



Elmer Thomas Higgs

August 31, 1955 - September 5, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Elmer Thomas “Tommy” Higgs announces his passing. Tommy passed on September 5, 2020, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 65.

Tommy was born on August 31, 1955, in Dover, DE. He now joins his late parents, William Jennings and Dorothy Mae Eck Higgs in Heaven.

Tommy attended QAC schools, graduating in 1974. He worked with his brothers on the family farm. Tommy loved spending time with his family and cherished many special friendships over the years. He was well known for his BBQ chicken and for his gift of striking up a conversation with anyone, never meeting a stranger. Tommy enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and spending time with his rocket buddies. He was very involved with the community.

Tommy was the voice of the QAC Fair for many years. The 2020 QAC Fair was dedicated to him.

Tommy is survived by the love of his life and best friend, Beth. They were married for 44 years. He is survived by his beloved children, Todd (Christy), Chris (Sarah), and Adam (Ashley); his nine adored grandchildren Brady, Brent, Colton, Casey, Leah, Troy, Jenna, Chase, and Lilly; and brothers Clifford (Kay), Eugene (Mary Ruth), and Mike (significant other, Beth). In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, William, and

sister, Wanda Mae.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, September 27, at 11:30 am, at Conquest Beach.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617 or Church Hill Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 66, Church Hill, MD 21623.

The family would like to thank Compass Regional Hospice, and especially Dani Moore, who was Tommy's Angel, for the compassion, guidance, and support given.

In honor and remembrance of Tommy, we ask that you take a moment to hug your child, grandchild, friend, or walk in the woods for a moment, an hour or a day. Time waits for no one.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **27**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Conquest Beach
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer Thomas Higgs*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Elmer Thomas Higgs*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Elmer Thomas Higgs*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Is your family related to Thomas muffed higgs?*

Brad Higgs - April 05, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ *Tommy allowed MDRA to flourish the way it did. Always a smile and a “hi” even if you weren’t there at every launch. He saw hungry dehydrated people who forgot to stop at Wawa because they were trying to remember what rocket stuff they forgot. Tommy and the Road Kill Cafe made sure we were all good! He just kept giving with a nice smile for everyone. A very rare guy it seems nowadays. He will always have a place in my heart and memories! Fly on Tommy! Will see you at the RK cafe in heaven (if I make it there) Godspeed you have always been one of a kind, the good kind.*



Russell Miller - September 26, 2020 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ How does a person say in a few words about one of the few **GREATEST MEN** that I have ever met. I have been a friend of and one of the most revered pillar of the Queen Anne's County and the State of Maryland. It will be a tall order that someone like Tommy Higgs ever comes around. Tommy is part of one of the greatest families that have lived here... the HIGGS. I met Tommy 25 years ago with a few rocket friends way back when we were flying in his front yard. The rocket group grew due to his faith in us. Me and Tommy talked many times about his grand kids, faith, his family, the farm, and the future. Trust me... anybody that met Tommy, he always left a lasting feeling of a old friend you always knew. He will never be forgot. Tommy was one of the finest that lived in our time. **GOD Bless. David A. Bullis**

David A. Bullis - September 25, 2020 at 08:30 PM

DL

“ There are no words to describe the loss of Tommy, he is loved by so many, family, friends, community and acquaintances will truly miss a very special man. He's been a neighbor to my family, a true gentleman and his gracious smile always made me feel welcome. I always admired his love for Beth and his family. Tommy always loved to have his pool parties and watch everyone enjoy fun, food, swimming and fellowship. I will truly miss his hugs, laughter and friendship. May he rest in God's hands with his health restored. Until I see you again my wonderful friend

Donna Landis-Smith - September 16, 2020 at 08:39 AM

DM

“ I met Tommy when I first joined MDRA (Maryland Delaware Rocketry Association) and he was the warmest most friendliest guy ever. We hit it off well and the both of us always engaged in conversation at every launch. Tommy’s dedication to his family, livelihood and all us rocket fliers set him apart from many. He cooked for us and really cared for us at our launches. It was a pleasure to know him and it is with great sorrow that he is gone, but his spirit will live on in all of us who knew him. I am presently building a huge rocket that Tommy wanted so much to see fly. So now Tommy will have the best seat In heaven to see it. This rocket will now carry an inscription In honor of our loving friend, Tommy Higgs.

