



## April N. Higginbotham

April 13, 1979 - September 13, 2022

April Nicole Higginbotham, 43, of Old Town, Florida passed away September 13, 2022.

Ms. Higginbotham was born April 13, 1979, at Travis Air Force Base in California, but had lived most of her life in the Dixie County area. She graduated from Dixie County High School in 1997 and was Homecoming Queen and Miss Dixie County that year. Ms. Higginbotham played softball at the College of Central Florida in Ocala.

Ms. Higginbotham is survived by her husband Joel Ward, II, her sons Wyatt, Braxton, and Bryan, her parents Gene and Darlene Higginbotham and Julie and Wayne Hurst, her brother Jason Hurst (Jane), her sisters Mandy Brock (Jonah), Julia Floyd (John), Sarah Hurst, and April Kight (Dwayne), her grandparents Wade and Betty Higginbotham and Bearl and Linda Philmon, several nieces and nephews, and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her brother Mat Dyals.

A graveside memorial service for Ms. Higginbotham will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Scrub Creek Cemetery in Old Town, with Pastor Dwayne Kight and Pastor Doug Cobb officiating.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral

Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and  
Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at  
[rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Scrub Creek Cemetery

5451 ne hwy 351  
Cross City, FL 32628

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of April N. Higginbotham



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**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - September 19, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ April N. Higginbotham

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October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ April N. Higginbotham

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January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ May god bless you all!



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**Kellee Asbell** - September 16, 2022 at 06:42 PM

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“ I became part of the family when I was about 11 or 12 years old, April accepted me broken wings and all. She never treated me any different then like a little sister, yes we even fought like it sometimes. She and I had a bond that could never be broken, she truly was an amazing person, who I will deeply miss so much! I loved her beyond words & will remember her forever. Rest In Peace sweet Angel!



Sandra L Ney - September 16, 2022 at 04:58 PM

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“ I would first like to say a prayer, for this family, it's been a rough year for yall, but God is with all of you in this time of pain. God has his ways of doing things we may not understand. We lost a wonderful, beautiful, kind heart young lady. I have many memories with April as so many others. The smiles, the big hugs and ears to listen. We lost a strong, and loving person. To her hubby Joel prayers are with you , cause you loved her with everything you had, as did she love you too. To her parents, Im sorry for your lose, be strong for her boys and her beautiful sisters. Her memory will be will lots of people, but God needed both Matt and April more than this life did... God bless you all 🙏 Kellee Asbell



Kellee Asbell - September 16, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of April N. Higginbotham.



September 16, 2022 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Sister, I love you. You left us all to soon. You lit up every room you walked into. Your gonna be greatly missed. RIP beautiful angel.* ”

Eugenia Van Sickle - September 16, 2022 at 12:58 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear. You have my sincerest sympathy for your loss.* ”



Nadine Schofill - September 16, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of April N. Higginbotham.* ”



September 16, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of April N. Higginbotham.* ”



September 16, 2022 at 10:20 AM



*“ With great love, comes great loss..Embracing God for comfort. That can only come from him. Sending love and prayers,during this difficult time.*



**Gloria Gilbert** - September 16, 2022 at 10:13 AM



*“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of April N. Higginbotham.*



September 16, 2022 at 07:09 AM



*“ April was a classmate of mine, she was a beautiful kind person. I coached her 2 years in powderpuff in high school and we were champions both years. I didn't get to know her much after high School but I know she will be missed greatly. April May you rest in peace, and to the family I'm sorry for your loss and I will keep you in my prayers. Tim Gainey*



**Tim Gainey** - September 16, 2022 at 12:18 AM



“ *Tim Gainey lit a candle in memory of April N. Higginbotham*



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**Tim Gainey** - September 16, 2022 at 12:15 AM



“ *Always had a sweet smile and a big hug every time i seen her*

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**Eda mae osteen** - September 15, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *Eda Mae Osteen lit a candle in memory of April N. Higginbotham*



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**Eda mae osteen** - September 15, 2022 at 09:45 PM



*Evelyn J. Barber/Oaks*

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**Evelyn J. Barber/Oaks** - October 12, 2022 at 02:35 PM



*May the family find peace thru love & life. May April Rest in Peace.*

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**Evelyn J. Barber/Oaks** - October 12, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of April N. Higginbotham.*



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September 15, 2022 at 09:27 PM