



David Owen Rogers

June 1, 1934 - July 31, 2020

David Owen Rogers, age 86 of Cedar Bluff, AL passed away Friday July 31, 2020 at his residence. *Memorial Service will be held Aug 8th 1pm at First Baptist Church sanctuary, Centre, AL. A private graveside burial will take place later at Veterans National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.

Survivors include his wife, Melba Joy Lowe Rogers; daughter Karen Rogers Register (Alan) of Vestavia Hills, AL; daughter Laura Rogers Kubica (Scott) of Spencer, TN; son David Scott Rogers (Brandi) of Dacula, GA; 7 grandchildren; 4 great granddaughters. Also surviving, brother Charles Rogers III (Theresa) of Springfield, MA; sister-in-law Mary Lou Rogers of Boynton Beach, FL, and 7 nieces/nephews.

Dave was a native of Holyoke/Springfield, MA, raised his family in Atlanta, GA and at retirement, moved to Weiss Lake. He is predeceased by his father Charles Louis Rogers Jr., his mother Gladys Wylie Rogers and his brother Robert "Bob" Rogers.

David was very ambitious and had his own paper route grades 3-12. He earned Eagle Scout rank as a youth. He attended Holyoke High school, and graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in Civil Engineering. Dave was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, and the university's Track Team. He served in the US Army Corp of Engineers. In his professional career, he was a member of the Fire Protection & Safety Engineer Society.

Dave was employed by Monsanto, A&A, and AON International Insurance Brokers as VP and Account Executive. He loved his local church, serving as an ordained deacon, Sunday school teacher, department director, camp counselor, and most recently, as cofounder and teacher for Friendship Sunday School class. He enthusiastically participated in many foreign mission trips. In retirement, Dave was an active volunteer with Carpenters for Christ, Lions Club, Boy Scout Troop 245, and American Red Cross Disaster Relief and Training. He loved the outdoors and served with the Nature Conservancy, volunteered at Little River Canyon State Park, and was a certified Master Gardener in Etowah and Cherokee Counties earning his Ruby Star for lifetime service hours.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be directed to either of the following:

Alabama State Parks Foundation- 64 Union Street Suite 538 Montgomery, AL 36104 (online at asparksfoundation.org) or

First Baptist Church Building Fund-300 East By-Pass, Centre, AL 35960

*If attending the service, please respect everyone's health by wearing a mask, spacing appropriately and following CDC guidelines.

Perry Funeral Home in Charge of arrangements

www.perryfuneral.net

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life Service

AUG 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Centre First Baptist Church

Tribute Wall

DB

“*David Rogers, I met in Atlanta in 1995. He was an insurance broker and i was a relatively new underwriter. He told me that he didnt have much business to throw my way...but that didnt matter. He was such a pleasure to have a conversation with. Our friendship continued. Melba finally tracked me down just after I mailed the christmas card. Dave is one of a kind but a friend to all. I will truly miss him and our chats. He was a good man*

Diane Borden - December 31, 2020 at 01:19 AM

CM

“*My first time to talk to Dave was over the phone when I called to question him about the house next door that was for sale. He was so friendly and outgoing over the phone, even inviting us to stop by for a glass of ice tea. I knew then we would have a good neighbor. Dave and Melba have been wonderful and kind neighbors. We've shared a lot line for 13 years. They both are always willing to help anytime.*

Another early memory was soon after we moved in, we lost power - Dave came over in his golf cart with flashlights for us in case we didn't have any. Such a thoughtful person!

Dave will be missed!

Carolyn Meyer - September 01, 2020 at 09:32 PM

ME

“*My heart will forever be broken!*

Dave and I shared 61+ years and in October would have had 59 years of marriage. He will always be my true love,,,,,; a good man. The world is a better place because of Dave, Pops, Dad, Gramps.

melba - August 18, 2020 at 10:50 AM

MR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



MaryLou Rogers - August 06, 2020 at 10:16 AM

MR

To Melba and family, my very deepest sympathy for the loss of such a good and decent man. May David truly rest in peace.

MaryLou Rogers - August 06, 2020 at 10:19 AM

NK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Nancy Kurty - August 06, 2020 at 06:45 AM

NK

Dave and Melba Rogers at Crown Point

Nancy Kurty - August 06, 2020 at 06:55 AM

MR

This is where I was "officially" asked to wear the engagement ring for him. Can u believe he never asked me to marry him? We've laughed about that many times.

melba rogers - August 06, 2020 at 01:00 PM

WR

“ *Melba and Family: Our thoughts and prayers to each of you in the passing of Bro Dave. Always enjoyed seeing and talking to him in our Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church. May God bless and comfort you. Wendell & Linda Rakestraw, Centre, Al*

Wendell O Rakestraw - August 05, 2020 at 06:40 PM

JG

“ I had the privilege of meeting and serving with Dave as an American Red Cross Disaster Volunteer in New York City for 9/11. We both worked in Family Services and spent our days visiting families who had lost loved ones. The serious side of Dave presented while on the job - he was compassionate, thorough, and knowledgeable about how to best meet the emergency needs of our clients. After hours, he taught several of us the fine art of blowing smoke rings with the Cuban cigars he would pull out of his pocket.

Dave and I became close friends during our time together in New York, and over the years stayed in touch. He invited me down south for a Carpenters for Christ project, and I had the chance to meet Melba, his beloved wife and to tour their magnificent gardens. Because Dave had a brother in Massachusetts, we were able to meet a couple of times at my home in New Hampshire. Ever a boy scout, Dave climbed Mount Monadnock and proved that in spite of his years, his youthful spirit could power him up a 3165' mountain!

What will I most remember Dave for? Intelligence, devotion to family, love of cigars, commitment to serve, interest in deep conversation. While I grieve our loss of this dear man, another part of me knows that Dave is whole and healthy again. To know that his words are now flowing freely is of great comfort - I can almost hear his laughter as I write this. I am a better person because of Dave, and I cherish and carry his memory close in my heart. Deep blessings and condolences to Melba, an earthly saint, and to all of Dave's family. May you know peace. Amen.

Judy Gross - August 04, 2020 at 09:17 PM

FR

David and Melba have been special to our family-accepting our son Alan to join their family when he fell in love and married their daughter Karen. It was always a joy when we could share time with them- Christmas, wedding etc. David was a intelligent gentleman and always enjoyed talking to him. We will miss him. Melba was a great caretaker for David. One of the hardest task—that is truly an act of love and devotion. David has a perfect body now and rejoicing in heaven. Love to all of your family. Cherish th e good memories. Henry and Frances

Frances and Henry Register - August 06, 2020 at 12:44 PM

LL

Melba and family: Our deepest sympathies. We are so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Dave for many years and also spending time with him, as Walter Buce always said ..."On the Trail". We canoed down the Suwannee River and through the Okefenokee Swamp. Dave was almost as serious about his camping as his work. I learned so much from Dave in both business and on a personal level. He will be truly missed.

Larry & Gina Lindsey

Larry and Gina Lindsey - August 10, 2020 at 05:18 PM