



## Vicki Moore Higgins

May 31, 1954 - October 20, 2013

Vicki Lynn Moore Higgins, 59, of Petit Jean Mountain, educator, counselor, and military child advocate, died on October 20, 2013, concluding a ten-year battle with breast cancer. She was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on May 31, 1954, the daughter of Clyde Smith Moore and Merle Avis Acord Moore. She attended primary schools in Knob Noster, Waynesville, and Pacific, Missouri, and Russellville, Arkansas, graduating from Russellville High School in 1972. She attended Arkansas Tech and graduated cum laude from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 1976 with the degree of bachelor of elementary education. She earned certification as military linguist in the Spanish language at the Defense Language Institute in 1993 and, in 2006, George Mason University conferred upon her a master of education degree in counseling.

Vicki married her high school sweetheart, Donald Patrick Higgins, Jr., in Cascade, Colorado, June 4, 1976, and for the next 30 years moved her career, household, and family more than 20 times in support of her husband's service in the United States Air Force. She taught elementary school, middle school, and adult education at eleven schools in six states and two foreign countries. Her last position was as counselor for the Nemo Vista School District in Conway County, AR.

In 1971 Vicki won the title Arkansas Valley Junior Miss. As a senior at Russellville High School she captained the Crimsonette Steppers drill team, and the next year was an original member of Arkansas Tech's Golden Girls

drill team. She served as a dance/drill team instructor, judge, and director in Idaho, New Mexico, and the United Kingdom. For several years she traveled as a motivational speaker for Christian Women's Club and Women Aglow in Idaho, and served as youth minister, youth retreat director, and youth retreat presenter in Idaho and Virginia. She was a founder executive board member of the Military Child Education Coalition, teaching school counselors the unique educational requirements of military dependent children. She was selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1985 and was elected to membership in the Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society. She was a parish member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Oppelo, AR.

In addition to her husband, Vicki is survived by her mother, Merle Acord Moore Logan of Conway, AR; a daughter, Amber Higgins Cotton (Eric) of Edmond, OK; four grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Elise, Owen, and Claire Cotton of Edmond, OK; a brother, Clyde Ramon Moore (Kay) of Ocean Pines, MD; a sister, D. Ann Moore Jones Thompson (Morton) of Clinton, IL; and many beloved aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation, with rosary to follow, will be held at 6:00 PM, October 22, at Harris Funeral Home, Morrilton, AR. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM, October 23, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Oppelo, AR, with burial to follow in the Petit Jean Mountain Community Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

The family thanks the medical oncology department of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute, Arkansas Hospice, the Petit Jean Volunteer Fire Department, and Petit Jean State Park's emergency response team for the world-class treatment they gave Vicki throughout this long ordeal.

# Tribute Wall



“ Vicki Moore Higgins

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ We have loss another wonderful classmate and friend. Vicki always had a smile on her face and kind words for all. My prayers to both Don and Amber during this time. We will all cherish our wonderful memories of Vicki.

Alice King Kutz - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ No better Christian friend will ever be found, she was a light in life of everyone who knew her.

Kay - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ Vicki always had a smile on her face as did don in her presence. She will be missed by all the class of 1972. Prayers for all of you and you are in our thoughts during this terrible time...jerry

jerry godnell - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ Words cannot express the sorrow I feel at the loss of my friend. She thought of others before herself, was always encouraging people to be better than they thought they could be, and loved her family more than anything else. Death cannot break this bond of friendship; I will see her again!

Debbie Kinslow - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

TH

“ *“Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later.” Vicki is enjoying the glory of Jesus Christ.*

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**Thomas & Lynn Hutchings** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

TS

“ *Oh what a beautiful life she lived! Her love, her strength, her faith were all so abundant and radiant that it was impossible not to be touched by her. Don, Amber, and the Cotton family--thank you for being her rock so that she could be a sanctuary for others, especially me. I love you, Mrs. Higgins! (I know, I know, call you Vicki!)*

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**Theresa (Gabriel) Smyth** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

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“ *It was so sweet of Vicki to open up her home to our Bible study group when we needed a place to meet. It's hard to believe that she has left us. I will miss her.*

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**Rachel Engebrecht** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

GE

“ *Dearest Don and Family,  
Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I remember Vicki as vivacious, fun, a "go-getter," and always sweet. It looks like she was a remarkable wife, mom, and Christian. Please know I care and that she will be remembered. May Jesus wrap His arms around you all at this time. With love.*

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**Gail Beth Nelson Eoff** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

CB

“ Vicki and I had a special conection and she was my favorite patient and we all loved her.

Cathy Branch - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

BM

“ Don, I am so sorry for your loss. I wish words could comfort you but I know they really cannot. Just know that Glen and are thinking of you.

Bee Meldahl - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

MD

“ Dear Don and Amber and Family,  
We are so very sorry to hear of your tremendous loss...Vicki was one of the most talented, happy, caring, and genuine ladies we ever met in all of our years in the military...She truly brightened the lives of everyone she came in contact with! You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we pray God's comfort on your lives, and truly offer our deepest sympathy. Mitch and Karen Dantzler

Mitch and Karen Dantzler - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

TM

“ Higgins family - i am so sorry for your loss. what a sweet person Vicki was. i got to visit with her a couple of years ago and what a pleasure it was. she was just the same as i remembered. you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

TROYLYNN BURRIS MCSPADDEN - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

SM

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. I cherish my memories of Vicki. She was a wonderful counselor and friend. We are deeply saddened to hear of her loss, but we know that it is Heaven's gain. Her valiant battle is over and now she will receive her just rewards.

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**Sarah McVey** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

WJ

“ Saddened b the loss of my friend Vicki Higgins. She was a Faithful Warrior to her Lord and Saviou Jesus Christ. I am thankful and grateful that He allowed our Paths to cross. Even in the midst of Adversity she stood strong in her FAith. Rest in the bosom of Jesus my Dear Friend. I will miss you

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**WILLIAMS, JANICE** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

BM

“ Vicki our precious, beautiful friend and sister in Christ will be dearly missed but,always remembered.You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we wish that we could be there with you now.Someday, we will all be together forever in Heaven ...until then, we send our love, hugs and prayers. Beau, Sharon Matt and all the members of the Steinmetz, Young and Dantzler families.

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**Beau & Sharon Steinmetz & Matthew** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

JW

“ Don; I'm very sorry for your loss. To read all about her contributions is a wonderful way to know how she lived life. If only we all would...Joe Whiteside

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**Joe whiteside** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

KH

“ Don,  
Lew and I are so very sorry to learn of your wife's passing. We were unaware of your wife's lengthy battle with this cruel disease and know that the past decade must have been especially challenging for both of you. We sincerely hope that with time the knowledge that she is now in a place of perfect peace and joy may in time lessen your pain. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Kristin and Lew

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**Kristin and Lew Huddle** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

SF

“ My deepest sympathy is with all the family.

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**Sharon Fergusson** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

CH

“ We send our deepest sympathy.

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**Carol & John Harris** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

KU

“ *Donnie and Family:*  
*Do not stand at my grave and weep*  
*I am not there, I do not sleep*  
*I am a thousand winds that blow*  
*I am the diamond glints on snow*

*I am the sunlight on ripened grain*  
*I am the autumn's gentle rain*  
*When you awaken in*  
*the morning's hush*  
*I am the swift uplifting rush*  
*Of quiet birds in circled flight*  
*I am the soft stars that shine at night*

*Do not stand at my grave and cry*  
*I am not there....I did not die*

*Thank you, Sir, for your Service to our Country.*

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**Kurt** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

LH

“ *Dear Moore and Higgins families,*  
*So sorry to hear today about Vicki's passing. What a natural leader,*  
*giving person, and wonderful friend! I am fortunate to have so many*  
*fabulous memories of our times together. "Eternal rest grant unto*  
*her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in*  
*peace. Amen"*

*The Conatser and Hammad families*

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**Lisa Conatser Hammad** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

RR

“ Dear Don & Family,  
We are so very sad to hear of Vicki's passing and our prayers are with you at this difficult time. Vicki was such a wonderful person and I am so grateful I was able to see her last year for a short time. I will always remember her as a kind and sweet person who had a kind word for everyone. Rest in peace Vicki.

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**Robbie & Kathy Robinson** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

LR

“ So sorry to hear about Vicki's death. I had the pleasure of working with Vicki at Nemo Vista several years ago. She was such a wonderful person. She always had a smile for you and the BEST attitude about everything. She will be missed.

*Linda Roberts*

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**Linda Roberts** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

SS

“ Dear Don and family,

We are both so sorry to hear that Vicki lost her courageous struggle with cancer and we wish you all possible strength to endure her loss.

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**Susan Poznar and Alan Smith** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

SC

“ Don:

*May God be with you and your family and provide you the peace of His love. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you celebrate Vickie's life. Each day is a gift from God.*

*If there is any thing that I can do, please let me know.*

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**Susan (Ringhardt) Colles** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

DH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Vicki. I don't remember a whole lot, however I do remember that she was a beautiful young lady. I've have no doubt that she remained that way throughout her life.*

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**Danny Bill Hindsman** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

TT

“ *Don, You and your family continue in our thoughts and prayers. Vicki was an outstanding person in so many ways and I know a very loving wife and mother...she will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathy. Tim and Linda*

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**Tim and Linda Timmons** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

BB

“ *Don and Amber, I am so sorry to hear of Vicki's passing; Priscilla M. called me from Germany to tell me, just last night. I have fond memories of my friendship with her in Panama, and later in Fairfax. My prayers are with you.*

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**becky barker** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

BB

“ Thinking of Vickie during this anniversary with fond memories.

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**Becky and Chuck Barker** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM

SM

“ Remembering my good friend, Vicki, on this anniversary. Her smile lit up a room and her warmth made the world a better place. God bless her family and friends with fond memories to cherish.

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**Sarah McVey** - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM