



## James David Rogers

January 16, 1943 - June 15, 2014

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Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. for James David Rogers, 71, who passed away Sunday, June 15, at Forrest General Hospital.

David was born January 16, 1943, and attended Laurel City Schools, graduating from George S. Gardiner High School. He was an avid racecar fan, having built and raced his own car at the age of 16. He also loved horses and spent his teen years training horses for several friends. David has been a loyal fan of the New Orleans Saints since the franchise began, attending countless home games over the years.

David worked in the oil industry after high school and realized his dream of owning his own service company when he founded Central Hydraulic, Inc. in 1973. He went on to open stores in Louisiana, North Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

David was a member of West Laurel United Methodist Church and was a Mason. He also served as a former board member and director of the Mississippi Oilmen's Association and was a former member of the Country Cooks. David also enjoyed hunting and spending time every year at his hunting camp with longtime friends.

David was preceded in death by his father, Crawford "C.C." Rogers; his mother, Helen Lightsey Rogers; and granddaughter, Melissa Reid Rogers. He is survived by his two children; daughter, Stephanie Green (Richie); and son, David Scott Rogers; two grandsons, David Austin Rogers and Clifton

Chapman Rogers; one brother, Donald C. Rogers (Libba); and nephews, Donald Rogers, Jr. and Jason Rogers. He is also survived by his special companion, Ruth Beech, and her children, John Beech (Stephanie), Sherry Walker (Jerry), Sheryl Meadows (Mark), Bryan Beech (Delora), six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be his longtime employees of Central Hydraulic, Inc.: Wayne Lowery, Carl Craven, Timmy Rogers, Vance Grissom, Jake Spencer, and Morris Welch.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel on Tuesday from 5 until 8 p.m. The memorial service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Memory Chapel with burial at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. Rev. Chris Klingenfus will officiate. Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Tribute Wall

WG

“ Hey, Bennie, Stephanie and Scott. I am so sorry about David. I lost my Dad father's day a year ago, and Mom 2 months after that. I know the fresh hurt and grief you guys are going thru. I often think about my old days at Central Hydraulic. Stephanie let me know how you are doing. Contact me.

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**Wanda (Parker) Gentry** - June 18, 2014 at 09:58 AM

JM

“ Deepest Sympathies for your loss and know that he will be greatly missed by those who love him. We have known him for 45 to 50 years

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**John and Elaine Moore** - June 17, 2014 at 11:03 PM

BA

“ David was a very generous and trusting man. I will remember the pep talks and stories. I will miss him and think of him often. Good bye David and thank you.

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**Benjamin E Ansel** - June 17, 2014 at 07:57 PM

JW

“ Donald and Libba, So sorry to hear of David's passing. I will always cherish our childhood friendship during our Jr. High and High School days. All the camping days and all the rides you and David provided to Larry and me. Our sympathy to you and David's family.

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**Jerry Wages** - June 17, 2014 at 10:48 AM

DG

“ My picture of David is the one that I remember when we met on opposite sides of a barbed wire fence 67 years ago. That was the last time we had anything between us. We have had many great times and laughs together. My heart goes out to Stephanie, Scott, Ruth and their families. May God bless and keep us all.

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**Daryl Gambrell** - June 17, 2014 at 09:12 AM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss, God bless you with His comfort and peace.

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**Amy Busby** - June 16, 2014 at 09:59 PM

BA

“ David was a very generous and trusting man. He was someone I looked up to, I will think about him often. Good bye David and Thank you

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**Ben Ansel** - June 16, 2014 at 09:05 PM

AD

“ David was larger than life and we will miss him terribly. He was so kind to me when I lost Johnny and I will never forget that. We had many good times with David. I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Andree Dunston** - June 16, 2014 at 04:09 PM

RR

“ Mr. Rogers was a good man and a great friend to my entire family. He was a wonderful boss who turned his business into a family. I am forever thankful to him for all the opportunities he granted to me and for being such a dear friend to my dad, Johnny Dunston.

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**Rhegan Rebert** - June 16, 2014 at 04:03 PM