



Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom

August 31, 1948 - October 7, 2023

Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom, 75, of Easton, MD passed away on October 7 2023 at the University of Maryland Hospital in Easton, MD from cardiac complications. She was surrounded by many family members including her husband, Dr. Mark Higginbottom, her three sons, wives, families, and her sister.

Rhonda was born on August 31, 1948 in Avon, New York to Walton and Isabelle Whipple. After graduation from high school, she attended Syracuse University in the Nursing Program, receiving her B.S. degree in 1970. She remained at Syracuse University to receive her M.S. degree in Nursing Education, specializing in Medical-Surgical Nursing in 1972.

While she was at Syracuse, she met the love of her life, Mark Higginbottom in 1967 while singing in the Chapel Choir. They were married in June of 1974 in Avon, New York and had three children: Dr. Ryan Higginbottom (Leanne), Dr. Erik Higginbottom (Melissa), and Dr. Kyle Higginbottom (Lindsey). She is survived by those families, seven grandchildren: Caroline, Lorelai, Grant, Chad, Aubrey, Miles, and Knox, a sister D. Loren Whipple from Bonita Springs Florida, and many loving cousins.

Rhonda loved her nursing career and worked in many capacities to serve her patients: Charge Nurse at Bryn Mayr Hospital, Visiting Nurse outside

Philadelphia, Teaching at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, Teaching at Salisbury University School of Nursing, and most recently serving as the facilitator for the Child Loss Support Group (30 years). Rhonda was a prominent figure in the development of the Child Loss Support Group and spent many hours contributing to the coordination and formation of the Child Loss Garden on Oxford Road. Her talents were many and served so many people with her wonderful ability to listen, to smile, not to pass judgement, and to give herself to the community.

She loved her family and her grandchildren tremendously and would not give up any opportunity to be with them, babysit them, or to support them. They nicknamed her "Giya" and she loved them ever so dearly!

Her time was spent with her family, traveling, making animals for the grandchildren, reading, gardening, and with her husband, Mark.

The memorial service will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Burial will be private.

Any contributions you wish to make should be directed to St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 100 Peachblossom Road, Easton, MD or to the Child Loss Support Group c/o Talbot County Hospice on Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peachblossom Rd.
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-0001

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 19, 2023 at 02:26 PM

KP

“ *I met Rhonda only two or three times when she visited her sister in Florida. She was warm and easy to talk to. She even helped me with a medical question, which put me at ease. What a beautiful soul! Lots of love to her family. Sincerely, Kim Polly*

Kim Polly - November 04, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.*

November 03, 2023 at 04:06 PM

RM

“ *Ralph M. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.*

Ralph M. - November 02, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.*



November 01, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ *My Condolences to Dr Higginbottom & Family Will always remember Ms Rhonda coming in with her beautiful smile & enjoying her salad with salsa*



Jackie - October 30, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.*



October 30, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Love, Victoria, Steve, Wendy and Q purchased the Best of California Wine Gift Box for the family of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.*



Love, Victoria, Steve, Wendy and Q - October 30, 2023 at 11:36 AM

LQ

“ Love, Victoria, Steve, Wendy and Q planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.

Love, Victoria, Steve, Wendy and Q - October 30, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

RG

“ Words do not capture all that Rhonda was. She was kind, and loving, and generous, and loyal, and smart and sweet and so dedicated to the people and things she loved. And boy did she love! Her face would light up talking about her grandchildren, her sons, her husband, and her family. She seemed to live for the things and people that mattered most to her, to give fully of herself to all of them.
May her example and her love help to ease the pain that her absence brings. Blessed was I and so many of us, to have known her.
Love you always, Ronnie!
Raquel

Raquel M. Gonzalez - October 18, 2023 at 06:12 PM

BC

“ Breanna C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.

Breanna C. - October 18, 2023 at 04:15 PM

DP

“ Praying for the family. May God continue to comfort you. Leonard & Denise Palmer, Dantoine & Erin Bryan



Denise Palmer - October 17, 2023 at 05:49 PM

DS

“ Rhonda always had a warm spirit and a big smile. She was a wonderful encourager for me the 8 years I was her Choir Director at St Mark's. Her passing is a great loss for all who knew her here but Heaven's gain. We are praying for her family.

