



## Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.

May 25, 1955 - May 29, 2017

Mr. Johnnie "Johnnie Wine" Lee Higgins, Jr., 62 of Peoria, IL passed away at 7:18 pm on Monday, May 29, 2017 at Richard L. Owens Hospice Center. Johnnie was born on May 25, 1955 in Greenwood, MS to the late Dorothy (Thomas) and Johnnie Higgins, Sr. The family later moved to East St. Louis, IL where he received his early education in their public school system. The family relocated again to Peoria, IL where Johnnie attended Peoria public schools. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at Riverside Community Church.

Johnnie had an outgoing, fun-loving and mischievous personality. He had a flair for stylish dressing from head to toe, modeling himself after his favorite entertainer, "Steve Harvey." Johnnie was avid reader and sports buff. He was intelligent and street smart, he never met a stranger. Johnnie was a jack of all trades, exceptionally handy at sprucing up all kinds of household and mechanical contraptions. He worked various odd jobs such as: a bakery employee, home and property maintenance, HSC food service deliverer and last working in food service at Western Meat Market. Johnnie lived by his own set of rules. He lived his life to the fullest resulting in highs and lows; but in spite of his ups and downs, he found his way into the hearts of family and many friends who loved him unconditionally.

Johnnie leaves to cherish his most precious memories one son, Dawaun Washington; his siblings, Rev. Willie D. (Betty) Edwards of St. Louis MO, Eddie Edwards of Chicago, Lurie (Lynell) Hubbard of St. Louis, MO, Clyde

Bradley of Peoria, Larry (Wanda) Higgins, Kenneth (Sharon) Edwards and Cornelius "Neal" Robert Earl Edwards and Irene Edwards all of Peoria; Vann Edwards of the Quad Cities, Johnnie (Cynthia) Higgins, Jerry Higgins, James (Sheila) Higgins, Cleveland (Nova) Higgins and Jammie (Rakia) Higgins all of Sunflower, MS, Sammie (Pearl) Higgins of New Bern, NC, Dorothy Hill of Memphis, TN, Diane (Anthony) Forrest of Cleveland, MS and Gleanda Higgins of Atlanta, GA, Lois Williams of St. Petersburg, FL, Geraldine (Vern) Stephens of Apollo Beach, FL, Ellis (Rev. Nathaniel) Griffin of St. Louis, MO, Dorothy Ann Ray of St. Louis, MO and Dorothy Jean Harris of Greenwood, MS; his step-mother, Earline Higgins; a special auntie, Edna Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; his step-father, Rev. Ed Edwards; two brothers, John Williams and Fred Edwards; and two sisters, Henrietta Edwards and Emma Howell.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Grace Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Host Pastor Claude White, Jr. and Associate Minister Jeff Foreman will officiate. Johnnie will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
405 N. Richard Pryor Place  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
405 N. Richard Pryor Place  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 02, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ *Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Gone but will never, ever be forgotten 🙏*



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**Belinda(Lynn)Spencer-Little** - June 28, 2017 at 12:08 AM



“ Teawana Eppinger Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.



Teawana Eppinger Johnson - June 14, 2017 at 07:56 AM



“ Sorry for your all loss my heart and prayers go up for family and friends rip in Jesus name Amen



Dorotha Williams - June 03, 2017 at 10:57 PM



“ Curtis Bond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.



Curtis Bond - June 02, 2017 at 07:32 AM



“ To the FAMILY of Johnnie. I know this is a sad time for all but be encouraged and lift up your hearts and minds in PRAYER and GOD will give you comfort and strength to endure! We can do all things through CHRIST who strengthens us....

Curtis Bond - June 02, 2017 at 07:31 AM

GC

“ *My condolences to the Higgins Family.*

**Gloria White Carter** - June 01, 2017 at 06:36 PM

RB

“ *Rhonda Boone-Morris? lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.*



**Rhonda Boone-Morris?** - June 01, 2017 at 06:34 PM

BF

“ *Becky Bridges & Family purchased the Pretty Ple ase for the family of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr..*



**Becky Bridges & Family** - June 01, 2017 at 09:36 AM

BB

“ *Becky Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.*



**Becky Bridges** - June 01, 2017 at 08:27 AM

AL

“ Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.



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Annette Lucy - June 01, 2017 at 07:33 AM

MR

“ Johnnie "Wine" was such a strong personality he will hard to forget in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace, Brother.

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Mellissa Rice - June 01, 2017 at 06:33 AM

SL

“ Sharon Lucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.



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Sharon Lucy - June 01, 2017 at 02:39 AM

AL

“ Annette Lucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.



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Annette Lucy - June 01, 2017 at 02:39 AM



“ *John Lewis is what we uses to call him, before Johnny wine. I've known you for just about all my life. You were mine and my brother's babysitter. You were the one who tried to keep me , and your sister's, Susta and Irene in check when were into mischief, lol, we could never get anything past you, you always caught us! As I got older, through your experiences, you always dropped a little knowledge my way to keep me out of harms way. As years went by, I wouldn't see you as much, at the meat market, or store, just around town. But always, you would give me a big hug, and even bigger smile. Love you John Lewis, so happy I got the chance to tell you so. Now rest peacefully, until part 2.*

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**Iris Jones** - June 01, 2017 at 12:15 AM



“ *Iris Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.*



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**Iris Jones** - June 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Emel. Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Lee "Johnnie Wine" Higgins Jr.*



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**Emel. Buckner** - May 31, 2017 at 09:17 PM