



Honorary Flower Attendants

Mrs. Shirley Austin
Mrs. Mozelle Barber
Mrs. Loree Hightower
Mrs. Nancy Keith
Mrs. Bertha Pitts

Flower Attendants

Ms. Rosa Lee Austin
Mrs. April Blythe
Mrs. Teresa Broughton
Ms. Velma Holliday
Mrs. Eloise Russell
Mrs. Carol Speed

Pall Bearers

Mr. Tim Austin
Mr. McKenzie Cannon
Mr. Josh Gamble
Mr. Randy Hunter
Mr. Rodney Hunter
Mr. Roscoe Ladd

Interment

Hillcrest Memorial Park
2410 Gentry Memorial Hwy
Pickens, South Carolina 29671

Please be advised that the Greenville County Sheriff's Department and the City of Greenville Police Department no longer provide escort services for funeral processions. Therefore, all drivers should obey traffic signals. Persons who are not riding in the funeral home limousines should meet the family at the cemetery.

Services Entrusted to
Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.
1011 Augusta Street
Greenville, SC 29605
(864) 242-1144



Homegoing Service for Mr. William "Bill" Rogers



Sunday, November 24, 2019

2:00pm

**Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church
450 Gavin Street
Pickens, South Carolina 29671**

Order of Service

Rev. Carl Allmond, Presiding

Mt Nebo Baptist Church

Prelude.....Ms. Judy Austin

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Selection.....Ms. Judy Austin

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Rev. Carlton Holley
Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church

New Testament.....Rev. James Pitts
Pastor, Cold Springs Baptist Church

Prayer.....Rev. Edward R. Scott
Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Selection.....Cheeks and Austin Family

Acknowledgements /Resolutions....Mrs. Pamela Little

Reflections (Please limit to 3 minutes.)

Minister Morrell Stokes and Ms. Desiree Rogers
Mrs. Chrislyn Hallums
Mr. Christopher Austin
Rev. Jerry Lane
Mr. Harry L. Hunter, Sr.

Poem.....Ms. Lakeshia Latimer

Solo.....*His Eye is on The Sparrow*
Rev. Carroll Austin
Pastor, Enoree Fork Baptist Church

Eulogy.....Rev. James W. Hallums

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Obituary

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Psalm 37:23

Mr. William “Bill” Rogers, affectionately known as “Daddy Bill”, was born on August 9, 1933, in Oconee County, South Carolina, to the late Jefferson and Helen Jenkins Rogers, and was called home to eternal rest on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. On Monday night as the Father looked down from heaven and saw how Papa was struggling with every breath he took, He knew that Papa was tired so He spoke to His angels and said, I am sending you to Cannon Memorial Hospital to bring one of my children home. He has fought a good fight. He has lived by my commands but most of all He has accepted me as his personal Savior. I have prepared for him a place of eternal rest, joy and peace. No more doctors, medicines, hospitals, or pain.

Bill attended school in Oconee County but only received a 3rd grade education because he had to quit school to help his parents work to make ends meet. He was a man full of love and wisdom. He joined St. Peter Baptist Church in Oconee County at a very young age. Later, he became a member of Cold Springs Baptist Church in Pickens, SC, where he served faithfully as a member until his health began to fail. He didn’t serve in any official capacity such as a Deacon or Trustee, but he took pride in ensuring that the sanctuary, church grounds and cemetery were in order.

Bill started working at Stewart Lumber Company in Six Mile, South Carolina, at the age of 16, and worked there for 30+ years. He later became employed at BI-LO Grocery in Pickens for more than 25 years.

Bill was a soft-spoken man with a big heart – a very humble and always had a kind word to say about everyone. He loved working outside, especially cutting grass and working on his lawn mowers and tractor.

He was a good provider for his family, always making sure all of their needs were met, not their wants!! He supported his grandchildren by attending their graduations (kindergarten, high school and college). He also attended all of their sporting and church events. He loved Quartet singing and attending gospel singing programs.

He was the last survivor of his immediate family. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mrs. Charlena Gowens Rogers; two sons, Tony Rogers and Timothy Rogers; two sisters, Flossie Redding and Bertha Bryant; and two brothers, Harold Rogers and J.B. Rogers.

Left to cherish many memories are a daughter, Minister Jackie (Harry) Hunter of Seneca, SC; two sons, Michael (Patricia) Rogers of Easley, SC, and Glenn Rogers of the home; eleven grandchildren, Desiree Rogers and Shawn Rogers both reared in the home and Michelle Rogers, Lionel Hunter, Derrick Gamble, Josh Gamble, Shaquille Rogers, Raymond Rogers, Monica Rogers, Dezmund Rogers, and Jada Rogers; fifteen great-grandchildren, Aaryn Josiah reared in the home, affectionately known as “AJ” was Papa’s heart. Papa loved all of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren unconditionally.

Acknowledgements

Special Thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to care for Daddy during his illness. Special thanks to Chris Austin for all the things you did to support daddy. No matter the task!!! Special thanks to James Bolton for opening up your home on Sunday nights for main event wrestling and also cookouts and family gatherings!! Kindred Home Health Care (Too many to name) Patriot Palliative Care.