



Bruce B. Rogers

May 22, 1954 - March 5, 2014

On the evening of March 5, 2014, Bruce Bethea Rogers was called home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He passed away in his home surrounded by his wife and children. The funeral will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2014, at First Presbyterian Church Hattiesburg, Ms. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Interment will follow the service at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. Dr. Sean Michael Lucas will be officiating. Bruce Rogers was born in Laurel, MS on May 22, 1954, to Cade Bethea Rogers and Christine Abercrombie Rogers. Bruce married Mary Ann Sandifer Rogers on January 11, 1973. They were happily married for forty-one years. The couple had five children and eleven grandchildren. The children remember their father as a man who taught them to laugh, to love, to live, and to leave a legacy. He did all these better than anyone they have ever known. Bruce graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Soon after graduating, Bruce worked in Africa helping to build the world's largest sugar cane factory for the people of Sudan. Throughout his life, Bruce continued to build. He built bridges, buildings, homes, and businesses. He started Petal Auto Parts, a thriving Mississippi business, and he started Christ Church in Petal, MS. However, Bruce's greatest passion in life was seeing others built up in Christ. At eleven, Bruce was sharing the gospel story with friends. This continued throughout high school and the rest of his life. On his last day in the hospital, Bruce carried a suitcase with bibles, and inside each bible was a letter telling his friends there how to find a new

life in Christ. Bruce showed all those around him that only on the foundation of Christ can a fulfilling life truly be built. His life was full. One of Bruce's favorite quotes was "Only one life to live, will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Cade Bethea Rogers and Christine Abercrombie Rogers. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Sandifer Rogers; daughter, Alicia, her husband, Tommy, their children, Katie Rose and Tripp; son, Brian, his wife, Angelyn, their children, James, Samuel, Grace, John, and Claire Renee; son, Casey, his wife, Ashley, their children, Annalee and Cade; daughter, Emily, her husband, Glen, their children, Mary Love and Lucy; and son, Andrew; brother, Tommy Cade Rogers, his wife, Brenda; and sister, Diane Rogers Parish, her husband, Gerald.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Arnold, John Helveston, Trent Hendrix, Henry Hawes, Brad Holifield, John Karnes, Joe Nick Leigh, Marcus Robinson, and Andrew Waites.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Hope for Hattiesburg, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 4901 Hardy Street, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

TA

“ I just learned of Bruce's passing. I am so sorry-Bruce certainly was a good man and the world was a better place with him in it. Tim Axton

Tim Axton - March 17, 2014 at 09:00 PM

KW

“ I had not seen Bruce in years, but remember growing up with him in our church, First Baptist of Laurel. He was a funny, outgoing guy who made everyone laugh. I was saddened to hear of his passing and send my condolences to his family. May God bless each of you during this time.

Kirby Warnock - March 10, 2014 at 05:11 PM

KB

“ Bruce B. Rogers

Kenny Bell - March 10, 2014 at 10:01 AM

DK

“ I am sad for the passing of Bruce. He was a great man that saw the best in people. He had a positive influence on my life. I will be praying for the families.

Drew Kennedy - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Brian, Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Your family is in our prayers.

Michael Tate - March 08, 2014 at 10:34 PM

BB

“ My condolences go with you today. Bruce will be missed by his family and friends. We are praying that God will put arms around you and help during the time of grieve The Horace Boleware Family

Brenda Boleware - March 08, 2014 at 10:13 PM

CW

“ We are so grateful we can count ourselves among the many friends of Bruce and Mary Ann. It has been such a blessing to share the past 2 years with him at First Presbyterian Church. We will miss him greatly.

Charles and Terri Wilson - March 08, 2014 at 07:13 PM

JS

“ Dear Friends, We were grieved this morning to discover that Bruce recently passed away. We aren't grieved for Bruce- we know he's in the presence of Jesus. We hurt for you and all those who loved him. We are so thankful that God gave us a chance to know Bruce. His faith and generosity are unforgettable. Our prayers are with Mary Ann and the family.
Love in Christ, John and Garvisa Stroud

John K. Stroud - March 08, 2014 at 02:34 PM

KL

“ My condolenses to your family. I only recently met Mr.Rogers and I felt a warm, loving connection immediately. What a refreshing person he was! God Bless
Bruce's Pilot, Ken Loftin

Ken loftin - March 07, 2014 at 10:47 PM

RD

“ Jason Parish thought a great deal of Mr. Rogers. We wish the family the best.

Robert & Gin Donnell - March 07, 2014 at 08:23 PM

TM

“ God has blessed you and I pray he will continue to bless Maryann, my cousin, and your family. I pray for peace and comfort for the family.

TIMOTHY MUNZ - March 07, 2014 at 06:47 PM

SW

“ Mary Ann, I love you and am praying for you during this sad, sad time. I am here for you to help you through it all. Sue Walker

Sue Walker - March 07, 2014 at 06:07 PM

CM

“ Casey I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.

Chris Monsour - March 07, 2014 at 04:26 PM

HO

“ We will always remember Bruce at many different times. We send our love to all of you and will continue to lift you up. Bruce was such a beautiful reflection of God's Love, and you will always have that to remember in the days to come.

Herb & Pat Oldenburg - March 07, 2014 at 03:57 PM

AA

“ We know Bruce was passionate about his love for Christ and his family. We know he will surely be missed not only by you the family but all the lives he touched. We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.

