



Louis Scott Highsmith

December 18, 1939 - September 2, 2025

Louis Scott Highsmith, affectionately known as Lucky Lou, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Lou was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 18, 1939, to the late Eloise Highsmith and Robert Johnson. His extended family lovingly raised him—his grandmother Estelle Highsmith; uncles Purnell and James Johnson; aunts Amy Brown, Nellie Johnson, Mary Johnson, and Ophelia Turner; and his cousin Louis Hysmith.

He graduated from Matthew W. Gilbert High School, home of the Fighting Panthers, in January 1957. On May 15, 1958, Lou entered the U.S. Army, where he served in the Finance and Administrative Department until his retirement. He retired as a Sergeant First Class on May 31, 1978, after a distinguished career that included service in the United States, Korea, and Vietnam, as well as two tours of duty in Europe.

Following his military career, Lou continued his service as an employee with the Personnel Support Detachment in Norfolk, later transferring to Portsmouth, where he remained until his retirement on May 31, 2010.

Louis's first marriage was to Ethel Jordan, and from that union, he became the proud father of his son, Brian. He later married Mary Mangin and lovingly

helped raise her daughter, Nicole.

In addition to his son, Brian, he leaves to cherish his memory his daughter-in-law, Stephanie, and granddaughter, Briana, along with extended family and dear friends.

Lou enjoyed many hobbies and passions. He was also a faithful member of Little Grove Baptist Church, where he was honored to serve on the Usher Board. A lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers fan, he found joy in football season. In his free time, he loved fishing and was an avid card player, often enjoying Pinochle at the Portsmouth City Center Senior Center.

He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Little Grove Baptist Church
6320 Old Townpoint Rd
Suffolk, VA 23435
(757) 484-4496

Tribute Wall

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“ Brian I'm truly sorry for the loss of your father I can't remember if I ever had the opportunity to personally meet him but I know that he had to be awesome man to have produced a such an incredible offspring as you and Stephanie and Brianna hold to God unchanging hand he won't let you down Ms.Ethelfor the virtuous woman that you are strong and mighty this too will pass for you the family. My prayer is constantly with you all love Doreen

Doreen Brown - September 10, 2025 at 03:30 PM

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Thank you Ms. Doreen! Love you!

Stephanie Highsmith - September 13, 2025 at 03:14 PM

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“ Brian there's never enough words that could be spoken or preached that could ease the hurt you're feeling at this present time But know that "This To Will Pass!" just take it step by step looking toward God for your strength Ms. Ethel I extend my prayers and encouragement to press on as the strong women of virtue that you are my condolences prayers and support is with you and Brian in this transitioning stage in your lives Stephanie and Brianna, my heart felt prayers are with you all as well.A father-in-law a father and a grandfather would truly be missed and so many other things that he was to all those he had contact with. I don't think I had a privilege to meet him he had to be an awesome man to produce a son such as Brian a loving husband and father much love for you all and the family his legacy will live on as you reminisce on the good times Doreen



Doreen Brown - September 09, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 09, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louis Scott Highsmith.



September 08, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis Scott Highsmith.

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