



Vivian Cox Rodgers

April 5, 1926 - January 31, 2023

Vivian Cox Rodgers passed away on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Bluebonnet Point Wellness in Bullard after an extended illness. Vivian was born in a small rural community in Oklahoma on April 5, 1926 and was raised by her parents Stanley and Myrtle Winchester Cox. After graduating from high school in Gracemont, OK, she graduated from Blackwood-Davis Business College in Oklahoma City in 1944 and became a stenographer for The Aluminum Company of America.

In June 1945, Vivian married her high school sweetheart Vergil who had just returned from World War II missions in Europe. Together, Vergil and Vivian spent almost 30 years together as an Air Force family. In October 1946, they welcomed Virginia (nicknamed Ginger) in Denver, and in February 1949, Victor was born on Okinawa where Vergil was stationed, and Vivian worked as a court reporter for the military.

Upon returning to the states, the “Four Vs” established their long-time home in Bossier City, LA, where they lived until Vergil’s squadron was transferred to Newfoundland in 1960. In 1964 the family returned to Bossier City where they lived until Vergil retired. During those years, Vivian served in numerous volunteer capacities through her church, as well as leadership positions for PTA, 4-H, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts. She was Executive Director of Shreveport’s Holiday in Dixie and directed the group’s annual Queen Pageant

as a prelude to the Miss Louisiana Pageant. She served as a judge for numerous pageants throughout Louisiana. A talented seamstress and accomplished tailor, Vivian outfitted herself, her children and her home.

In 1976, Vivian accompanied Vergil when he was asked to establish a Levi-Strauss operation in Tyler. Here they spent her remaining years. The couple celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary last year. Together they were active members of Glenwood United Methodist Church and later Marvin Methodist Church. Vivian was a Senior Tax Advisor and retired from H & R Block in 2006. She also served as president of the Texas State AARP Grief and Loss Program.

Vivian was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Emma Jean and Josephine. She is survived by her loving husband Vergil, daughter Ginger Sawyer, and son Victor Rodgers and his wife Pebbie. Her family includes three grandchildren, Dr. Douglas Sawyer and his wife Kelli, Deanna Sawyer Hare and her husband Steve, and Daniel Boone Rodgers. Her great grandchildren are Clayton, Noah and Emma Sawyer, and her new great-great-granddaughter is Landri Mae Senn.

Visitation at Stewart Family Funeral Home will be held on Tuesday, February 7, from 12:00 noon until 1:45 pm, followed by graveside services at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Gerry Giles officiating.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Marvin Methodist Church, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702 (www.marvin.church); the Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 (www.hospiceofeasttexas.org); or a philanthropy of choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Graveside Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Lawn Cemetery
2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vivian Cox Rodgers



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 06, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ Mrs. Rodgers was my girl scout leader when we lived in Newfoundland, and Ginger was my best friend, and still is. How lucky I am to have these two smart, talented women in my life. I remember that Mrs. Rodgers made divinity, a treat I had never had before meeting her. Decades after leaving Newfoundland, I wanted to make divinity but I could not get it to set up. I still had the Rodgers phone number, so I called Mrs. R. When she answered the phone, I said hello, and without skipping a beat, she said, "Hello, Eleanor." I asked her how to get my divinity to set up. She told me that she made a batch every year, and had Virgil take it to the basement to set up, and bring up the batch from last year! I finally asked Ginger about that, and she said that was definitely not true! My divinity never did work out. I surely miss that sense of humor.

Ellie Schroeder - February 17, 2023 at 01:39 PM



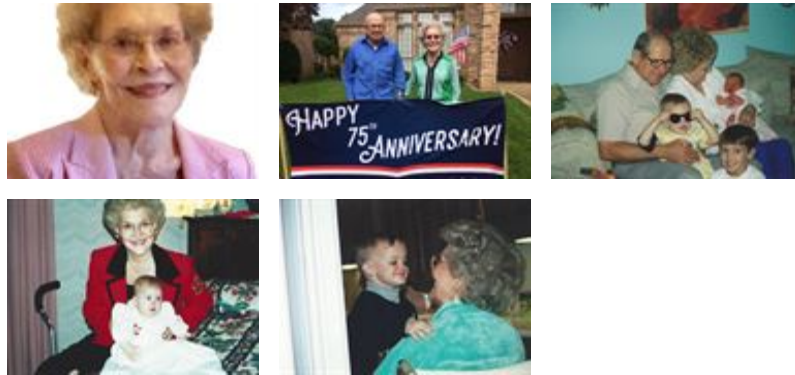
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vivian Cox Rodgers.*



February 06, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *83 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 06, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vivian Cox Rodgers.*



February 04, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Vivian Cox Rodgers.



February 03, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Robby, Angela, Julia & Vivian purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Vivian Cox Rodgers.



Robby, Angela, Julia & Vivian - February 03, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Vivian Cox Rodgers.



February 02, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Vivian Cox Rodgers.



February 01, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Vivian Cox Rodgers.* ”



February 01, 2023 at 02:00 PM