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In Celebration of The Life
Of
Gerald Lawrence Higgs

July 9, 1921 - August 16, 2002

Saturday, August 24, 2002
11:00 a.m.

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Reverend G. Ewart Morris, Pastor
OBITUARY

Gerald Lawrence Higgs was born on July 9, 1921 in Buffalo, New York. He was the son of the late Sarah L. Higgs and stepson of the late Theodore Smith. Gerald departed this life suddenly on August 16, 2002 after a brief illness.

Gerald served in the Armed Services during World War II during the Normandy Invasion, Invasion of France, and Tour of Europe. He was honorably discharged in 1945. Following his discharge from the Service, Gerald was employed by Dresser Industries for many years, retiring in 1983.

Gerald was a member of Hadji Temple #61 - AEAONMS. He was a Past Sublime Prince of Bison Consistory #29; District Deputy Grand Lecturer and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Masons Companion Chapter #35; and Charter Member and Past Master of Master Craftsman Lodge #110 FAMPH.

Gerald leaves to cherish his memory two sons, John (Sadie) and Gerald Jr. of Buffalo, NY; three daughters, Jerry of South Carolina, Glenda of San Diego, CA, and Natalye of San Jose, CA; two brothers, Harold and Earl (Bernadette) of Buffalo, NY; and one sister, Shirley Courton of Buffalo, NY; the Sapp family (an adopted family), several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Gerald will be greatly missed by his family, a host of dear friends and his Masonic Brothers.

Gerald’s last words were from Psalms 90:10: “The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. God has been so good to me.”
Order of Service
Rev. Dian E. Davis, Officiant

Organ Prelude       Mr. Tim Kennedy, Organist
Processional       "How Great Thou Art"
Hymn of Praise (UMH #77)       "Why Jesus Came"
Invocation       Rev. Dian E. Davis
Old Testament Reading       Mrs. Shirley Courton
   Psalms 90:1-10
Prayer of Comfort       Rev. Dian E. Davis
Solo       Mr. Jerry Daniels
   "It Is Well With My Soul"
Reading of the Obituary       Mr. Winford J. Lucas
Tributes
Acknowledgments       Mrs. Reba Ingram
Solo       Mr. Jerry Daniels
New Testament Reading       Mrs. Bernadette Smith
   I Corinthians 15:50-58
Eulogy       Rev. Dian E. Davis
Closing Hymn       "I'll Fly Away"
Benediction
Recessional       "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
...Pallbearers...
Masonic Brothers

...Arrangements...
Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.
995 Genesee Street
Buffalo, New York
Darrel M. Saxon II
Funeral Director

...Interment...
Forest Lawn Cemetery

...Acknowledgments...
The Family of Gerald Lawrence Higgs expresses their sincere appreciation for the outpouring of love, prayers and words of encouragement extended during this time of bereavement. A special Thank You is extended to the Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church.