



Donald Kerry Higginbottom

February 14, 1955 - April 5, 2019

Donald Kerry Higginbottom was born in Mathiston, Mississippi on February 14, 1955, and left this earthly life on April 5, 2019. He was a resident of Cypress, Texas. Don valued God and his family above all else. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Mark Q. Higginbottom, Sr. and Leora Taylor Higginbottom, and by his siblings, Rosie, Gary and Carl Higginbottom. Don is survived by his wife of 21 years, Dr. Doris Higginbottom and his children, Eric Higginbottom and Moira (Joshua) Cater (and their mother, Joanne Reidy), as well as Reuben (Dannita) Bloom, Jr., Leonard Bloom, Sonia (Terrence) Roberts, Tony (Alison) Bloom, Rayford (Cecilia) Bloom, Tamar Bloom, Kimberly Bloom, Dorcas (Justin) Dillard and Johnathan (Darkus) Bloom, 34 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Don is also survived by his siblings, Larry Higginbottom, Mark Higginbottom, Jr., Brenda Simpson, Linda Ivy, and Fred Higginbottom, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and a whole host of friends.

The thoughts and prayers of the Addison family and staff go out to the Higginbottom family and friends.

Comments



“ Donald Higginbottom was a great example of a program manager. Not only was he concerned about his staffs professional development but also their well being. He was constantly encouraging and believed that all people have value. My experience with Don when he rejoined the The Harris Center found him to be respectful, approachable and not boastful about his vast experience in working with individuals who have been through catastrophic situations. The Memorial service held today was awesome. Don's Pastor stated Don has been promoted. Although he will be missed by many, God has brought him home;he served his purpose. Job well done!

My sincere condolences to Kimberly, Mrs. Higginbottom and family.

Jacqueline Johnson
Trainer
Dept. of Organizational Excellence



Jacqueline Johnson - April 13 at 07:12 PM



“ Jacqueline, Thanks so much my friend!

Kimberly - Yesterday at 05:59 PM



“ I met Mr. Higginbottom through his wife Dr. Doris Bloom Higginbottom. The two of them were just inseparable, and a couple who was very unselfish and who interacted with others very well. They welcomed me and my family to be with their family for the 4th of July. It seemed as if we knew him just as well as his wife, because he didn't treat us like he's just met us, We didn't meet him as a stranger, because he had a very genuine spirit and he made us feel right at home, along with the rest of the family. God bless you Dr. Bloom and Family, I'm praying for you guys.

Kathy Williamson - April 13 at 03:32 PM



“ I met Mr.Don while working at MHMRA under the katrina disaster program. When my mother got very sick, Mr.Don allowed me to flex my schedule to care for my mother. He also allowed me to flex my work schedule again to do home school with my son. Mr.Don always provide me with solid advice. He was always very professional and a

fair person. He was very concerned about your welfare. I admired the fact that he talked about his wife and children all the time. He always had a calm demeanor about his self. He will be missed.

Tammy Curtis - April 12 at 09:41 PM



“ Wow!! Much thanks Ms. Curtis..

Kimberly - Yesterday at 06:00 PM



“ Donald Kerry Higginbottom was my father and raised me, this pass week has been spent reflecting on the many memories and lessons he taught me. He would always bring praise to Jahovah first and fore most. He showed what true compassion and unconditional love was for his fellow man. Dad I will always miss you and love you. Your guidance was always welcomed and always helped me through difficult times. I love you Daddy

Eric Higginbottom - April 12 at 03:56 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.



April 12 at 03:36 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.



April 12 at 03:22 PM



“ When I was younger, I was greatly welcomed into the Bloom Family! I got the opportunity to meet Mr. Higginbottom a few years ago (who allowed me to call him Uncle Don), at a family gathering. The first time I met him, he was a man full of wise counsel. We had a conversation for about 20 minutes, and he taught me so much. He taught me about the importance of character when carrying a gift, and how integrity and moral qualities are needed in those who have been gifted by Father God. He was truly a man of greatness, love and joy.

Tavian McGee - April 12 at 02:33 PM



“ Wow!! Thanks Tay.

Kimberly - Yesterday at 06:02 PM



“ My Dearest Brother Donald, I, thank God for the time He allowed me to spend with you. Absent from the body is present with the Lord. My heart is heavy that i have lost another brother. You will always be missed but never forgotten. You have been faithful of a few things come on Home in rest awhile my brother.

