

Althea Higgins Leach

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Bena, Va. — Althea Higgins Leach, 83, died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law on July 12, 2002.

Althea retired from the Finance Department of Clinton Correctional Center, Dannemora, N.Y. She was of the Methodist faith and had made her home in Gloucester for the past ten years. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Martin Higgins as well as her second husband, John Leach; and a son, William Higgins.

Besides her daughter Carol, with whom she lived and son-in-law Lou Patnode, she is survived by two additional daughters, Jacquelyn Ramos of Magalria, Calif., and Eleanor Pires of Fairhaven, Mass.; a son, J. David Leach of Hydepark, Mass.; a brother, Paul Smith of Newhartford, N.Y.; a sister, Anna Darrah of Chittenango, N.Y.; a daughter-in-law, Marie Higgins of Plattsburgh, N.Y.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews; and special companions Angel and Buttercup.

Graveside services will be held Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, in Brainardsville Cemetery, Brainardsville, N.Y.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad, Box 247, Gloucester Point, VA 23062.

Because of her great faith, the closing passage of her life is best described in 2 Timothy 4:7 - I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race and I have remained faithful.