



Yvonne Higgins

May 19, 1926 - April 4, 2016

Yvonne Higgins, age 89, of Early, Iowa died Monday, April 4, 2016 at her home in Early.

Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early. Burial will follow in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will take place Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 4-7:00 p.m. with a rosary at 4:00 p.m. and a vigil service at 6:30 p.m. all at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

HIGGINS, Yvonne (Lamoureux), May 19, 1926-April 4, 2016, of Early, Iowa.

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, Helen Yvonne Rose Cecelia Lamoureux was born to Leo and Evelyn Lamoureux in Akron, Iowa. She moved with them to a farm north of Varina, Iowa. Growing up there she fell in love with learning. After high school she furthered her education at Briar Cliff College, Sioux City where she became a Third Order Franciscan. After college she taught for four years before marrying Charles Higgins Jr. on November 5, 1949.

Charles and Yvonne made their home in Lytton before buying their first farm in Odebolt, later moving their growing family to Early. She was blessed with 10 children, 30 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. She infused her life

with kindness, gentleness, a love of nature and education. As a young woman, she loved the arts and was often found painting. As an adult she wrote children stories and volumes of her own poetry. Mostly, she loved her husband and children and enriched their lives with her charm, wit and kindness.

Yvonne is survived by her loving husband, Charles Higgins Jr., Early, Iowa, and her 10 children: Theresa Meents of Omaha; Mark Higgins of Washington DC; Eileen (Joe) Hemer of Waverly; Mary Anne (Kevin) Paulsen of Austin TX; Martha (Jeff) Smith of Storm Lake; Liz (Keith) Kerfeld of North Oaks, MN; Mike (Mary) Higgins of Early; Ellen (Frank) Rieder of Jersey City, NJ; Barb (Shawn) Gillen of Beloit, WI and Kate (Cheryl) Higgins of Boulder, Co. In addition she is survived by 26 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and her siblings Betty (Denis) Zigrang of Tulsa, OK; Art (Jeannie) Lamoureux of Belmond, IA; Pat (Emmet) Hammen of Storm Lake; Cheri (Del) Conneally of Alamo, TX and her husband's siblings: Margaret (John) Degarmo of Des Moines; John Higgins of Galva and Edna (Bob) Miller of Des Moines. She was predeceased by her parents Leo and Evelyn Lamoureux, her brother Larry Lamoureux and her grandchildren Annette, Charlie, Colette and Henry.

She was greatly loved and will be deeply missed by all.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery -- Early, Iowa

Church St.
Early, IA 50535

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa
501 Church Street
Early, IA 50535
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

Visitation

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa
501 Church Street
Early, IA 50535
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

Vigil Service

APR 6. 6:30 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa
501 Church Street
Early, IA 50535
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

Service

APR 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa
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Early, IA 50535
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

Interment

APR 7 (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery -- Early, Iowa
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Yvonne Higgins.* ”



April 07, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ *What a beautiful picture! Our condolences to the Higgins family. In our prayers.* ”

Greg Scholtz and Betsy Fulford - April 07, 2016 at 08:33 AM



“ *Jil DeGarmo lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Higgins* ”



Jil DeGarmo - April 06, 2016 at 09:58 PM



“ *The Joe and Ron Sippel families purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Yvonne Higgins.* ”



The Joe and Ron Sippel families - April 06, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Yvonne Higgins.



April 06, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - April 06, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ You all my sympathy Sending prayers. A great gal and a hard act to follow.



esther drey - April 05, 2016 at 06:27 PM



“ White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Yvonne Higgins.



April 05, 2016 at 05:32 PM

WP

“ *With Love, The Pertzborn's purchased the Healing Tears - Yellow and White for the family of Yvonne Higgins.*



With Love, The Pertzborn's - April 05, 2016 at 05:15 PM

CB

“ *Cathy And Tim Bueb lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Higgins*



Cathy and Tim Bueb - April 05, 2016 at 04:30 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Yvonne Higgins.*



April 05, 2016 at 04:00 PM

SF

“ *Sue, Scott Franklin And Family lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Higgins*



Sue, Scott Franklin and family - April 05, 2016 at 03:48 PM

RT

“ Rick Espino, Lora Rees & The Centauri Team purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Yvonne Higgins.



Rick Espino, Lora Rees & The Centauri Team - April 05, 2016 at 03:27 PM

TC

“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Higgins



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - April 05, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Yvonne Higgins.



April 05, 2016 at 02:23 PM

DO

“ Denis and Betty Zigrang, Tulsa, OK purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Yvonne Higgins.



Denis and Betty Zigrang, Tulsa, OK - April 05, 2016 at 02:05 PM

LF

“ Laurie Zigrang Davie and family purchased the *Healing Tears - All White* for the family of Yvonne Higgins.



Laurie Zigrang Davie and family - April 05, 2016 at 02:00 PM

CH

“ Chastity Hemer purchased the *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers* for the family of Yvonne Higgins.



Chastity Hemer - April 05, 2016 at 01:52 PM

MT

“ Mark Snyder & The Church's Chicken Executive Team purchased the *Eternal Memories* for the family of Yvonne Higgins.



Mark Snyder & The Church's Chicken Executive Team - April 05, 2016 at 01:11 PM

LD

“ Hello Iowa Family. Those of us in Tulsa are mourning with you. I will be saying a rosary in Yvonne's honor today. I always loved coming to the farm as a kid. Thank you for all of the beautiful memories. May God Bless you all!!! with love, Laurie

Laurie Davie - April 05, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *Yellow & White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Yvonne Higgins.*



April 05, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ *God Bless Yvonne may she rest in peace -----Betty Dahn Family*

Betty J Dahm - April 05, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Higgins*



John and Connie Demers - April 05, 2016 at 12:53 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Charlie, Martha , Mike and all the Higgins family. We will have you in our prayers during this very hard time.
Don and Jo Linnan*

Joan Linnan - April 05, 2016 at 11:15 AM

JL

“ Charles, Eileen, and all of the Higgins family - please accept our sincere sympathy during this difficult time. Yvonne was a lovely lady and will be missed by many. May God wrap His loving arms around all of you and help you to find comfort and peace. With love, Hagen, Jean, Rylee, Cooper, and Simon Ludwig

Jean Ludwig - April 05, 2016 at 07:42 AM



“ To Kate and the whole Higgins family:
Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time. Much love from everyone at Made in Boulder.

Xandra Ess - April 04, 2016 at 08:32 PM