



James Higginbotham

April 19, 1922 - August 4, 2012

HIGGINBOTHAM, JAMES ARNOLD JR. James (Jim) Arnold Higginbotham, Jr., died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012, in the Vista Care hospice unit at Lovelace Medical Center, Albuquerque, after a long illness. He marked his 90th birthday on April 19, 2012. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jim served in the U.S. Army during World War II, attaining the rank of staff sergeant in the anti-aircraft artillery corps. After the war, Jim married a nurse, Frances Taylor, from Russell, KY. They marked their 66th wedding anniversary on May 25. Jim attended Ohio State University, earning a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering. He worked for the Ford Company's tractor division until his retirement in 1986. By that time, he had become service manager for North America for Ford's Tractor and Implement Division, in its Troy, Mich., headquarters. He and Frances moved to Albuquerque in 1987 to be near two of their daughters, Kathy (Miguel) Diaz and Jacqui (Charles) Cross. They also raised a third daughter, Bonnie (Kirk) Fraser, Wilmore, Ky., and a son, James A. (Janice) Higginbotham III, Brunswick, Maine. Jim is also survived by nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and one sister, Virginia Jo (Jack) Kemp, Milford, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, James A. and Frances S. Higginbotham; a sister, Rose Giffin, and a brother, Kenneth Higginbotham. Jim was an elder at the Mountainside Church of Christ and was active in a local woodworking group for several years. Friends may visit from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 9, 2012 at French Lomas Mortuary. A Memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, 2012 at Mountainside

Church of Christ, 12300 Indian School Rd. NE. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Albuquerque Christian Children's Home, 5700 Winter Haven Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. Please visit the online guestbook for James A. Higginbotham at RememberTheirStory.com. FRENCH10500 Lomas Blvd. NE (505) 275-3500

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Due to a lack of communication we sadly did not hear about his passing until recently. He was Great 'Uncle Jim' to my two sons Larry Giffin Jr and Yale Giffin when he and family lived in Troy, Michigan because their Grandma Rose Giffin was his sister. We always felt welcome at their house and they were all a kind and caring family! When we went to help them pack to move to NM Uncle Jim gave Larry Jr a really nice jacket that was almost new, and probably some memento to Yale too. RIP X+ with God

Shirley James - October 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dear Kathy and family, We were all saddened to hear of Jim's passing. It was always a great pleasure for us when he would come in to our business to buy parts to fix a leaky faucet at one of the Monroes locations. Over the years it had become common to not see him for a period of time, only to have him finally show up with another battle story about his health concerns. He was a real scrapper and I'm sorry he will not be around to give a report on his final earthly challenge. From a fellow "Ford guy," and all the rest of us, we will miss you Jim. Todd & Lorelee Gerstenberger and the staff at Bob Garrecht Supply

Todd Gerstenberger - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Our sympathy to your entire family. Jim was a wonderful Christian example and we were always in awe of how many people he would bring to Monroe's to greet them and make them feel welcome. He was quite a wonderful man! God bless you all.

David and Leasa Thompson - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Much love for you and your family, from Greg, Jean, Anna and her David, David and Monica, Barbara and Becky.*

the hasemans - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. As a neighbor, I only saw Jim a few times and he was always friendly and genuine. With deepest sympathy, Gina and Rylee Brachle*

Gina Brachle - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.*

Joel Chavez - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM