

**“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow
that you forget the joy of the resurrection.”**

Mother Teresa



W. J. “Chee” Higginbotham

January 19, 1926 - October 1, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 11:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

China, Texas

Processional

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of W.J.'s Baptism, his casket has been sprinkled with Baptismal water. Then, a pall, recalling the white garment of his Baptism, is placed on the casket.

"If we have died with Christ, we are also to live with Christ in glory."

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading

Revelation 14:13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 14:1-6

HOMILY

Prayers of the Faithful

Response:

"Lord, hear our prayer"

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

COMMUNION RITE

Holy, Holy, Holy + Mystery of Faith
Great Amen + Our Father + Lamb of God

Communion

Meditation

“Amazing Grace” (French)

Prayer After Communion

FINAL COMMENDATION

PRESIDER: Saints of God, come to his aid. Hasten to meet him angels of the Lord.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

PRESIDER: May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself, and may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

PRESIDER: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

Recessional



W. J. "Chee" Higginbotham, of China, died on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home, in Jennings, Louisiana. He was born on January 19, 1926, to Walter and Esther Higginbotham, in Pine Island.

He married Rena "Poppy" Waguespack who preceded him in death and is survived by four daughters, June Gober (James), Janell Vickrey and Deborah Schroeder (Punkee) of China, and Rebecca Manuel of Eunice, Louisiana; nine grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Chee was a veteran of World War II, where he served with naval forces in the Pacific Theatre. He led a full life farming, ranching, operating a water system, and raising a family in China, Texas. Chee spent most of his life working with his brother, the late Walfred Higginbotham. He was active throughout his life in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in China and will be greatly missed by his many family and friends.

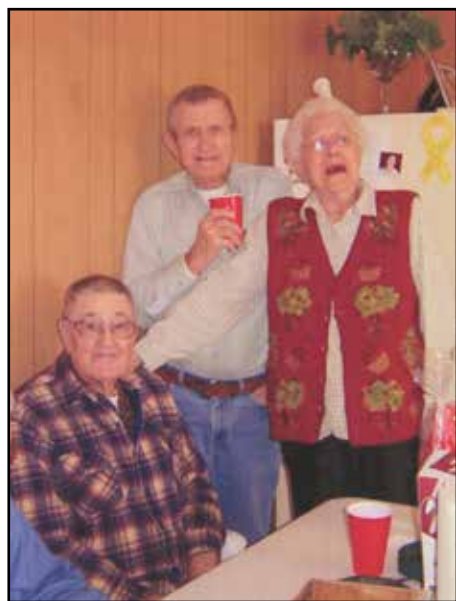


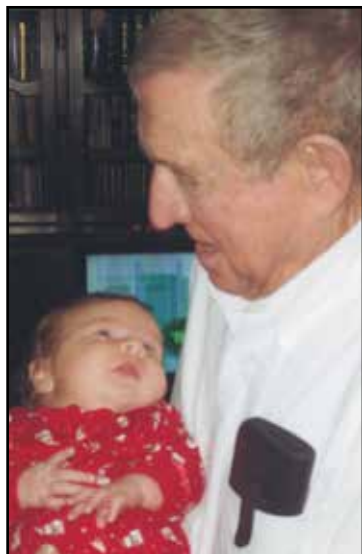


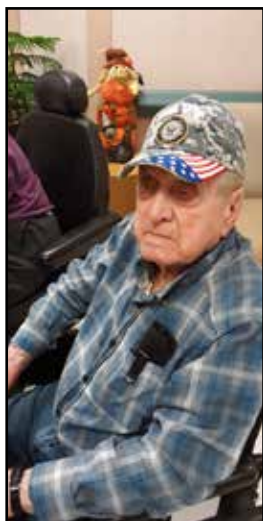












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Celebrant	Very Reverend Luong Q. Tran, J.V.
Placing of the Pall	The Children of Mr. Higginbotham
Gift Bearers	Ellee Duke, Gage Smith
Lector	Nikki Smith
Pallbearers	Jeffery Leger, Kyle Smith, Hayden Smith Michael Ruppert, Beau Schroeder Johnny Vickrey

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Interment

China Cemetery
China, Texas

Military Honors

Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group
P.O. Box 12352
Beaumont, Texas 77726

Memorial Contributions

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
P.O. Box 38
China, Texas 77613

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Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home
Activities Fund
1610 Evangeline Road
Jennings, Louisiana 70546



Please sign Mr. Higginbotham's guest book and share your memories at broussards1889.com