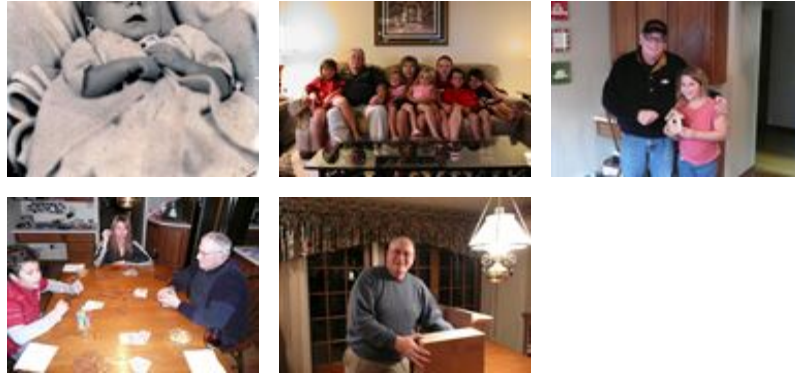
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“ Cristina L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willis "Butch" Higgins.

Cristina L. - April 05, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 04, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willis "Butch" Higgins.



April 03, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Willis "Butch" Higgins.



April 03, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willis "Butch" Higgins.

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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willis "Butch" Higgins.*



April 02, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willis "Butch" Higgins.

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“ *Gene, Sonny, Audrey, Bertha, & David purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Willis "Butch" Higgins.*



Gene, Sonny, Audrey, Bertha, & David - April 02, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *Gayle, Deana, Jim, & Brad purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Willis "Butch" Higgins.*



Gayle, Deana, Jim, & Brad - April 02, 2025 at 05:16 PM