



Joseph Wesley Higgerson, Jr.

February 24, 1920 - November 23, 2014

Joseph Wesley Higgerson, Jr., 94, formerly of Rockwood and Dupo, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, November 23, 2014, at the Helia Health Care of Greenville in Greenville, Illinois.

Joseph was born on February 24, 1920, in Kinkaid Township, Illinois, to Joseph Wesley Higgerson, Sr. and Effie Ellen (Slusher) Higgerson.

He was a retired switchman from the Missouri-Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Higgerson was a member of the Abundant Life Fellowship in Murphysboro, and a member of the Murphysboro Senior Citizens. He was a sixty year member of the I.O.O.F. # 1009 in Dupo, and a sixty year member of the United Transportation Union Local # 1402 in Dupo.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hunting mushrooms, and watching train shows. He especially loved spending time with his family and he was known for always taking care of his family.

Joseph married Eileen Travillian on July 7, 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri, and she survives.

Other survivors include four children JoAnn (Don) Rokita of Greenville, IL,

Ernest (Annette) Higginson, Sr. of Dupon, IL, Robert (Joyce) Higginson of Jacksonville, FL, and Joseph Wesley (Cheryl) Higginson, III of Chester, IL;

twenty two grandchildren, forty two great grandchildren, and forty great great grandchildren;

and one sister Dehlia Easton of Murphysboro.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, one great grandchild, four brothers, six sisters and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, November 28, 2014, at the Abundant Life Fellowship with Rev. Chuck Nehring officiating and burial at Worthen Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 am. to 1 p.m. at the church. An Oddfellow's Service will be held at 12 noon Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Abundant Life Fellowship. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Wesley Higgerson, Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We are fellow brothers and sisters of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Loosing one of our own with his 60 year membership and knowledge and dedication is felt throughout Order. Having this happen at this time of year is even more disturbing. Please accept our condolences and prayers*

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Harold E. Curfman, PGM, PGP, PDC

Nancy A. Curfman, PGM, PP DA

Harold & Nancy Curfman - November 27, 2014 at 06:16 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Higgerson and Family:
As you know Mr. Higgerson was a great and good man and honored God. Sue and I knew from the First time we met he was a special Guy. Heaven has gained another Angel and we all want to see and walk with him again on those streets of Gold.*

We Love you:

Wayne and Sue Johnson

Wayne and Sue Johnson - November 26, 2014 at 11:28 AM