



Higgins, Michael Ray

1952-2023

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Decatur ~ Michael Ray Higgins, 71, went to be with our Lord Monday, May 29, 2023. Funeral is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur, with burial at Sweetwater Cemetery. Family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Freida Higgins will officiate.

Michael was born April 23, 1952, to Raymond Lee and Anna Marie (Patiff) Higgins in Fort Worth. He was united in marriage April 8, 1983, to Ida Fern Skidmore in Decatur. Michael attended and graduated Richland High School. He worked for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as a machine operator for many years.

Michael was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Lee Higgins; his step-son, Larry Skidmore; grandson, Austin Higgins; and granddaughter, Paeton Mallory.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 40 years, Ida Higgins of Decatur; son, Jeremy Higgins and spouse, Erica, of Flower Mound; daughter, Jessica Bowers and husband, Aaron, of Round Rock; his step-daughter, Kendle Williams of Decatur; his mother, Anna Lassiter of Bedford; grandchildren, Aspen Higgins, Tevin Holt, Hannah and Paul Bowers; three brothers, Terry, Pat and Kelly Higgins; his sister, Susan Hohrine; extended family and a host of friends.

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