

I N L O V I N G M E M O R Y O F

Sunrise

FEBRUARY 10, 1933

Sunset

MAY 26, 2026



A portrait of Geneva Evelyn Higgins-Shannon, an elderly Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a white blazer, a pearl necklace, and a diamond brooch. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft, purple and pink sunset sky with large, glowing purple hibiscus flowers framing her face. The overall theme is purple and white.

Geneva
EVELYN
HIGGINS-SHANNON

SERVICE

Saturday, June 6, 2026
Time of Remembrance @ 11:00 AM
Celebration of Life @ 12:00 PM

Outreach Missionary Baptist Church
5055 Bellfort Avenue | Houston, Texas 77033
Pastor John F. Foster, Sr., Officiating
Pastor James Higgins, Eulogist

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

A LEGACY OF LOVE, SERVICE, AND FAITH

Geneva EVELYN HIGGINS-SHANNON

A PROVERBS 31: 28-29 WOMAN OF GOD!

Geneva Evelyn (Higgins) Shannon was born on February 10, 1933, in Brazoria, Texas, and entered eternal rest on May 26, 2026. A woman of unwavering faith, compassion, and strength. She dedicated her life to serving others through her family, childcare center, church, and community. Known affectionately as **“Meme”** by her grandchildren and many others, she opened her heart and home to countless children, ensuring they were cared for, loved, and guided with kindness and discipline.

Born on a small farm in Brazoria, Geneva was the fifth of twelve children born to Columbus and Cleopatra Higgins. She grew up in a loving family where faith in God was the foundation of daily life. At an early age, she accepted Christ as her Savior at Macedonia Baptist Church in Brazoria, Texas, and remained steadfast in her faith throughout her life.

Geneva received her early education in Brazoria and graduated from Sweeny High School. In 1957, she moved to Houston, Texas, where she met and later married Monroe A. Shannon Sr. Their union was blessed with two children, Veronica and Monroe Jr.

Geneva pursued higher learning at Houston Community College, where she earned her Director’s License in Early Childhood Education. For over four decades, through Merryland Childcare and Learning Center, Geneva became a pillar of the South Park, Sunnyside, and surrounding communities in Houston. A firm believer in the power of education, she believed that every child could learn with the right opportunity and encouragement. Guided by that belief, Geneva and her husband opened Merryland Childcare and Learning Center in Southeast Houston in 1973. Through her work, she nurtured and educated countless children, leaving a lasting impact on generations of families. She never met a stranger and treated everyone she encountered with dignity, warmth, and respect. Parents trusted her, children adored her, and neighbors cherished her. Her impact reached far beyond the walls of her daycare, touching generations of families throughout the community. Everyone loved MeMe and will miss her.

Her faith in Jesus Christ was the foundation of her life and was evident in her daily walk. Geneva was a devoted servant of God who believed in the power of prayer. She was someone family, friends, and community members called upon in times of need because they knew she would faithfully pray for them.

She was a dedicated member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church before God later led her to Outreach Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained faithful until her passing. Though she often served quietly, her presence was always felt, and her beautiful smile, gentle spirit, and encouraging words brought comfort and inspiration to many.

Above all, Geneva treasured her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother, mentor, and friend whose legacy will continue through the lives she touched. Her kindness, wisdom, faith, and unconditional love will forever remain in the hearts of those blessed to know her.

Geneva was known for her loving spirit, generosity, unwavering faith, and dedication to her family and community. She had a servant’s heart and found great joy in helping others. Whether through her work, her church, or her family, she touched many lives with her kindness, wisdom, and encouragement.

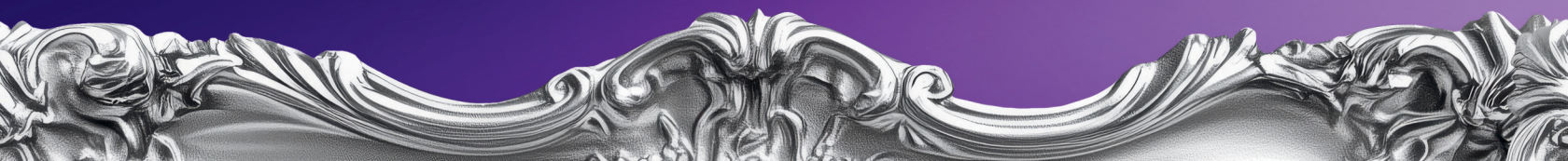
Geneva was preceded in death by her parents, Columbus and Cleopatra Higgins; her beloved husband, Monroe A. Shannon Sr.; her siblings, “J.C.” Higgins, Stratton Higgins, Louise Fields, Carrie Arlene Sneed, Priscilla Wilkins, Jerry Higgins, Andrew Higgins, and Lannis Angus Higgins; and her brother-in-law, Ernest Cooper.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving daughter, Veronica Shannon Jones (Frederick), and her devoted son, Monroe A. Shannon Jr. She also leaves behind three beloved grandchildren: Franchell McFarlin, Brandon McFarlin, and Jammal Smith. Her legacy continues through her five treasured great-grandchildren: Kaelynn Coleman, Chauncie Evelyn Ann McFarlin, Channon Veronica McFarlin, Blake McFarlin, and Jaya Jalesia Geneva Smith.

She is also survived by her siblings, Travis Higgins, Polly Cooper, and Lola Newman, along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, friends, former students, and all whose lives were enriched by her love and guidance.

Though Geneva’s earthly journey has ended, her legacy of faith, education, compassion, and family devotion will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Her life was a testament to the power of faith, hard work, and unconditional love, and she will be deeply missed and *forever remembered*.

“WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.” – MATTHEW 25:23



Order of SERVICE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
Outreach Missionary Baptist Church
5055 Belfort Avenue | Houston, Texas 77033
Pastor John F. Foster, Sr., Officiating
Pastor James Higgins, Eulogist

Musical Prelude.....Soft Music

Processional.....Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family

Scriptural Readings

Old & New Testament.....Pastor Travis Higgins

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Ronald Higgins

Hymn of Praise.....Pastor Gary Higgins, Jr.

Resolutions.....Sharon Jenkins

Poem.....Karen Butler

Reading of the Obituary.....(Please Read Silently)

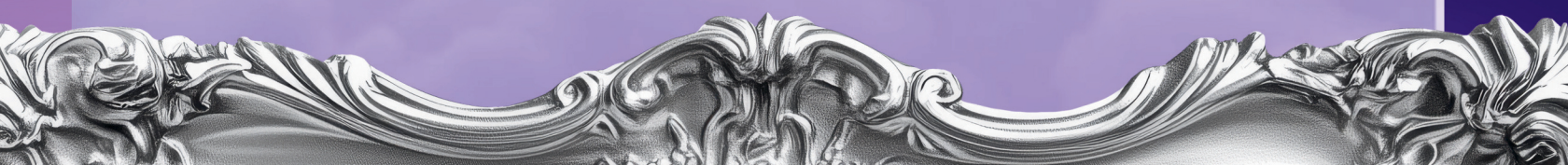
Expressions.....Franchell McFarlin
Marilyn Kenebrew
Jacquelyn Black
Veronica Shannon

Hymn of Preparation.....Pastor Gary Higgins, Jr.

The Message.....Pastor James Higgins

Funeral Directors In Charge

Recessional.....Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family



TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

As I begin to write this, I realize there are not enough positive adjectives to describe you, nor enough time or words to express the depth of my love and admiration for you. With that being said, there are some things I would like to openly thank you for.

Thank you for being the amazing mother that you were. You raised my brother and me, instilling encouragement, confidence, and unconditional love in both of us. The incredible mother and person that you were also helped me raise my three children. In your role as a grandmother, you were a cook, chauffeur, nurse, teacher, confidant, spiritual leader, and disciplinarian. I could not have accomplished the goals and aspirations I have achieved without your help and support. Again, thank you.

Thank you for giving me what I would need physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually to navigate the remainder of this journey called life without you.

Thank you for being the Virtuous Woman described in Proverbs 31. It is often said that this is the type of woman all women should strive to be. Having read this chapter many times, I can say that throughout my life you exemplified every characteristic of the Virtuous Woman.

Thank you for the generational wealth and legacy you have gifted to me, my brother, my children, my grandchildren, our bloodline, and everyone who entered your life during your 93 years on this earth. This wealth and legacy do not consist of material possessions, but of love, wisdom, knowledge, faith, and spiritual guidance that will far outlast anything material.

Thank you for teaching me to love myself and others unconditionally. You taught me to strive daily to become a better person and to love people not for what they possess or what they can contribute, but for who they are as children of God.

Thank you for creating a place free of judgment and condemnation where I, and so many others, could come during times of joy or despair. Never once did you judge with your words or expressions. Whatever we shared with you was covered in prayer and safely sealed within your heart.

Thank you for the words of wisdom—the nuggets and gems—you shared during conversations with me and so many others. Countless people have spoken of how your words encouraged, strengthened, and guided them. Those gems of wisdom will remain with me forever as I continue this journey called life.

Thank you for teaching and instilling in me the importance of praying without ceasing. You taught me that with God all things are possible and that God can do anything but fail. I witnessed your spiritual walk daily through your prayers and the way you lived your life. Until the very end, you continued to call on God, knowing that a home had been prepared for you beyond this world.

