



Cecil McClain Higginbotham

September 11, 1921 - March 19, 2022

Cecil McClain Higginbotham, 100, of Fishers, Indiana passed away peacefully on March 19, 2022. He was born September 11, 1921 to the late Oscar and Eura Higginbotham of Burkesville, Kentucky. Cecil served in the United States Army and was a veteran of World War II. In 1950 he married Elizabeth (Betty) Belle Moffitt, who preceded him in death in August 2014. Cecil retired from the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors in 1980 and was a former 50-year member of Otterbein United Methodist Church. Cecil was an avid fisherman, woodworker, bridge player and bowler and he was a member of Brookside Masonic Lodge 720 F. & A. M. for 35 years.

Cecil is survived by his three daughters, Carol (Ben) Zeek, Susan (Gene Murray) Higginbotham and Nancy (Bob) Hoff; brother, Bobby Higginbotham; sister, Jesse Crutchfield; grandchildren, Ben (Amanda), David (Megan) and Jason (Caitie) Hoff, Jennifer (Erik) Zeek, Beth O'Meara and Abigail Zeek; and great-grandchildren, Maxine, Walter, Adeline, Mia and Griffin Hoff, and Tyler and Maggie O'Meara; as well as many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Thank you to the wonderful staff of Hamilton Trace for their loving and supportive care. Arrangements are private and entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

700 W. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Tribute Wall

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“ How I loved Cecil (and Betty)!! I have so many memories of him....where would I start? My favorite is of he and I at at Council on Ministries meeting. We were sitting together and he was telling me he was so good at his ‘times tables’ in elementary, that he beat his teacher in a contest! Then, he went on to tell me another story or two. I got laughing SO HARD that everyone in the parlor looked over at us. I thought they may ask me to leave. Your dad just smiled and acted all innocent. He was one of the most-loved members of Otterbein and was supportive of every program and idea that involved the youth. I can still see that photo of his crossing the street to school #68 with the ‘before and after’ school program. He would use his truck to bring in big donations for the Thrift Store. I remember his playing horseshoes at the church picnics, and just bringing joy to every event. He was never without a smile, a story, and that southern accent. He told me once his mother made him take a dance class, and Betty was there. He said he married the first girl he ever danced with. His love for his family can be compared with his love for the Lord. His faith was quiet, perhaps, but ever-present. I am honored to have known him and shared so many experiences with him. I am sure he is hearing his Heavenly Father say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” His first Easter in Heaven! Now that earns a huge “Hallelujah!” And I bet that Betty will have saved a dance for him. Love to all, and may your sadness be softened by his life, so well-lived.

Deb Coffing-Hall - March 26, 2022 at 02:56 PM

JG

Dear family of Cecil, my deepest condolences and prayers for you all, and everyone who loved your dad. I have the fondest memories of your dad, and your mom. Cecil, George Abraham, and my dad, Harold, had the best times fishing and enjoying the great outdoors together. I used to keep up with Christmas cards every year, and always looked forward to receiving one from Betty and Cecil. As you all know more than anyone, Cecil was one in a million. So thankful that I was fortunate to have known Cecil and Betty.

Judy Giles - March 27, 2022 at 11:42 PM

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“ *All of my memories of Uncle Cecil are filled with kindness and laughter. I have kept the different wooden goods he made for us and using them always makes me think of him. Sending sympathies and prayers to the whole family. - Elizabeth Moffitt Agee*



Elizabeth Agee - March 24, 2022 at 04:33 PM



What a great picture. Thank you Liz.

Nancy Hoff - March 25, 2022 at 11:32 AM

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Coincidentally, the Higginbothams were our neighbors on Butler Avenue for many years after Cecil's sister, Mary Lou Beckham and her family were our neighbors on Linwood Avenue! They were wonderful people with wonderful families. I have many fond memories of Cecil and Betty and their daughters.

Rick Dawson - March 27, 2022 at 01:34 PM

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“ *I think of Cecil & Betty often. We still have the wooden 10 X 14 tray he made for me many years ago & still use. Greg & Karen Mauer*

Karen Mauer - March 24, 2022 at 11:59 AM