Dawn Steward - October 17, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.



October 16, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.

October 16, 2023 at 09:49 PM

HM

“ *Holly Moreland lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Holly Moreland - October 16, 2023 at 06:29 PM

TL

“ *One of the kindest, most sincere women this world has ever known. We have been touched by an angel. Now she'll look over us from above.*



Ted and Tracey Lesson - October 16, 2023 at 01:18 PM

TL

Leeson

Ted and Tracey Leeson - October 16, 2023 at 01:19 PM

LG

“ *Lee George lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Lee George - October 15, 2023 at 05:01 PM

KI

“ *Kathy & George Ireland lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Kathy & George Ireland - October 15, 2023 at 12:34 AM

NW

“ *Nancy Wells lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Nancy Wells - October 14, 2023 at 07:15 PM

BM

“ *Betty Malkus lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Betty Malkus - October 13, 2023 at 05:09 PM

JB

“ *June Billman lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



June Billman - October 13, 2023 at 05:02 PM

DD

“ *Darlene M Dixon lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Darlene M Dixon - October 13, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Ellen Dickson lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Ellen Dickson - October 13, 2023 at 10:12 AM

CL

“ *Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Carolyn Lane - October 13, 2023 at 10:06 AM

JH

“ *The Higginbottom family and our community have suffered a great loss with Rhonda's passing. May her graciousness and devotion live on in others.*

Juanita Hopkins - October 13, 2023 at 07:16 AM

MM

“ Marilyn Morris lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom



Marilyn Morris - October 12, 2023 at 08:00 PM

LS

“ Lynn Stone lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom



Lynn Stone - October 12, 2023 at 01:19 PM

SW

“ Sharri Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom



Sharri Wyatt - October 12, 2023 at 12:52 PM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom



Phil Foster - October 12, 2023 at 04:50 AM

CL

“ So very sorry for your families loss. She was a wonderful, kind person

Connie Lewis - October 12, 2023 at 03:19 AM

BH

“ Beverly S Hahn lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom



Beverly S Hahn - October 11, 2023 at 04:34 PM

RH

“ Rita Hill lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom



Rita Hill - October 11, 2023 at 03:28 PM

AF

“ I met Rhonda at the University of Maryland as a member of my Nursing Team. She rescued me when I slipped a disc with her new husband Mark. They took me into their home built with such care and love. We stayed friends a lifetime and I grieve with Rhonda's lifelong lover Mark. Rhonda stayed true to her loving self and cannot be forgotten. Love Toni

Antonia Fuller - October 11, 2023 at 02:22 PM

WF

“ With love and sorrow Antonia Fuller purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.



With love and sorrow Antonia Fuller - October 11, 2023 at 02:16 PM

WF

“ With love and sorrow Antonia Fuller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom.

With love and sorrow Antonia Fuller - October 11, 2023 at 02:16 PM

KF

“ Rhonda was a very kind individual. Many families in our community benefited from her support and comfort during her tenure with The Child Loss Support Group. I am grateful for the opportunity to have known her.



Kathy Foster - October 11, 2023 at 01:46 PM

CD

“ Carolyn Distler lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom



Carolyn Distler - October 11, 2023 at 12:34 PM

JS

“ *A candle was lit in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom. Prayers to her family.*
Jackie Schwencer



Jackie Schwencer - October 11, 2023 at 11:15 AM

PF

“ *Patricia C. Ford lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Patricia C. Ford - October 11, 2023 at 10:41 AM

MC

“ *Mollie And Charlie Connolly lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Mollie and Charlie Connolly - October 11, 2023 at 09:53 AM

TL

“ *Trudy Leager lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Trudy Leager - October 11, 2023 at 09:06 AM

KR

“ *Karen Reed lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whipple Higginbottom*



Karen Reed - October 11, 2023 at 08:15 AM