

In Loving Memory of
April Lee Higgs



Sunrise:
August 16, 1970

Sunset:
June 30, 2023

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

April Higgs life began in Newark, New Jersey on August 16, 1970. She was the daughter of Laura Echols-Reed.

April was educated in both the Orange and Newark public school systems. She was later briefly employed. Her greatest position by far was being a homemaker.

April really enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandson. She had a loving heart for children. She was very patient with them. She was like a second mom to her sisters' and brother. She was very protective of her siblings. She often helped her mom to care for them, whether it was doing their hair or making trips to school for them.

April was a social butterfly. She enjoyed being around and talking with people. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was considered the comedian of the family. She kept everyone laughing. She loved music, braiding hair, cleaning, as well as cooking. She made sure everyone was well fed. People especially loved her fried chicken. April was a diamond in the rough, a true invaluable treasure to her family. Some would say that April was the apple of her mother's eye. She had a great impact on her family.

April Higgs departed this life on June 30, 2023. She was deeply loved and will be truly missed.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Christine Higgs and her stepfather, Robert Reed.

She leaves to cherish her memory: mother, Laura Echols-Reed; sons, Lawrence Higgs and Rashawn Frost; daughters, Rasheedah Higgs and Lakisha Frost; grandson, Lawrence Higgs, Jr.; sisters, Laura "Sandy" Echols, Charlene "Peas" Echols-Stewart and Faith "Faye" Echols-Grandby; brother, Danny "Bart" Higgs; brothers-in-law's, Rahman Stewart and Deon Grandby; and a host of other family and friends.

Angelic Butterfly

*Angelic Butterfly innocent and unspoken
Only you understand the journey that's owned
Multitude of emotions, comedy, and laughter shine through
Memories of Love has stained the hearts of many not just a few
Butterfly flutter freely and continue to touch every light
Shadows of protection brings night bright*

*For children, she holds a loving heart,
A love so pure, from nothing it can depart.
Angelic Butterfly, a life spoken with immense purity.
Only you can grasp her journey's impactful surety.*

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Cremation

Evergreen Crematory

Hillside, New Jersey



Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last. Did you wonder why I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade? Oh! But Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade. And He came Himself to meet me In that way so hard to tread; And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread? Then you must not grieve so sorely For I love you dearly still: Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will. There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand; Do it now, while life remaineth-You shall rest in Jesus' land. When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home; Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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