Love Always Brother
John

fred higginbottom (John) - April 12 at 02:29 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.



April 12 at 01:57 PM



“ Don was beloved by those with whom he worked. I knew him briefly while working on the Hurricane Harvey grant but I learned most about him from his large grant team when they surprised and honored him at our final grant training. EVERYONE talked about how he was encouraging, went out of his way to ensure all the team members were taken care of prior to the grant ending before he considered his own next move, and that each person on the 'team' was so important. What a lovely human being. Don touched many and will be so missed.

Sincerely, Jennie Barr

Jennie Barr - April 12 at 11:14 AM



“ To my dearest sweetheart Brother "Don" I love you beyond measure
God has place you in my life and I will never forget the wisdom you poor into me
Love you forever until we meet again
I want to thank you for my sis in love. Doris Bloom Higginbottom
We got her

Brenda Simp - April 12 at 10:48 AM



“ Gone, but never forgotten.

~ The Higginbottom Family Tree Project

The Higginbottom Family Tree Project - April 12 at 10:08 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Kerry
Higginbottom.



April 12 at 09:48 AM



“ Though I've never met Mr. Higginbottom, I've known the family for a long time. I know
that we was loved very much by his family and will be surely missed. My thoughts
and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Nancy Jentzen

Nancy Jentzen - April 12 at 09:32 AM



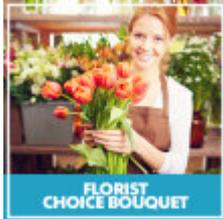
“ Papa was the best. I could always count on him to push me to be greater, ask me the tough questions and then we’d laugh about something silly. He was loving, kind, genuine, and an honorable man. I’m so thankful I got the opportunity to know him! I love you Papa! And I miss you dearly.



Krystle Roberts - April 11 at 11:39 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.



April 11 at 10:52 PM



“ I will always Love You Donald.
From Linda Higginbottom Ivy and Family

linda ivy - April 11 at 06:53 PM



“ Who Donald K. Higginbottom is ACCORDING to his children!

Reuben Jr.- (& wife Marie)

He is a faithful father, a person of excellence, integrity, powerful in faith, compassionate, and VERY caring!

Vern-

He is very kind and always patient with others, compassionate and gentle in spirit. He is an excellent example as a father. I love Dad.

Sonia- (& husband Terry)

Who was Dad to me? He was my friend, he was loving, gracious and kind, giving, always believing the best in Me and others. He was a great Protector, Provider and King to our Mom- Queen! He was always witty, funny, and enjoyed living!! That's who my Daddy was to Me!!

Tony- (& wife Alison)

Don was a great father to the family and a great husband to our mother. He genuinely loved Mom and the family.

Alison-

Don had a HUGE heart. His heart had room to love Mom's 9 children and their spouses as his own children. He had room to love Mom's 32 grandchildren as his very own. And that love just kept expanding with each great- grandchild born. Don didn't have to love like that, but he did! Our family was so blessed to have him.

Rayford-(& wife CiCi)

I Loved Dad's demeanor .He would call me out of the Blue, say Hey Ray, your Momma said, then he would let me know how we should handle whatever...Good or Bad his voice hardly changed. I've heard him Upset over the years. I think the toughest thing a ever heard Dad say was come on Guy...Lol...the Best.

Tamar -

Daddy was a honest, fair, loving person. He wanted others to do well; he saw the best in others. Daddy's greatest contribution to this world was his compassion.

Kimberly-

Dad has been a cool drink of water to this family. One who believed the best in all of us. A wealth of knowledge leaving insight every place he went. Dad operated in brilliance intellectually, yet dad was humble enough to call and say"KEM, daughter what do you think about this?" He loved our mother faithfully and openly it was NO SECRET HE LOVED OUR MOTHER OPEN HEARTEDLY. FOR THIS I SAY " THANK YOU"

-UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN DAD!!

Dorcas- (& husband Justin)

Daddy was a well rounded person when it came to everyone he came across. He gave people hope. Daddy was straight forward in a nice way. Daddy was a motivator, he always had a heart for others. Daddy never pushed others down, if you worked hard he made sure you were rewarded...