Lastly, thank you for simply being you—my Mother and my Best Friend. You will forever remain in my heart, and I will always love you to the moon and beyond.

With all my love, Roni

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

Dear Mom - My Solid Rock. You were the foundation that gave me life and the footing to stand on. Your guidance gave me the structure that was the blueprint. You oversaw my building and ongoing restoration. You furnished my life with the finest of love and protection. You tested and refined me so that I would have the ability to stand against the winds of life rooting me in faith. You covered me in prayers so that light shines upon me even when there's darkness around me. Through your faithfulness you gave me an abundance so that my windows looked out on the world and my doors opened to opportunity for grace and mercy. Thank you for my address in God's Kingdom. I am grateful for the home that provides rest and peace. on Christ The Solid Rock I Stand knowing that we shall reside in the House of the Lord for ever and ever Amen.

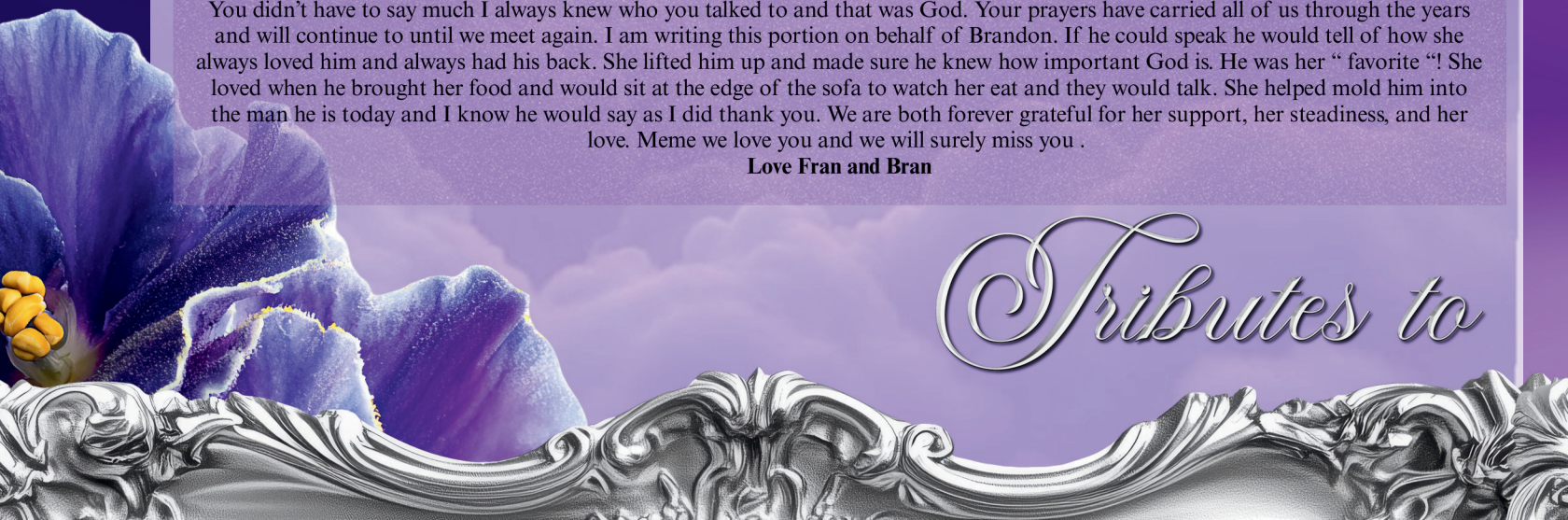
We Love You Forever, Monroe Jr.

DEAR MEME

First I want to say thank you Meme! I also want to thank God for making you my grandmother. I had the privilege of having you in my life for 45 years. I was so blessed to be able to live with you the last 20 years. You were the perfect "roommate"! You always took care of us and never complained not one time. It was an honor to be able to do the same. (Even tho I complained at times) I would not change a moment. You made sure I knew that the world didn't owe me anything and I had to work and be good at whatever I did. You passed those same values down to my children. My God I thank you for helping me raise them. I don't honestly know where I would be without you. Because of the woman you were and all you instilled in me I can carry the torch. You were my light in the darkest times. You didn't have to say much I always knew who you talked to and that was God. Your prayers have carried all of us through the years and will continue to until we meet again. I am writing this portion on behalf of Brandon. If he could speak he would tell of how she always loved him and always had his back. She lifted him up and made sure he knew how important God is. He was her " favorite "! She loved when he brought her food and would sit at the edge of the sofa to watch her eat and they would talk. She helped mold him into the man he is today and I know he would say as I did thank you. We are both forever grateful for her support, her steadiness, and her love. Meme we love you and we will surely miss you .

