



Lesley Cardin Higginbotham

April 26, 1983 - February 11, 2023

Lesley Cardin Higginbotham of Searcy, Arkansas passed from this life to her heavenly home after an extended illness surrounded by her family on February 11, 2023. She was born on April 26, 1983, the daughter of Steven F. Minner and Roberta L. Burkindine.

She is survived by her husband Joshua Shane Higginbotham of 20 years and her children Caden Shane, Carver Joshua, and Olivia Cardin Higginbotham of Searcy.

Also surviving Lesley are her parents, Steven F. Minner (Katie) of Bismarck, AR, and Roberta L. Burkindine (Don) of Springfield, MO. She is also survived by her brothers, Yates Minner (Becca) of The Woodlands, TX, and Hawkins Minner of Searcy, Madeline Barber, Byron Higginbotham (Kay), Stephanie Bruce (Crys) and Wayne Higginbotham of Searcy, Nephews and Nieces: Chastin Reed and Channing Williams of Searcy, Makaiya and Maysie Minner of Kensett, Beckham, Boston, Lila and Nolan Zayn Minner of Searcy, Garret and Analiese Minner of The Woodlands, TX. Lesley was also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends that all loved her.

Lesley was preceded in death by her Maternal Grandparents, Velma Brewer and Russell Lund as well as Paternal Grandparents Wilson Franklin Minner Jr. and Betty Ann Hawkins Minner

When Josh met Lesley on their first day of 7th grade carrying a bright yellow

backpack, he made a promise to himself that he would spend the rest of his life with her. He got his wish and they became childhood sweethearts, and later she became his devoted wife, and loving mother to their 3 children. Lesley's life was focused on being a wife to Josh and mother to Caden, Carver, and Livi. She took great pride in these roles, always putting her family first.

When asked what Lesley's job was, Josh was quick to say that she was a Mom. Josh took pride in her wanting to be a full time mom, which often took sacrifices by the whole family.

Lesley spent her days and nights meeting the needs of her family while lately working side by side with Josh helping to grow and maintain the family business. Lesley always supported and participated in her children's activities sometimes managing multiple activities at once. In addition to her family, Lesley was always the mom available to help her children's friends in anyway, whether it be providing transportation, meals, or an open door to their home. One of Lesley's favorite activities, was enjoying time in the sun. As a family, they spent many hours on the beach making memories that will last a lifetime. When asked to describe a perfect day for their family, Josh quickly stated "any day that they were all together at home just hanging out."

A perfect piece to the puzzle will forever be missed.

Lesley's love of animals led her to be known as the "animal whisperer". Stray animals as well as neighboring animals could always find the garage door open and a bowl of food and water waiting. She enjoyed making sure all animals both big and small were cared for.

In Lieu of Flowers, we ask friends to donate to Lesley's favorite charity barnsanctuary.org or your favorite charity.

Per Lesley's request, please dress casual and come help honor her life. Services and Cremation are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home. Services will be conducted by Brother Bill Lyons and Brother Bill Baldrige. Services are February 16, 2023, at Powell Funeral Home Visitation is 4-5pm and Service

will be held at 5pm.

Josh would like to thank the caregivers: Elite Hospice, his Aunt Teresa Treat, and mother, Kay Higginbotham for their loving care of Lesley.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Homes - Searcy
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220

Memorial Service

FEB 16. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 15, 2023 at 05:52 PM

RF

Lesley was such a lovely soul. Full of life with a fierce love for her family. Her energy, beauty and love of life will be missed. I wish I had met you sooner. You made such a huge impact with me in our short time.

Ronda Fischer - February 16, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "I thought of you" was purchased for the family of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham.



March 16, 2023 at 12:13 PM

MG

“ My husband buys all my jewelry from Bryon's, one day I went in there with my granddaughter Hayden. she sat quietly in a chair with her tablet being good. Lesley, who I didn't know other knew she was Josh's wife was always so kind asked Mr. Bryon(that's what we always call him) if she could give my granddaughter some bracelets that where hanging on the counter. I thought that was the sweetest thing. I always remember that kind jester.

Mary Goodwin - February 15, 2023 at 11:31 PM

PV

So sorry for your loss! Love & prayers to all.

Patsy Vail - February 16, 2023 at 10:43 AM

BA

“ Berry & Crystal Abney lit a candle in memory of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham



Berry & Crystal Abney - February 15, 2023 at 11:25 PM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham.



February 15, 2023 at 05:57 PM

DB

“ Regina and I remember her helping us build our River house and our church canoe trip! She was always the caretaker and first one to help someone! We are sending a memorial to Barky Barn as she loved animals! Blessings Dennis Bennett

Dennis Bennett - February 15, 2023 at 01:27 PM

MJ

“ Mimi and Jennifer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham.



Mimi and Jennifer - February 15, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham.



February 15, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham.



February 15, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham.*



February 15, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham.*



February 15, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ *Sharon Scudder lit a candle in memory of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham*



Sharon Scudder - February 14, 2023 at 07:55 PM



Have watched Leslie and Josh grow up with my grandkids and their children..Josh coached and we sat with Leslie and laughed..she was a little ball of fire and we loved her glow..Prayers for the family and all those that loved this woman..she will be missed. My daughter is great friends with both Josh and Leslie...as hard as this has been on her, it has been much much worse on Josh and the kids...Watch over them Les and help comfort their hearts..Lord, place your arms around those whose hearts feel empty..help them find a way to understand and accept..Glory be thy name..

Sharon Scudder - February 14, 2023 at 08:03 PM

FO

“ *Fonda lit a candle in memory of Lesley Cardin Higginbotham*



Fonda - February 14, 2023 at 11:46 AM

JS

“ *I was never fortunate enough to meet Lesley, but the way Josh has always talked about her, she had to have been amazing. Prayers for Josh, and the kids, and the rest of the family. All of us at the tobacco store will be praying for y'all! Judy Sanders, Josh Reid, Tiffany Burnside, Nancy Smith, Paula Hawley, And Susan Corley.*

Judy Sanders - February 13, 2023 at 11:18 PM

KK

So very sorry for the loss of Lesley. Josh, my heart aches for you, your precious children and family. Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Kay Knife

Kay Knife - February 15, 2023 at 11:30 PM

RA

So sorry for your loss. I met Lesley years ago when she was working at Western Sizzlin. She was always such a sweet person and I enjoyed visiting with her.

Roger Ahlf - February 16, 2023 at 08:05 AM

TC

“ *What a sweet young lady she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers for Josh and his family.*

Tommy cameron - February 13, 2023 at 05:55 PM

CB

“ We had so much fun with her at ball games. The boys playing travel ball with each other setting in the bleachers with her and Josh had a lot of laughs. She was a very sweet lady will be missed a lot, Praying for you and the kids Josh. Rest In Peace

Carrie Britt - February 13, 2023 at 05:27 PM

JG

“ The Real LC Since '83! Shine Bright like a Diamond! I am honored to have shared time and memories with You!
Jessie G

Jessie G - February 13, 2023 at 05:02 PM