Dan Michael - September 15, 2020 at 12:42 PM

LS

“ Lawrence Schelts lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



lawrence schelts - September 14, 2020 at 09:54 PM

GS

“ Greg And Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Greg and Laura Saddler - September 13, 2020 at 07:58 PM

LG

“ This family was so lucky to have Tommy. He was a real man, a man of integrity and caring and actions. He gave so much to his community. Tommy showed up to help Dad bring in a crop when Dad couldn't find anyone. He and Beth were there to support me through my son's death. I'll always remember when Tommy's son (I won't say which one) showed up at my house, hat in hand, to apologize for a bad decision. It showed how Tommy did such a great job raising his sons to respect others. Though I didn't often see Tommy I always knew he and Beth were there if I needed anything. I will truly miss him. I send Love to all his family, especially Beth.

Loretta Gannon - September 13, 2020 at 12:51 PM

TG

“ Sorry for your loss Mr. Mike. Praying for you and the family in this time of need.

Taylor Gibson - September 12, 2020 at 08:30 PM

MR

“ Max Robichaud lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Max Robichaud - September 11, 2020 at 06:42 PM

AA

“ Sending our Sympathy to Chris and all of the family of Mr. Higgs. So very, very sorry for the loss of such a fine family member and friend to many people. Thoughts and prayers for all of the family at this difficult time. Lighting a candle in his memory.



Albert and Barbara Allen - September 11, 2020 at 05:08 PM

PV

“ Patty Boone VanStavern lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Patty Boone VanStavern - September 11, 2020 at 05:02 PM

PV

Beth and family, so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. He was a great neighbor, classmate, and friend. Deepest condolences. Patty Boone VanStavern

Patty Boone VanStavern - September 11, 2020 at 05:04 PM

MA

Been flying rockets since I was 8 ,I'm now 61 . Always had dream that there would be a high power rocket organization ,after many years I found MDRA . Got to meet Mr Higgs on many launches He was larger than life in my book . I wish I could have had grandson shake his hand . Michael Ash NAR 21636

mike ash - November 29, 2020 at 05:30 PM

LC

“ *Loretta Cudnik lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Loretta Cudnik - September 11, 2020 at 01:02 PM

LC

Beth and the entire Higgs family, I am so very sorry; Tommy will be missed by many. It's been a long time since the days he spent many hours with my brother at my house...pestering my two little kids. We all love him. Heaven has gained a soldier for sure. You are all in my prayers.

Loretta Cudnik - September 11, 2020 at 01:19 PM

CK

“ *Cindy King lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Cindy King - September 11, 2020 at 12:13 PM

NM

“ *To the entire Higgs Family, may care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. My most sincere condolences. Tommy was one in a million, it was an honor to have known him and to call him a friend.*



Neil McGilvray

Neil McGilvray - September 11, 2020 at 11:04 AM

VK

“ We are so sorry about the loss! We know he will be missed by many people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of your family and we will put you in our prayers!!!
We have lit a light candle in memory of Tommy!!



Vicki and Jack King

Vicki & Jack King - September 11, 2020 at 09:52 AM

LM

“ My memories go so very far back with your family and in so many ways. Please know that my heart is hurting for you all and my thoughts and prayers are with you! God love you and peace be with you. 💕💕

Linda McGuire - September 11, 2020 at 09:42 AM

BG

“ Bo, Amy And Benton Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Bo, Amy and Benton Greenwood - September 11, 2020 at 09:19 AM

BG

Beth and Family - we are so sorry to hear about Tommy's passing. We greatly appreciated all of the love you, Tommy, Todd, Chris and Adam had for Benton when he came to your house for daycare. He was treated just like one of the family! You and your family will always have a special place in our hearts. Tommy will be missed dearly. Everyone who knew Tommy will always remember his friendly smile and happy heart!

Bo, Amy and Benton Greenwood - September 11, 2020 at 09:28 AM

MR

“ *Very sorry for your loss ! What a wonderful person! Will miss our talks !*

Max Robichaud - September 11, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elmer Thomas Higgs.*



September 11, 2020 at 09:07 AM

AB

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all of the family!!!
Andy and Peg Breeding*



Andy and Peg Breeding - September 11, 2020 at 07:18 AM

PP

“ *Pam Kinnamon Price lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Pam Kinnamon Price - September 11, 2020 at 05:41 AM

DS

“ *Debbie Scott lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Debbie Scott - September 11, 2020 at 12:11 AM

SF

“ *Todd and family, please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*
Sandy Seward Fish



Sandy Seward Fish - September 10, 2020 at 11:38 PM

LB

“ *Lindy Barton lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Lindy Barton - September 10, 2020 at 10:24 PM

JC

“ *Jane Coppage lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Jane Coppage - September 10, 2020 at 09:46 PM

JS

“ Great memories of great times with good friend.



JoEllen and Steve - September 10, 2020 at 09:24 PM

BY

“ Clifford , Kay & all of your family , our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time. May your memories help comfort you.

Bill and Jane Young

Bill and Jane Young - September 10, 2020 at 09:20 PM

JK

“ Jeff And Debbie Kiel lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Jeff and Debbie Kiel - September 10, 2020 at 08:47 PM

JK

Our memories are forever❤️

Jeff and Debbie Kiel - September 10, 2020 at 08:54 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Beaver-Hahn lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Brenda Beaver-Hahn - September 10, 2020 at 08:14 PM

DD

“ *To the Higgs family, you will be in my prayers for God's healing. He sees your pain. Cry out to Him. Tommy was a wonderful human being. Blessings be upon you at this difficult time. Hold onto the memories.*

Dawn Dionne - September 10, 2020 at 07:48 PM

GF

“ *Growmark FS-Sudlersville lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Growmark FS-Sudlersville - September 10, 2020 at 07:01 PM

LH

“ *Lyn Higdon lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Lyn Higdon - September 10, 2020 at 06:45 PM

BT

“ *Betsy Dulin Truitt lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Betsy Dulin Truitt - September 10, 2020 at 06:24 PM

DW

“ *I met Tommy in 1995 when he graciously let a small group of guys fly big rockets at his home on Cox Sawmill Rd. Our club rocketry activities moved to the Higgs family farm on Ell Downes Rd soon after and have been launching rockets there for the past 25 years. Tommy quickly became a dear friend as well as an awesome supporter of our rocket community and my life has been richer for knowing Him. My prayers for comfort go out to Beth, their Sons, Eugene and the many other wonderful Higgs family members. Tommy was always a first class guy and the way he always talked about Beth and the boys proved he was a loving husband and great father. Tommy is gone in body, but will live on in the hearts of everyone he befriended. Dave and Jill Weber*

David Weber - September 10, 2020 at 06:01 PM

DL

We have lost a good man. Always smiling and laughing, he would do anything for anyone. The world needs more men like Tommy Higgs. He will be greatly missed.

Do Leonard - September 10, 2020 at 08:19 PM

CI

“ Am so thankful to have met the Higgs family through Beth's daycare- Tommy was the best role model for my girls at a time they really needed one! Rest easy Tommy, thoughts and prayers to Beth and the rest of his gang.



Cindy - September 10, 2020 at 05:56 PM

SH

“ Tommy was such a beautiful person and I was so fortunate to have a brief moment of sharing memories with Tommy and you. Beth thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

Sherri Hunter - September 10, 2020 at 05:51 PM

JH

What a family man. So very, very sorry.