John-(& wife Darkus)

I love Dad So much. Very easy going and right to the point. Like me; Love u Dad

Eric-

Dad was my guide, spoke the words I needed to hear. He was a funny, caring and loving father. He was an amazing man but to tell him he was, he would say, "I am imperfect" and he'd give praise to Jehovah God.

Dad was love and my hero

Moira - (& husband Josh)

Dad was my rock or my hug when I needed it and sometimes he was both. Dad was funny and fun, sweet, strong, determined, powerful and calm. He made the most out of everyday. You always knew where Daddy stood and what he believed in. He exhibited unwavering commitment to his family and his faith.

Kimberly Bloom - April 11 at 05:56 PM



“ Dania G., Daryl O, Jesus R, Kim R. purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.





“ I am so glad that we got to spend time together despite the distance. You and your family have always supported my mom throughout the years. Thank you for this and always making her smile. Rest in peace Uncle Donald.

Trenae Simpson - April 11 at 11:25 AM



“ Disaster Behavioral Health Services, HHSC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.



Disaster Behavioral Health Services, HHSC - April 11 at 11:17 AM



“ Dad with his siblings Aunty Brenda & Uncle Larry plus mommy!!!



Kimberly Bloom - April 11 at 12:40 AM



“ It's something special about daddy's baby girl!!!
Dad and Moira shown here , Moira is the youngest of the children. Moira is known to daddy as “BABY-GIRL!!!”



Kimberly Bloom - April 10 at 08:30 PM



“ Daddy was absolutely the best! Shown here with his daughter Tamar ... he and mom together had 11 children. He called all of us by our names and he even gave nicknames to the majority.

Dad & SUNSHINE GIRL!

#no loss

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#UNTILNEXTTIME



Kimberly Bloom - April 10 at 08:22 PM



“ I grew up with Aunt Jean and the family. After she and Uncle Don married, I can recall going to their home for the first time for a gathering. I am naturally loud, and he is soft spoken. So I devised a plan in my mind to just speak and smile, and avoid him as much as possible. When he saw me, he greeted me with a hug, welcomed me into his home, and had a long conversation with me. It was as if he somehow knew I was uncomfortable around him, and he talked to me until I was. UNCLE DON, THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS MAKING ME FEEL WELCOME. Thank you for checking on me to make sure I succeed in life. Thank you for getting the glass out of my car when the neighbor backed into it. Thank you for taking such GOOD care of Aunt Jean and the family. THANK YOU FOR BEING AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF A MAN, HUSBAND, AND FATHER.

Alethea Smith - April 11 at 10:50 AM



“ I wish that i could have thanked him for everything he did for me as a graduate from the environmental training program 2017. I remembered my interview with Mr Higginbottom and when he asked if I had a criminal record. I was scared to admit to my previous records but he was so supportive and he congratulated me for being so honest. Before I knew it he was giving me a tour of the class and I totally forgot that I was in an interview. Then I received the acceptance letter which I truly didn't expect. We then had a chat and talked about the future and encouraged me to always be upfront and honest which was the main reason for my acceptance to the program. He will be grately missed. Thank you Mr Higginbottom for allowing me a second chance for success

Jose Mendoza - April 10 at 07:59 PM



“ I was so happy when Don returned to The Harris Center to head up our disaster response work after Hurricane Harvey. I had the pleasure of getting to know him in his earlier work with our agency. He always asked after my husband who worked for him for a hot minute, which was so thoughtful. On several occasions he told me stories about you, his wonderful family, and about what was clearly his favorite role, father. I hope you receive comfort from each other and your faith during this transition time.

Take care,
Jennifer Battle

Jennifer - April 10 at 06:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.



April 10 at 03:26 PM



“ " Don was the best Boss I ever had. He was actually interested in the growth of his employees. When he started a sentences with "the reality of life is..." you knew he was about to ask you to think deeper than the surface level. He will truly be missed.

Thank you to the Higginbottom Family for sharing him so generously with all of us. He touched my life in ways that will impact me forever.

Don, Rest in Peace.

