



## Randy Rogers

January 27, 1927 - April 24, 2009

Services for Randy Rogers, 82, of Emerald Bay will be held on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 1:30 PM at Emerald Bay Community Church with Rev. Jay Riley officiating. Mr. Rogers passed away on April 24, 2009 in Bullard, a resident of the Emerald Bay Community for 32 years. He was born on January 27, 1927 in Henderson to the late Thomas and Annie Sue Rogers. He was a survivor of the New London school explosion on March 18, 1937. Mr. Rogers was active in track and football, becoming a four-year letterman at Texas Christian University. After college, he owned a Humble service station for 15 years and worked for LaGloria oil refinery for 24 years. Mr. Rogers was a member of Emerald Bay Community Church, the TCU Ex-Letterman Association, the TCU Alumni Association and the Emerald Bay Club Golden Tees. He also enjoyed coaching Little League Baseball for many years. Mr. Rogers is survived by a loving family including his wife of 59 years, Shirley Smith Rogers; a daughter, DeBe Rogers Wantzloebe and husband Kenneth of Boerne; a son, Randall Smith "Smitty" Rogers and wife Letty of Corpus Christi; six grandsons, Blanton Earl Albright, Dayne Weldon Albright, Randall E. Rogers, Dillon Ryan Rogers, Marcos Rogers and Ben Martinez; six great-grandchildren, Baileigh Albright, Lucus Rogers, Reagan Rogers, Bella Rogers, Bronwyn Martinez and Rowan Martinez; a brother, Wayne Rogers of Metairie, Louisiana; two sisters, Clifford Short of Indianapolis, Indiana and Lois Green of Henderson. In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Randy Rogers may be made to the New

London Ex-Student Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 477, New London, Texas  
75682; Emerald Bay Community Church, 160 S. LaSalle, Bullard, Texas  
75757; or a charity of choice.

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ Smitty, Debe and Mrs. Rogers, I am so sorry for your loss but rejoice with you in knowing he is with His Lord in heaven. Hold on to the memories and cherish each one. They will always hold comfort for you. Mrs. Rogers, I remember how much my mother liked you and all of the school activities you and Mr. Rogers were there for. That meant alot to many kids. I also remember in Jr. High when Debe won cheerleader and the look on Smitty face. He started yelling and jumping up and down with the biggest grin I have ever seen. Not many brothers react that way. Your family is so blessed and I love each of you. Cindy Connally Grimes and her family.

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**Cindy Connally Grimes** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Mrs Rogers, Debe, Smitty and family, please accept our sincere condolences. In times like these, we need peace and comfort that only God Himself can provide. Our prayers for you and your families are that your faith in Jesus Christ will sustain you during these days. We love ya'll,

*Paul & Marilyn Johnson*

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**Paul & Marilyn Johnson** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Just wanted to let you all know how very very sorry I am to hear about Mr. Rogers. Be strong for each other and trust in God to handle the rest. Smitty, give your Mom and Debe and hug for me and know that you are all in my prayers. Love to you all.

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**Kathy Collom Palmer** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Smitty, Debe and Mrs. Rogers,  
Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers in this time of great loss.  
May sweet memories and God's love comfort you and your family.*

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**Mary Bloomquist Johns** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *May God's great love strengthen and sustain you during this difficult  
time.  
Love and Prayers.*

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**Clyde & Pattie Kelley** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Shirley, Debe, and Smitty*

*We are both saddened to hear about Randy. Growing up, we will never forget Randy coaching little league and being around taking an interest in all of us kids. A kinder and more thoughtful person we cannot remember. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Stuart and Barbara McGinney*

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**Stuart McGinney** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Smitty, Haven't seen you in many years, but I wanted to send my condolences to you and your family...I don't know if you know this, but my mother Patsy Roberts Wilson went to school with your dad in New London...I called her this evening and told her about your dad's death.. New London holds special memories for me...my mom has told me about your dad over the years and I think your uncle...Booty...I have all the old Londana year books and there is a picture of Booty in there...just wanted you to know I am thinking and praying for you and Debe...so hard to lose our daddies...won't be long before I lose mine..he is suffering from Alzheimer's...Stay strong and know that there are many people that love you!

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**Jennifer Wilson Salas** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Mrs. Rogers, Smitty, Debe, family and friends. I know that sadness surrounds you at this time, but I also know that Jesus has you all in His loving hands. I will be praying for comfort and peace for all of you and I know that your faith in our Lord and Saviour will sustain you. It is a hard change in your life, but with God's love, you will get through it.

Love,  
Jo

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**Jo Beaumont Prestwood** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Having moved to Tyler to start high school, I did not have the opportunity to meet your Dad. All I know is what Cindy Grimes has sent and what I read here. Hopefully you carry his character and learned from his compassion for others. These positive memories will help in the hard time. I know the Lord and your friends will be there for you.

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**Chris Hoover** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Randy Rogers*

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**Robert Langham** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Randy, like others of his generation, represented everything that was good, wholesome, and decent in our society. Smitty, Debe and Mrs. Rogers, I am deeply sorry for your loss.*

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**Jack Bailey** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *When I first heard the news I immediately thought about riding in the trunk of that old black car with 15 other members of the little league baseball team and Randy's big'ol smile while putt putting to the practice field. Randy always had an quiet encouraging word for each of us. He would give you the shirt off his back and you could tell he loved his family and friends very much.*  
*HUB*

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**Hub Coleman** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Smitty,*  
*Was sorry to hear about your dad. I did not know him but I know that he was a special dad to you. You will be remembered in my prayers. Looking forward to seeing you again when our class meets.*  
*~janet*

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**Janet Werner Rowden** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Hey Smitty, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Even though the good Lord gave you a long time with your Dad, I know it is still hard to say good-bye. Take comfort in knowing that he lived until his last moments able to do the things he enjoyed doing. May all the memories of the great times you shared with him bring smiles and comfort to your heart and ease the sadness you are feeling now. With heartfelt prayers may God bless you and your family in the coming days. David and Linda Rozell.

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**David Rozell** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Shirley - Bob and I send our sympathy for your loss. You and Randy were always such a fixture at Emerald Bay and we enjoyed having the opportunity to know both of you. I know God will give you the strength to move forward in your life. We will pray for that guidance and trust the many blessing still left for you.

*Sincerely Bob & Cathy Fuller*

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**Cathy Fuller** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To Mrs. Rogers: my mother and father were neighbors of yours years ago. They lived across the street when you resided at 6001 Woodcrest. My parent's names are Helen and LeeRoy Smith. I saw the obituary in the newspaper and my mother wanted me to send my condolences to you.  
My personal condolences also, Smitty and I graduated from JTHS the same year.

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**Shelley Smith Hewett** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Mrs. Rogers, Debe, Smitty and Family: Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers... May God bless and keep you,*

*Patty Hearne Kirkpatrick*

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**Patty Hearne Kirkpatrick** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM