



## Meredith Pridgeon Higgins

June 24, 1983 - June 18, 2023

Meredith Pridgeon Higgins (Meredith), loving wife, daughter and friend, died of natural causes at her home on June 18, 2023.

Meredith was born in Tallahassee on June 24, 1983. She attended Gilcrest Elementary and Raa Middle School and graduated from Leon High in 2001. She loved sports all of her life, excelling on the softball and golf teams at Leon High and earning a golf scholarship to Queens College in Charlotte, NC. She later enrolled at Flagler College in Tallahassee where she met lifelong friends who motivated her academically, and Meredith graduated Summa Cum Laude from Flagler College with a B.S. in Education.

She taught elementary school in the Leon County School System and then earned an M.S. in Education at Florida State University. Meredith went to work for the FSU School of Education as the Director of Clinical Education, where she supervised and placed practicums and interns across Florida. She loved her job and her coworkers and was highly regarded by educators throughout the state. She also continued her studies and was a Doctoral Candidate at FSU when she passed.

As an undergraduate Meredith met her loving husband, Matt Higgins, also an educator and Seminole grad. They married in 2007 and embarked on a wonderful life together. Meredith and Matt enjoyed entertaining friends and family at their beautiful pool home in Waverly Hills, watching FSU sports, and cheering on the Wakulla High War Eagles where Matt works as a teacher, athletic trainer, and coach.

Meredith also loved to get in the car and go, and she and Matt visited almost every state in the U.S. Her two favorite vacation spots were her mother's house in Mexico Beach where Meredith liked to sunbathe on the white sand and eat seafood at Indian Pass Raw Bar and kayaking and enjoying the mountain air each summer at the family retreat on Third Lake in the Adirondacks.

Meredith enjoyed gardening and was Vice President of the Wisteria Garden Circle; she was an excellent cook trained by her parents and grandmother Fay; she collected art, especially work by the Highwaymen and the whimsical paintings of Betsy Fowler. She was exceptionally well-read, loved any type of trivia game, and her knowledge led to strong opinions on many topics, especially equal rights for women. She was also a giving person, throughout her life donating time and money with no thought of recognition. She adored her three Boykin Spaniels and fostered and adopted Boykins through Operation Little Brown Dog.

She cherished her family, including her nephews and nieces, who affectionately called her Bunny, and she loved her many friends from childhood, school and work. We will miss her lively conversation, her passionate spirit—always ready for debate, and perhaps most of all we will miss her infectious laugh—when Meredith laughed the room laughed with her. She was a treasure.

Meredith is preceded in death by her grandparents Sheldon and Marie Hilaman, and grandfather Tommy Pridgeon. She is survived by husband Matt, father Tim Pridgeon, mother Linda Hilaman, stepfather Robert Wicker, sister Alison Pridgeon, her partner Jay Frazier and their daughter Matilda, and grandmother Fay Pridgeon.

A service and reception for Meredith will be held at Trinity Methodist Church in Tallahassee on Friday, June 23 at 1 pm. The service will be live-streamed via: <https://youtube.com/live/qgrTAPUX5ok?feature=share> Flowers will be received at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee, online comments at [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com), donations can be made in Meredith's name at Leon County Schools

Title 1 <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/meredithphigginsfund> and [www.operationlbd.com](http://www.operationlbd.com) (saving Boykin Spaniels). Todd Wahlquist is assisting the Higgins family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
120 W Park Ave  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(850) 222-1120

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Meredith, my heart aches knowing you passed. I still hold dear memories of your humor and amazing spirit close to my heart. Your old buddy,  
Chris Roady Jr. Leon 2001.

Chris - August 02, 2024 at 12:22 PM

DB

“ May God bless and keep your loved ones, family and friends Meredith covered in peace and comfort that surpasses all understanding and give them strength in knowing you're in his loving arms now. I know you will be forever missed until you are all reunited in heaven...



Debbie Belk - June 23, 2023 at 10:54 AM

LS

“ Leslie Miller and Steve Serventi purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.



Leslie Miller and Steve Serventi - June 22, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.



June 22, 2023 at 04:50 PM

LC

“ Linda C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.

Linda C. - June 22, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.



June 22, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.

June 22, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.



June 22, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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June 21, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ *I remember meeting her at her mom's house and playing Bunco together. She was always so sweet and kind. I made a donation in her name at Little BrownDog. My sincere sympathy goes out to her family. God Speed.*

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**Debbie Clark** - June 21, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ *The Seims family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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**The Seims family** - June 21, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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June 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

JW

“ *Joi and Eric Walker*

*Linda, Eric and I made a donation to Operation Little Brown Dog in memory of Meredith. I am so saddened by your loss. Please know you are in our prayers.*

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**Joi Walker** - June 21, 2023 at 12:19 PM

RW

*That's wonderful. Thank you.*

*Rob Wicker (Meredith's stepfather)*

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**Rob Wicker** - June 21, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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June 21, 2023 at 11:13 AM

JF

“ *Jesseca F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*

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**Jesseca F.** - June 21, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



June 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.

June 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



June 21, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Such sad news and I send my condolences to all who knew and loved her. I didn't know Meredith well, but as part of our state-wide clinical group, she stood out. She was welcoming, friendly, collaborative, helpful, competent, timely, etc... I enjoyed working with her and will sincerely miss her.*

**Diane Kratt** - June 21, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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June 21, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Elaine &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*

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**Elaine &.** - June 20, 2023 at 11:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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June 20, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ *I'm shocked and deeply saddened by this news. Meredith has always been a light in the College of Education. I first met her taking classes grad classes a decade ago. I enjoyed popping into her office, our chats, chuckling about opinions on many things, talking about artwork, and so much more. She knew something about everything and was a champion for so many. OASIS will never be the same. She will be deeply missed. My thoughts are with her loved ones - her husband, pups, and family. She spoke of you all often.*

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**Laura** - June 20, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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June 20, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *FSU College of Education / OASIS purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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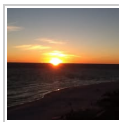
**FSU College of Education / OASIS** - June 20, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Matt, I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers with you and the family. - Ron Byrom*

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**Ron Byrom** - June 20, 2023 at 01:40 PM



*Matt,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family! Our Title I schools have loss an amazing supporter, giver, and champion for all learners! Iris Wilson*

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**Iris Wilson** - June 20, 2023 at 04:45 PM

KL

“ *kaki Pope and staff of Audio Rehab Lab purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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**kaki Pope and staff of Audio Rehab Lab** - June 20, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.*



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June 20, 2023 at 12:50 PM

CM

“ *My heart goes out to all of you. You're in my prayers as you deal with Meredith's passing. Hugs to you all.*

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**Claudette McCann** - June 20, 2023 at 12:36 PM

TG

“ *Linda and Family, I am so sorry for your loss of your beautiful and amazing Meredith. My thoughts and prayers are with you all for your pain. Please know I am available ANYTIME you need a friend. Love Tammy Galloway*

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**TAMMY T GALLOWAY** - June 20, 2023 at 11:58 AM

AD

“ Sending love and prayers to Matt and the family. Meredith's smile and laughter lit up every room she walked in. She loved working with our FSU students and faculty. I treasured her friendship over the past decade and will miss her tremendously.

*Angie Davis*

Angie Davis - June 20, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.



June 20, 2023 at 11:03 AM

BF

“ Brad @ Jan Foreman purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.



Brad @ Jan Foreman - June 19, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.



June 19, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Meredith Pridgeon Higgins.

June 19, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ Linda and family, I cannot begin to understand what you are going through at this time. Holding you all in my heart, surrounding you with love and sending prayers for strength as you find your way through each day. Love and deepest heartfelt condolences.



*Becky Kelly*

**Becky Kelly** - June 19, 2023 at 04:58 PM



*My heart breaks for you Matt and Linda and the rest of the family. I pray for peace and strength for you all as you try to find your new normal. Look to God for strength, he will be there for you. I send you my love and condolences.*

*Doris Geohagan*

**Doris Geohagan** - June 20, 2023 at 08:09 AM



*I learned of Meredith's passing today. She was a force of nature and kindness. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

**Dr. Elizabeth Watts Bromery** - September 06, 2023 at 09:59 AM