Love Fran and Bran

Tributes to



You weren't just my grandmother; you were my anchor,
my home and now you've returned to your forever
home in heaven. I love you meme and will live the rest
of my days being the man you raised me to be.

Rest well meme
Love, Jammal

Meme was the best great grandma In The World when
I was 4 and 5 i would tell her i was hungry and she
would make the best oatmeal and she would always ask
what grade im in or what grade im going to and now i
won't get to tell her im in 6th Grade.

Love, Blake

DEAR MEME

How I miss you so
I wish you were here
To watch my future children grow
I miss your sweet smile I miss your gentle touch
I never could imagine
I'd ever miss someone so much
Your pictures they surround me
Sweet memories in my heart
I never thought the day would come
That we would have to part
My precious grandma
Please watch over me from above
And know you're in my heart And you forever have my love
I miss you meme
You are my heart and soul

Love, Kae

TRIBUTE TO SISTER
A sister's love is a precious gift,
A bond that time cannot erase.
Though you are gone from our sight today,
Your memory lives in every place.
Your laughter echoes in our hearts,
Your kindness shines forever bright.
We cherish every moment shared,
And hold your love both day and night.
We Love You Forever, Your siblings

TRIBUTE TO AUNT
You were a source of comfort and care,
A loving presence always near.
Your gentle heart and helping hands
Brought warmth and joy throughout the years.
Though heaven has called you home to rest,
Your love remains with us each day.
We treasure all the memories made
And keep them close along life's way.
We Love You Forever, Your nieces

DEAR MEME
As I sit and write this, I think about all the good times and
memories we shared together. Thank you for giving me so much
knowledge and wisdom and for helping me become the woman I
am today. You bathed me, fed me, and made sure to instill
greatness in me every step of the way.

I got the chance to watch you grow old, and you got the chance
to watch me grow up. Every time I did something for you, you
would always say, "I'm going to dance at your wedding." While
you may not get the chance to see me get married here on earth, I
know you will be up there dancing when that day comes.

Thank you for your love, your guidance, your faith, and the
countless sacrifices you made for me. The lessons you taught me
and the values you instilled in me will stay with me forever.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he
will not depart from it." — Proverbs 22:6

I love you always and will carry you in my heart forever.
Love, Chauncie

TRIBUTE TO AUNT
Your smile could brighten any room,
Your love could ease the deepest pain.
Though we must say goodbye for now,
Your spirit with us will remain.
The lessons, laughter, and love you shared
Will never fade or pass away.
You live within our hearts forever,
Guiding us each and every day.
We Love You Forever, Your nephews

You may have left,
But your spiritual legacy is still felt.
Decades of discipleship with your gentle voice
and sweet place Have made our world a much better place.
You taught us how to pursue faith and grow And how to
love more than you'll know. I heavy hearts must let you part,
You live forever in our heart.
Now as you rest and take your sleet
Your beautiful soul we will always keep.
Love Madisyn & Denise

"CHAAAAANNNOOONNN"

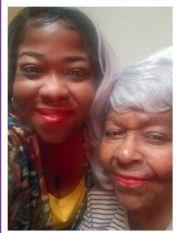
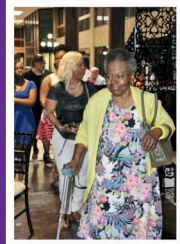
Love, Channon

Geneva

Precious Memories



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Active and Honorary Pallbearers

Monroe Higgins, Jr.
Jammal Smith
Jerry Higgins
Franklin Higgins
J.C. Higgins, Jr.

Brandon McFarlin
Blake McFarlin
Tracy Higgins
Travis Higgins
Michael W. Higgins

Our Sincerest Gratitude

On behalf of the **Higgins and Shannon Family**, we sincerely express our heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of love and support during this profoundly difficult time. Your kind phone calls, warm visits, and steadfast encouragement have been a tremendous comfort to us during this season of life. Each gesture, big or small, has helped remind us that we are not alone in this process. Thank you for being such a caring presence in our lives as we honor the memory of our beloved Geneva!

Floral Designers

Royal Creations By Linda, T.G.F. Floral Shop,
Flowers & Etc. By Georgia
Houston, Texas

Reception

Immediately Following The Services In
The Henry E. Murphy At Outreach Missionary Baptist
Church Memorial Annex Building
5103 Bellfort Avenue | Houston, Texas 77033

And She Shall Rest At

Monday, June 8, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
Saint Paul Cemetery
9026 County Road 318 | Brazoria, Texas 76422

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