



## Russell B. Higginbotham

April 2, 1919 - October 29, 2008

Pendleton - Russell B. Higginbotham, 89, Pendleton, passed away October 29, 2008 at St. Johns Health System, Anderson Indiana after an extended illness. He was born April 2, 1919 in Williford, Arkansas. Russell lived in Anderson until 1975; Bradenton, Florida from 1975 to 2002 and Pendleton from 2002 until present. He was a 1938 graduate of Anderson High School and attended Indiana University. He was a member of the 1937 Anderson High School Basketball State Championship Team. He was selected as Indiana All State Guard and runner-up Mr. Basketball in 1937. He earned a double scholarship to IU in basketball and football. Russell was chosen to play on the Army Air Corp National Basketball Team and several local teams. Upon his Army discharge, he was drafted by the Cleveland Browns. In 1962 , he was inducted into the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame. He served his country in the US Army during WWII. Russell retired from Guide Lamp Division of General Motors in 1975. He traveled the country representing Guide-Amatic and was head of receiving at Guide in Anderson. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Moose Lodge in Bradeton, Florida and Amvets Post #26 in Pendleton. He is survived by his daughter, Sharon & husband Charles Breese of Pendleton; grandchildren, Aaron Williams of Anderson, Bryan Williams of Pendleton and Randy Breese of Teaneck, New Jersey; great grandchildren, Rachel Ave- Williams, Alex Williams, Allison Williams, Leslie Williams and several others; cousin, Pete & wife Francis Higginbottom; nieces & nephew, Karen Baker, Sandy Taylor, Judy Norris,

Sally Ahlefeld, Niki Skaggs Mike Higginbotham. A special thanks to Rawlins House Staff. He was preceded in death by his 1st wife, Barbara Higginbotham who passed away June 20, 1969; 2nd wife, Kathryn Campbell Higginbotham who passed away February 24, 2002; parents, George & Laura Darnell Higginbotham; brothers, Clyde, Carl, Chalk and Calvin; sisters, Ruby Delph, Tellie Roberts and Lana Passwater; nephews, Jim Burris, Charlie Bolton and Carl Baker. Visitation will be from 10:30-2:30 PM on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson. Services will be Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 2:30 PM, at funeral home, south chapel, with Rev. Michael Canada officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pendleton Emergency Ambulance Fund; PO Box 165; Pendleton, IN 46064. [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Sharon, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Russell was a great boss and I considered him a friend. He will be missed. Dave & Linda

Dave & Linda Weatherford - November 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ You were always my "gentle giant" Uncle Russell! I have so many wonderful memories of visiting your homes in Anderson and Bradenton, of your love for animals and little kids; and most of all, your love for your family. Thank you so very much for your service to our country and sharing your love of home and family with the younger generations.

Denise G. Johnson - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Uncle Russell A remarkable man, a remarkable life. To Sharon, Charles, Aaron, Bryan and Randy, May the Lord's consoling peace be with you. Love and Hugs,

Darcy, Blair and Girls - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Sharon, Charles, Aaron, Bryan, Randy, and Grand Children. I will always cherish the memories that I had with Russell. The great games of golf, The many times of fishing in the gulf between Bradenton and Sarasota, Florida with Russell and his Brother in-law Everett Delph, What great fishing. The memories of many card games, and the Dinners with Katherine Kakki and Russell. 45 years of great times. Russ you will be truly missed. You will always be in our hearts. Jim Winters

Jim Winters - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ To Russells Family: I have many fond and happy memories of Russ from the time when I was young and throughout the years to this day. What will stay with me happened this past July when Jim and I were up there. We went to the hospital with Sharon and Charles to see Russ. He had asked us to bring him a Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich. I've never seen anybody enjoy anything as much as he enjoyed that sandwich. He unwrapped that sandwich and didn't utter one word, then he picked the crumbs off the wrapping. We asked him if he liked it and he looked at us, grinned and said: " the only thing that could be any better is if you had brought me two." So Russ I love you and I'll miss you, and you'll always be in my heart, Signed Vesta Lou .

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**Vesta Winters** - October 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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Uncle Rusell and all of his brothers will always be remembered , Randy

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**Randall Norris** - July 14, 2022 at 03:56 PM

CS

“ Sharon, Charles, Aaron and Bryan and family, Uncle Russell was my most favorite and fun uncle and I will miss him deeply. One of my best childhood memories is that when Aunt Kakie and Uncle Russell came to visit, we had evening walks, and he was SO big to me that my arm was straight up in the air to hold his hand. On those visits he never missed taking me to the dime store to get a new purse! I couldn't wait for them to both come and visit. I am glad that he is now with Aunt Kakie, and I am sure heaven has an AmVets that is a much happier place with them together! Love you Uncle Russell.

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**Carla Rae Southard** - October 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM