



Dayton Higgins

December 12, 1935 - November 29, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Dayton Higgins

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

Dayton Higgins, age 88, of Forest Hills, New York, passed away, Friday, November 29, 2024 at Long Island Jewish Hospital in Forest Hills, New York.

He was born on December 12, 1935 to Donald F. and Viola (Wesson) Higgins in Black River, New York. On June 9, 1962 in Murphysboro, he married the love of his life, Rhonda Lou Buford, and together they spent over 43 years together until her passing in 2005.

Dayton served his country during the Korean Conflict in the US Air Force in Japan and Korea. His life career was in the airline industry, starting with National Airlines in 1959, then PanAm and finally Delta, from which he retired in 2003. He and Rhonda traveled the country extensively until her passing. He proudly served as a Boy Scout cub and troop master in the 1980's and 90's. He was an avid sports fan, particularly baseball.

Survivors include his son, Scott Higgins; two sisters, Beverly McCulley and Sharon Dion; nieces and nephew, Paula Baker, Marsha Keim, Everly McCulley, and great nieces and great nephews, Melissa, Emma, Fritz, and William.

Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Paul McRoy.

Funeral services will be held Monday, December 9, 2024 at 12:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro with Kurt Jensen officiating.. A visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the funeral service at Murdale Gardens of Memory in Murphysboro.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro
1421 Walnut St
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-2131

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

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Interment

DEC 9. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (cst)

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