Archie & Vaneesa Abercrombie - March 07, 2014 at 03:53 PM

CG

“ My prayers are with all of Mr Bruce's loved ones. I am so sorry for your loss but thankful for the gift of having known him.

Cassidy Ganas - March 07, 2014 at 03:10 PM

GH

“ Harry and I praise God that Bruce was a man who loved the Lord with all his heart and served God with incredible passion. We are praying that you feel God's special comfort and peace in the days, weeks and months ahead. We are so sorry for your loss. With love, sympathy and prayers, Geri & Harry

Geri & Harry H - March 07, 2014 at 02:57 PM

CH

“ Bruce was such a wonderful friend and encourager to us while we lived in Hattiesburg. His cheerfulness and love for others was inspiring. We went to him many times for counsel on how to raise our boys. He will be greatly missed.

Clifford and Lori Holifield - March 07, 2014 at 02:01 PM

MA

“ Casey , *The lost of a Father is very hard on the family .Our prayers are with you and your family . Carey I am sorry the has happen . Let me know if there is anything I can do .*
Mike Ammons / Boykin Contracting

Mike Ammons - March 07, 2014 at 01:52 PM

CL

“ *To Mary Ann and all the Rogers Family, We were so saddened to hear of the loss of Bruce. We know he has been a faithful follower of His Lord and Savior, and we are sure He was welcomed into heaven with great joy. He will always a dear place in our hearts and we look so forward to seeing him again.*
Our prayers are with you all, for God to comfort you and meet you in amazing ways right now as we are sure He is doing.
With much love, Craig & Julie Loibner

Craig & Julie Loibner - March 07, 2014 at 01:18 PM

DH

“ *I have many wonderful memories of your family's time here in NLR - I remember Bruce's passion for Christ and his ability to put a smile on everyone's face, to match the one already on his. Much love to all the Rogers family.*
Donna Hall

donna hall - March 07, 2014 at 01:08 PM

DS

“ *Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends. Mr. Bruce will be missed by all.*

Dale Coon (Dales truck and Auto Salvage) - March 07, 2014 at 01:06 PM

JL

“ Dear Mary Ann, Kids, and Families, We grieve with you, dear ones, and we rejoice with you. We love you and are certainly bringing you before the Father.

Jim & LaVerne Landrum - March 07, 2014 at 12:52 PM

NO

“ I am so sorry to hear that you have lost your beloved husband and father. He was a kind and good man. Today he is in the presence of the Lord whom he loved so much. We are praying for your family.
The Osborne Family

NANCY J OSBORNE - March 07, 2014 at 12:38 PM

JF

“ May GOD's Love and Grace surround you and your family in this dark hour to give you peace and comfort. We will continue to support you through our prayers.

Jim & Priscilla Ferguson - March 07, 2014 at 12:08 PM

RE

“ Casey – My prayers are with you and your family. Sadly, I never had the opportunity to meet your father, but his obituary painted a beautiful picture of a truly amazing man. As I read the words, my emotions ranged from sadness to joy. My prayer is that your grief will soon be replaced by joy – recalling wonderful memories of a remarkable man that you had the pleasure of calling Dad. With Deepest Sympathy, Ron Emery

Ron Emery - March 07, 2014 at 11:31 AM

ST

*“ We have lost a great man!! When I worked for Mr. Bruce, he taught me to believe the best about people. In the years since I left Petal Auto Parts, I have run into him a few times, talked on the phone a few times. The chance meeting I remember the most was in the parking lot at Wal-mart. We talked about his procedure concerning his eye and then talked about places we wanted to go. I told him I always wanted to go to Ireland!! He told me that he did, too. He told me about Travelzoo and to be looking for a good bargain to travel there. I haven't made it yet, but when I do, I will remember his desire to go there and will take many pictures to show him when we meet again in Glory!!!
Mr. Bruce is now in the arms of our Father with Mr. CB and Ms. Christine!!
My prayers to the family for strength and comfort.
Sandi*

Sandi Travis - March 07, 2014 at 09:46 AM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. At least be comforted in the thought that he is walking among his loved one & Jesus. What a beautiful place he must be in.

Sherry Corley - March 07, 2014 at 09:30 AM

JF

“ Our condolences to your family.

Jay, Katie, Gracie Files - March 07, 2014 at 09:11 AM

DP

“ My prayers are with all of the Rogers' family and friends. I am confident their faith in Christ Jesus will give strength during this time to celebrate eternal life.

Dupree Petty - March 07, 2014 at 08:46 AM

KK

“ Bruce was a great example in so many ways. He surely lived by faith and will be sorely missed by many. You all are in my prayers. We must learn to live on the heavenly side and look at things from above. To contemplate all things as God sees them, as Christ beholds them, overcomes sin, defies Satan, dissolves perplexities, lifts us above trials, separates us from the world and conquers fear of death.” ~ A.B. Simpson

Karen Kennedy - March 07, 2014 at 12:28 AM

SB

“ With heartfelt sympathy and prayers for each of you. Please know I'll be supporting each in the days ahead. God will be sufficient.
Sharon Barham

Sharon Barham - March 06, 2014 at 06:17 PM

SS

“ Bruce was an exceptional person. He was always smiling, always caring, and never wavering in his ability to make those around him better persons. I will miss him dearly.

Scott Stover - March 06, 2014 at 05:08 PM