



## Helen Lucille Higgs

December 28, 1919 - May 2, 2020

RICHMOND, Ind. – Helen Lucille Higgs, age 100, a life-long resident of Richmond, Indiana, died Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Brookdale Richmond.

Helen was born to Charles and Jeanette Vore Milstead on December 28, 1919. Her parents raised her with “gentle hands and loving care.” Helen was baptized at Second Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school. Later on, Helen became a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Following her graduation from Morton High School in Richmond in 1938, Helen went on to work in Reid Memorial Hospital’s surgical ward and J.C. Penney’s credit department. She retired from Rodefeld’s Auto Parts after 17 years.

Helen was a cancer survivor of 21 years. She was an active lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. In her later years, Helen volunteered at Reid Memorial Hospital’s surgical waiting room.

Alongside her husband of 67 years, Gilbert Wayne Higgs, Helen enjoyed spending time in the Minnesota summer home they shared for 17 years.

Helen was known for her spirited sense of humor and distinct laugh. She brought joy to everyone blessed by her presence, which at one point even included a pet goose, Dockey-Lockey Higgs, that she and Gilbert raised from birth.

She was the proud mother of four sons, Terrell (Hollie) Higgs of Delray Beach, Florida, Brian (Marcia) Higgs of Andrews, North Carolina, Lee (Janet) Higgs of Richmond, Indiana, and Charles Higgs of Abington, Indiana. She had seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband; son, Terrell; granddaughter, Christine Higgs; parents; and brothers, Richard and Harold Milstead.

Helen requested a private family service. She will be entombed in the Earlham Memorial Mausoleum next to her husband. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Help The Animals, Inc., P.O. Box 117, Richmond, IN 47375 or American Cancer Society, Wayne County Unit, 5635 West 96th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Earlham Memorial Mausoleum**

1101 National Road West

Richmond, IN, 47374

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Doan & Mills Funeral Home** - May 06 at 11:43 AM



“ This video of Helen's life and family was so very touching.... beautiful! I felt as though I was reliving special moments with her. Thank you

**Hollie Higgs** - May 08 at 11:55 AM



“ What a wonderful, loving tribute video. Lots of good memories to hold on to and give your family peace.

**Kathy Moore** - May 08 at 02:35 PM

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“ Nicole Merrill lit a candle in memory of Helen Lucille Higgs



**Nicole Merrill** - May 07 at 02:07 PM



“ I worked at Brookdale and was blessed to have known her and take care of her. I enjoyed being able to get her cokes and chocolates. I will never forget her.

**Nicole Merrill** - May 07 at 02:10 PM

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“ Brian: I was saddened to read of your mother's death. She obviously had a very full, and successful life. I am sure she was very proud of all you accomplished. Tom Shields

**Tom Shields** - May 06 at 07:40 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Although it's been years since I have seen her, I still have great memories of her kindness when I was good friends with Terry. I remember spending the night at the family home on N 19th many times.  
Steve Ogborn

Steve Ogborn - May 06 at 02:30 PM



“ Steve, thanks for commenting. I do remember you. I was your brother Stanley's age. I remember going to your house and going up to your "haunted " attic.

Lee Higgs - May 21 at 07:38 AM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Doan & Mills Funeral Home - May 06 at 11:53 AM



“ Charlie, i'm sorry for your loss. I think of you often.

summer longworth - May 06 at 08:06 AM



“ Helen was always very kind to me. When I was a struggling young salesman, she regularly bought office supplies from me. You can never forget those who help you when you need it the most. There is no such thing as a small kindness. Thank you, Helen!

tom donat - May 06 at 07:17 AM



“ Lee, Janet, and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May the wonderful times you shared be a blessing, and may God wrap his arms around you during this difficult time. Much love, Ron, Jamie, Parker, and Cole Melling



**Jamie Melling** - May 06 at 01:58 AM

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“ Darlene Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Helen Lucille Higgs



**Darlene Nicholson** - May 05 at 04:32 PM

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“ Lee and Janet, you'll be in our thoughts and prayers as you remember your adoring mother, Helen. We know how much you loved and cared for her. Blessings to your entire family and may God grant you all, peace, comfort, and even joy, in a life which was so well lived.

God Blessing,  
Rhonda & Marc

**Rhonda Duning** - May 05 at 09:03 AM



“ So so sorry for your loss but very happy for Lucille to arrive at her heavenly home!! Thoughts and prayers are with you all!! Jayma ( Dill) Randolph

**Jayma Randolph** - May 05 at 10:54 PM



“ Had many lovely visits in their home as members of First Presbyterian. Loved all the Limoege pieces that they lovingly shared. Always a new piece to ooo and ahhh over.

**Allison Green** - May 12 at 09:10 PM

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“ I remember how Helen loved to watch Zach, Ben, and Joey when they got together. She certainly loved her family and they loved her back. You were blessed to have her.

**Steve and Linda Buckland** - May 04 at 09:40 PM

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“ Jim and I send our condolences to you and Lee and your whole family. What a blessing that she had such a long life and your wonderful family.

**Deborah Harlan** - May 04 at 09:35 PM

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“ What a wonderful, long life Helen enjoyed. And now she's laughing with her husband and Terry! Janet and Lee, you two will never regret the long and happy years you spent caring for her. Here's the memory I have of Helen that makes me think of her the most: Janet and I were in high school and for some reason we were going someplace with Helen. We passed a house on Richmond's south side and she said, "That's where we set up housekeeping." I'd never heard that expression before, but now when I hear or use it, I always think of Helen.

**Mary Ellen Donat** - May 04 at 09:29 PM

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“ Lee, Janet and Family  
Lifting you up in prayer during this difficult time.

**Jackie Roth** - May 04 at 09:24 PM

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“ Lee and Janet,  
Sharon and I extend to you our sympathy, love and support as you grieve for Lee's mother. It has been 8 weeks since we have seen you at church, it may be several more. Please know that although we are separated you are not forgotten. Sharon's mother died on her 98th birthday, my mother died at 92. Even though they were with us for many years, we still miss them. You will miss her, but you were blessed.  
Eldon & Sharon Harzman

**Eldon Harzman** - May 04 at 02:21 PM

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“ Phil and I send love and prayers to you both! May God give you peace through your memories of many years.  
Phil and Mary Alice Bolser

Mary Bolser - May 04 at 10:12 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

**Bob Clark and the Staff of Doan & Mills** - May 04 at 02:06 PM