



Jerry Carl Higgins

August 21, 1929 - July 18, 2023

JERRY CARL HIGGINS

1929 – 2023

Jerry Carl Higgins age 93 of Plattsmouth, NE passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at Bailey Pointe Assisted Living at Plattsmouth.

He was born on August 21, 1929 to Charles Calvin Higgins and Florence (Heikes) Higgins in Beatrice, NE. Jerry was raised and schooled in Beatrice and he graduated from Beatrice High School with the class of 1947. Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and he proudly served his country for four years during the Korean Conflict from 1950 until 1954. After serving his country, Jerry worked as a carpenter.

Jerry met the love of his life Myrna Faye Nelson and they later married on December 4, 1955 at Zion Church Parsonage in Newman Grove. Their wedding was scheduled for December 3rd, but due to a blizzard Jerry was stranded at Myrna's parent's farm and Myrna was stranded at the church. Myrna's mother Ida, called the WJAG Radio Station and announced the wedding would be at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, December 4. Believe it or not, Jerry heard about his wedding date change over the radio! Myrna and Jerry made their home in Plattsmouth.

Jerry worked as a carpenter until 1960 when he started working at Sack Lumber in Beatrice. He later worked at lumber yards in David City, NE, Ashland, NE, and then Jerry worked as the manager at the lumber yard in Plattsmouth.

In 1978, Jerry and Myrna bought the hardware store in Plattsmouth and they opened Higgins Hardware on February 14, 1978. When the sales and administration offices were phased out at Allied Chemical, Myrna began working full time as the co-owner, office manager, and bookkeeper at their hardware store. Jerry and Myrna enjoyed square dancing, they loved motor boating on many lakes in Arkansas and Nebraska. Jerry loved to water ski. Jerry was a member of First United Methodist Church, Plattsmouth Masonic Lodge #6 A.F. and A.M., he was honorary member of the Plattsmouth Rotary Club for over fifty years, and Jerry was King of the Kass Kounty King Korn Karnival in 2000.

He is survived by his sister: Marjorie Penner and husband Harvey of Loveland, CO; brother: Charles Higgins of Beatrice, NE; sister-in-law: Marilyn Higgins of Beatrice, NE; brother-in-law: Myron Nelson and wife Betty of Newman Grove, NE; eight nieces and nephews: Linda Totsch and husband Ron of Wilmington, NC; Gail Barnard and wife Diane of Beatrice, NE; Michael Barnard and wife Lori of Iuka, MI; Greg Schmidt and wife Cathy of Lincoln, NE; Jana Tanner and husband Jerry of Lincoln, NE; Susan Tomalino and husband Roy of Loveland, CO; Rebecca Skandalaris and husband George of Highland, MI; and Mike Russell of Beatrice, NE; and numerous cousins and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents: Charles and Florence Higgins, his wife: Myrna Higgins, two sisters: Joan Barnard and Doris Thorp, his brother: Ronald Higgins, two sisters-in-law: Verneal Higgins and Vonnie Higgins, three brothers-in-law: Johnny Barnard, Lyle Schmidt, and Joe Thorp; his nephew: Scott Higgins, and his niece: Kathy Russell.

Visitations will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M on Friday, July 21, 2023 at Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 A.M., on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at First United Methodist Church in Plattsmouth with Pastor Lee Wigert officiating.

The Pallbearers will be Ron Totsch, Gale Barnard, Michael Barnard, Greg

Schmidt, Jerry Tanner, Roy Tomalino, George Skandalaris, and Mike Russell.
A Graveside Service will be 2:00 P.M., Saturday, July 22, 2021 at Hope
Cemetery in Newman Grove, NE.

The family suggests Memorials to First United Methodist Church.

Services are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Ave. A, Plattsmouth, NE
68048. (402) 296-3123 robyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Hope Cemetery

Newman Grove, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Roby Funeral Home
346 Ave. A
Plattsmouth, NE 68048
(402) 296-3123
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<https://www.robbyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
702 Main St.
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Graveside Service

JUL 22. 2:00 PM.

Hope Cemetery
Newman Grove, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Carl Higgins*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *I have such fond memories of Jerry and Myrna. When they would come to our store, Schreiner Drug, for coffee breaks, I always had nice visits with them. I enjoyed going to their hardware store and was always amazed at how well everything was organized and displayed. I will never forget buying dishes and silverware from them when I moved into my first apartment in Lincoln.*

*RIP,
Sharon Barnes*

Sharon Barnes - September 21, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ *Jerry and Myrna will always live in memory as wonderful, caring genuine people who always extended themselves in true hospitality and friendship to others. They made Plattsmouth and the World a better place. I speak for myself for my past family members as well and am grateful for their lives. Now they know Eternal Joy.*

Sincerely, Rev. Portia Iverson

Portia Iverson - July 27, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *My condolence and sympathies to the Higgen's families, Many memories of our gatherings especially within our church family*

virgil and Gail Likness - July 24, 2023 at 09:39 AM

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“ I lived across the street from Jerry and Myrna for about 7 years. We had a very small yard and as a result my boys and I ended up playing our nerf baseball games in the street. Jerry and Myrna would often come out and sit on the front porch to watch the games and cheer any homeruns that bounced off their house. I also never had to buy any tools during that time as Jerry said he had whatever I needed. Jerry was also my sponsor into the local Plattsmouth Rotary club where I am still a member. A very special man with many great memories for my family.

Doug and Vicki Mitteis

MITTEIS, DOUGLAS D - July 22, 2023 at 09:27 AM