-Gladys Wilson



Gladys Wilson - April 10 at 03:23 PM



“ Dear Higginbottom Family,

I had the opportunity to spend some time with Don as my new supervisor. In this short period of time I was able to see how truly wonderful he was. He provided motivation, inspiration, support and a wealth of knowledge. His statements and stories about his family reminded me of mine and I was devastated to hear about this tragic event. Don led a life that revolved around his family, love, and faith. You and yours will be our prayers.

Sean - April 10 at 02:05 PM



“ Mom & dad on one of their many vacations!! Some say a photo is worth a thousand words!!! I totally agree



Kimberly Bloom - April 10 at 02:00 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Don for several years. Someone who truly cared about his staff and went out of his way to make sure they "had a place to go" if his program was running out. He was always full of life, wonderful sense of humor and had a great smile. When in our office he would always take the time to sit a while and we shared stories about family, I will miss our talks. Many blessings to his wife and children. Lindy Gerner



Lindy Gerner - April 10 at 01:32 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.



April 10 at 11:00 AM



“ Dawnna Stemmer (The Harris Center) purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.



Dawnna Stemmer (The Harris Center) - April 10 at 10:23 AM



“ I had the opportunity and pleasure to work under Don for about 9 months. He always allowed his employees to feel free to come into his office and talk to him. Don always pour out strength, wisdom and laughter. I will miss him greatly. To the family keep moving forward.



Deborah Johnson - April 09 at 09:59 PM



“ Mr. Higginbottom left an impact on my life and everyone he met. His smile was contagious, he met life with such genuine grace. He is one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Condolences to the Higginbottom family. -Veronica

Veronica Martinez - April 09 at 06:49 PM



“ Don connected with everyone genuinely and cared so deeply. I am humbled to have known him. He will be very much missed. Many blessings to his family at this difficult time.

Stephanie K.
TRT

Steph K - April 09 at 06:43 PM



“ Raymond Harrison
Don was truly more than a Director and Co-worker, he motivated teaches and inspired people to reach their highest potential. It's rare to find such a inspiring individual as Don Higginbottom, some people are a boss , but Don was a leader and he will be truly truly truly missed. RIH

Raymond Harrison - April 10 at 02:01 PM



“ We are blessed to have known such a kind, compassionate, God fearing & family loving man. We are grateful for the light he imparted to those he knew. May his soul rest in peace. May God grant comfort & strength to his wife, children, relatives, & friends. May we all continue his legacy by showing kindness & empathy the way Don did.

Lisa Ogboenyiya
The Harris Center

Lisa Ogboenyiya - April 09 at 05:51 PM



“ " Heart felt condolences to the family. He was my manager for one year. He was the best manager and supporter I ever worked. A God gifted man of humbleness , caring and with loving heart. Its a great loss for all the TRT group of Harris center".

SAJI BABY
Jail Diversion Center
Harris Center
281-669-6357.



Saji Baby - April 09 at 05:42 PM



“ There is no word for me. I am speechless. He was such a great person with filled with loving and caring heart. He was my boss during 2018.It's a great loss. HEART FELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.
SUNITHA PHILIP
THE HARRIS CENTER

sunitha phulip - April 09 at 12:17 PM



“ Dad has been a cool drink of water to this family. One who believed the best in all of us. A wealth of knowledge leaving insight every place he went. Dad operated in brilliance intellectually, yet dad was humble enough to call and say”KEM, daughter what do you think about this?” He loved our mother faithfully and openly it was NO SECRET HE LOVED OUR MOTHER OPEN HEARTEDLY. FOR THIS I SAY “
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Kimberly Bloom - April 09 at 11:52 AM



“ Don would come in first thing in the morning and ask about my children. He genuinely cared about everyone he came in contact with. He took a true interest in people which is rare these days. We would talk about fishing, camping and great places to do both. He thanked me each time I went home for the day. He would say “Thank you for all of your hard work and all that you do”. Even though he was only in my life for a very short time, he left a great impact on how I should treat others. Thank you Don for putting a smile on my face at the beginning of the day and at the end of each day. Jesus Renteria DDRP

Jesus Renteria - April 09 at 08:47 AM



“ Met Mr Don couple of times as he just moved to my unit in Humble. Such a pleasant man and a nice soul. Will miss him dearly. RIP! Jubril DDRP

Jubril - April 08 at 06:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Kerry Higginbottom.



April 08 at 09:20 AM