Judy Kinnamon Hollett - September 10, 2020 at 06:39 PM

FW

“ Fritz Wildt lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Fritz Wildt - September 10, 2020 at 05:45 PM

SS

“ Sewardie, Mary & Annie Seward lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Sewardie, Mary & Annie Seward - September 10, 2020 at 05:27 PM

KR

“ We are very saddened to learn of Tommy's passing. Sincere sympathies, during such a difficult time, are being sent to Beth+family and friends on their loss. Tommy will be missed but never forgotten by all that knew him. Love+🙏, your cousins: Karen (Makin)+Gary Rowles, Bob Sr and Barbara Makin and Bob Jr Makin.



Karen (Makin) Rowles - September 10, 2020 at 05:25 PM

KP

“ Tommy was always smiling when I would see him. We had great conversations when I would cut his hair. So sorry for your loss. Great man for sure!!

Kim Parkerson - September 10, 2020 at 05:21 PM

DS

“ Beth and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Tommy was a good man and will be greatly missed. I'm sure Debbie and him are in heaven talking about cows. May God bless you and your family. Donnie Sadler

Donnie Sadler - September 10, 2020 at 04:41 PM

CW

“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Centreville Methodist Women - September 10, 2020 at 04:30 PM

RC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*



Robert Cecil - September 10, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JP

“ *John And Phyllis Perkins lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



John and Phyllis Perkins - September 10, 2020 at 04:24 PM

TS

“ *Todd Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Todd sullivan - September 10, 2020 at 04:23 PM

SH

“ *Sarah Harris lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Sarah Harris - September 10, 2020 at 04:21 PM

MF

“ *Matt And Roxanne Dean And Family lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Matt and Roxanne Dean and Family - September 10, 2020 at 04:16 PM

NF

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the Higgs family in this time of loss.*



Nancy Morris and family - September 10, 2020 at 04:15 PM

TP

“ *TJ & Tiffaney Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



TJ & Tiffaney Palmatary - September 10, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MF

“ *Beth and family I am so sad for you all, I know he is watching over you and loving you all..During our school days we shared many of laughs while in classes.. Tommy always had a smile just a great guy, I was fortunate to have him as a friend and make some classes fun!!*



Margie Freeman - September 10, 2020 at 02:11 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Dashiell lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Peggy Dashiell - September 10, 2020 at 06:20 AM

SW

“ *Sue Cook Wolff lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Sue Cook Wolff - September 09, 2020 at 10:33 PM

SW

You will be missed by many....RIP 1974 Classmate

Sue Cook Wolff - September 09, 2020 at 10:36 PM

DC

Rest In Peace Tommy. Peace and love to your wonderful family.

Dave and Sue Conley - September 10, 2020 at 04:06 PM

RE

“ *Ronnie And Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Ronnie and Bonnie Edwards - September 09, 2020 at 07:07 PM

LF

“ *Larry Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Larry Faulkner - September 09, 2020 at 06:16 PM

LF

“ *Tommy was a great guy. I hung around with those boys when I was younger. Over the years the Higgs family has had it's share of tragedy. I know you will miss him a lot Beth. My thoughts and prayers are you Beth and all of Tommy's extended family.*

Larry Faulkner - September 09, 2020 at 06:13 PM

JD

“ *Joy Stare Drury lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Joy Stare Drury - September 09, 2020 at 12:35 PM

MD

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a very good man. Top notch.*

Michael Dean - September 09, 2020 at 12:21 PM

BH

“ *Brenda And Jack Hahn lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Brenda and Jack Hahn - September 09, 2020 at 11:15 AM

VW

“ *Beth and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Victor and Teri Wood - September 09, 2020 at 09:52 AM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - September 09, 2020 at 08:24 AM

JE

Beth and family, So very sorry for your loss and extend our most heartfelt sympathy to you. Tommy will be missed by his many friends, such a nice guy. Love and prayers to you. Jim and Mary Ann Edwards

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - September 09, 2020 at 08:31 AM

BM

“ Dear Beth and family, I am so sorry for your loss. There are no words to help with your pain and sorrow. Spending the time I had with Tommy during his journey has left me with memories that I will forever hold near and dear to my heart. I am so thankful to your family for letting me be a part of his life during the hardest fight of his life. I can't say enough great things about him. He touched so many hearts and lives here on earth including mine. He will be missed by all that had the honor and pleasure of knowing Tommy. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.



Brenda Morris-Dadds - September 08, 2020 at 04:55 PM

LM

“ Libby And Tommy Morris sent a virtual gift in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Libby and Tommy Morris - September 08, 2020 at 04:25 PM

MK

“ Mark And Lisa King lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Mark and Lisa King - September 08, 2020 at 03:46 PM

AB

“ Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Aaron, Marcy & Lexi Blazejak - September 08, 2020 at 03:27 PM

GH

“ Gary & Cherie Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Gary & Cherie Hollingsworth - September 08, 2020 at 01:36 PM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Pslmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Frank and Tish Pslmatary - September 08, 2020 at 11:22 AM

BM

“ Bill & Marie Myers lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Bill & Marie Myers - September 08, 2020 at 11:16 AM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



JoAnn & Royden Powell - September 08, 2020 at 11:05 AM

TS

“ *Tim & Esther Blackiston, Sudlersville sent a virtual gift in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Tim & Esther Blackiston, Sudlersville - September 08, 2020 at 10:10 AM

DG

Dear Beth and family, please know you are in my prayers. I had no idea how fast things had progressed. Caring for our loved ones are actually a blessing, even though that was the hardest thing I have ever had to do. May you find peace and comfort knowing there is no more pain.

doris greiner - September 08, 2020 at 08:13 PM

GP

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - September 08, 2020 at 10:01 AM

GP

Beth and family: Our prayers and thoughts are with your entire family during the loss of Tommy. He will surely be missed in the Community. He had love for so many things and it will never be forgotten. God has plans for him in heaven and memories of love and friendship are treasures to carry with you always. Take comfort, as those who love will be reunited in eternity. God Bless each and everyone of you. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene Palmatary - September 08, 2020 at 10:05 AM

AW

“ *Alicia Wharton lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Alicia Wharton - September 08, 2020 at 09:31 AM

JS

“ *Beth, prayers for you and all of the family. Thinking of you at this difficult time.*

Jane Sparks - September 08, 2020 at 08:51 AM

KC

“ *Thoughts and prayers with the family*



Kay Councill - September 08, 2020 at 08:44 AM

LH

“ *Such a happy soul. He will be missed by many. Sending my love to Beth and her family*



Lynn Higdon - September 08, 2020 at 08:27 AM

MZ

“ *Great Guy..Great Family.. Tommy you will be missed by all of your friends.*



Mike Zimmer - September 08, 2020 at 08:11 AM

TM

“ *Tina Trice Mayr lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



Tina Trice Mayr - September 08, 2020 at 06:17 AM

MK

“ *Dear Beth and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad and difficult time.
Butch and Margaret Kaufman*

margaret kaufman - September 07, 2020 at 08:54 PM

JA

“ *Beth and family- may you find comfort and peace. I am so sorry.....*



Jane Anthony - September 07, 2020 at 07:45 PM

JM

“ Jeff And Cindy Moore lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Jeff and Cindy Moore - September 07, 2020 at 07:38 PM

MS

“ Thinking of you all! We love you ❤️



Mandy Snyder - September 07, 2020 at 07:20 PM

LC

“ Lori Collier lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Lori Collier - September 07, 2020 at 06:45 PM

SS

“ Suzanne Skinner lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs



Suzanne Skinner - September 07, 2020 at 05:53 PM

SS

Beth and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Tommy was a really good guy. May God wrap each of you in His arms. Praying for your peace and strength at this time.

Suzanne Skinner - September 07, 2020 at 05:56 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas Higgs*



June Clark - September 07, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JC

RIP Tommy, thoughts and prayers to all the family

June Clark - September 07, 2020 at 05:14 PM