

Celebrating the Life & Legacy
of
Mrs. Erma Lou Rogers

Sunrise:
October 21, 1925

Sunset:
September 21, 2026



Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.

New Hymn Missionary Baptist Church
458 Hollins Road
Pinola, Mississippi 39149

Dr. Robert West, Jr., Pastor & Officiant

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7 KJV

The Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy, Family & Friends

Program Guide.....Sister Laster Ruth Norwood

Song.....Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Brother Byron Swilley

New Testament.....Deacon Robert Smith, Jr.

Prayer.....Minister Jerry Hollins

Song.....Choir

Expressions (Two Minutes, Please).....Friends & Family

Acknowledgments.....Sister Laster Ruth Norwood

Reading of Obituary.....Sister Cassandra Carter

Song.....Choir

Eulogy/Encouraging Words... Pastor Robert West, Jr.

Recessional.....House of Peoples Funeral Directors



*"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was:
and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."*

Ecclesiastes 12:7



The Obituary *Mrs. Erma Lou Rogers*

Mrs. Erma Lou Rogers was born on October 21, 1925, in Marion County, Mississippi, to the late Walter Bishop and Rannie Otis Bishop. She passed away at her residence in Pinola, Mississippi, on September 21, 2026, at the age of 100.

Mrs. Erma attended Rosin War School in Bassfield, Mississippi, and was a faithful member of New Hymn Missionary Baptist Church in Pinola, Mississippi, until her health declined.

She truly loved gardening and insisted on staying busy, whether tending to her flowers, cleaning her yard, or planting vegetables. *Mrs. Erma* believed in staying active and working rather than sitting around. She kept the belief in hard work and dedication as a living testimony in song: "Got to make One hundred; Ninety-nine and one-half won't do!"

After moving to Simpson County, she married Mr. L. C. Rogers. Together, they reared seven children.

Mrs. Erma was employed at the Pinola School Cafeteria and later at the New Hymn School Cafeteria. She then worked for many years at Magnetek, formerly Universal Manufacturing.

During her 100 years, *Mrs. Erma* witnessed many difficult periods, including the Great Depression, World War II, floods, hurricanes, and pandemics. Through every challenge, she remained steadfast in her belief that God was in control.

Mrs. Erma Lou Rogers leaves to cherish her memory four sons: Tommie Rogers of San Diego, California, whose wife, Ora, preceded him in death; Lonnie (Christine) Rogers of San Antonio, Texas; and Johnny (Jerlean) Rogers and Curtis (Janice) Rogers, all of Pinola, Mississippi. She also leaves a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends, and a dear friend, Mrs. Mattie Morris.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mr. L. C. Rogers; two daughters, Mrs. Bobbie Lee and Ms. Catherine Funchess; one son, Mr. Roy Lee Rogers; two grandsons, Johnny Bass, Sr., and Justin Rogers, Sr., and a close friend, Mrs. Mattie Rogers-Griffith.

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed..."

Proverbs 31:28



Rogers Honored at Age 100

On October 18, 2025

Surrounded by more than 100 family members, friends, and church members, Mrs. Erma Lou Rogers recently celebrated her 100th birthday with a special dinner in her honor.

Mrs. Rogers officially turned 100 years old on October 21, marking a century of faith, perseverance, and devotion to family. Born in Marion County in 1925, Rogers moved to Simpson County in 1943 at the age of 18. "I came up here when I was just a young woman," she recalled with a smile. "There were three girls and one boy in my family, and we all had to work hard to stay alive."

Work became the defining theme of her life---from her childhood in the fields to her years as a wife, mother, and laborer. "I hoed cotton, picked cotton, pulled corn, cut stalks, worked sugar cane- anything that needed doing, I done it," she said proudly. "We just had to do everything a boy did to stay alive."

Mrs. Rogers raised seven children---Tommie, Lonnie, Catherine, Johnny, Curtis, and two who are now deceased, Mrs. Bobbie Lee and Mr. Roy Rogers. "I'd go to the field and work, come in and cook, then go back to the field again," she laughed. "When I got home, I'd bathe the children and get them ready for bed, and he'd be sitting there asleep."

My life, she said, was not always easy, but her strength and determination carried her through. She remembered standing up for herself during hard times, working in the woods cutting pulpwood, and even out picking some of the men in the cotton fields.

"I worked from sun-up to sundown," she said. "Then I worked at a white woman's house for a dollar and a quarter a week."

When asked about the secret to reaching 100 years, Mrs. Rogers didn't hesitate: "Work. Working hard," she said simply. "I didn't get further than the seventh grade, but I made it by the help of the good Lord."

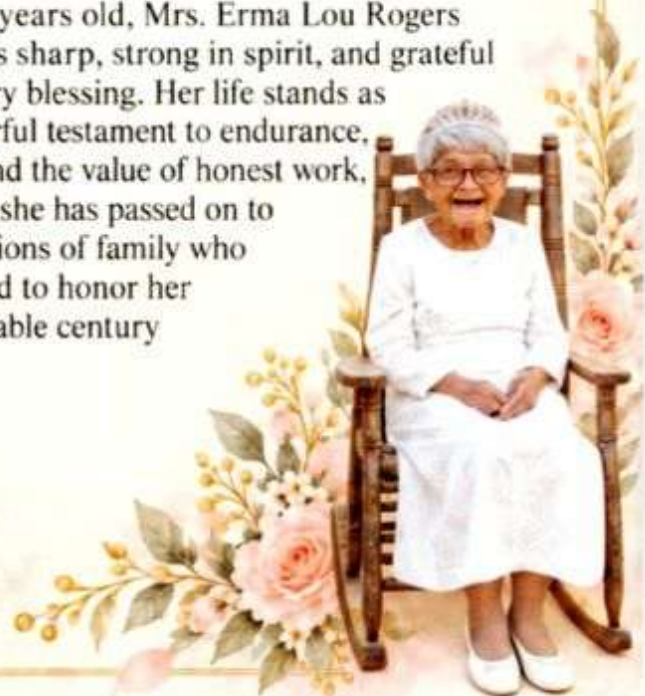
Even after decades of labor, Rogers said she didn't stop working until age 92, when a fall finally forced her to slow down. "I would've still been working if I hadn't fell," she said.

Her happiest memory, she said, is simply being alive. "I thank God for living. Because if it hadn't been for Him, I wouldn't be here," she said. As for advice to the younger generation, Mrs. Rogers offered timeless wisdom: "Live right and don't try to bother other folks' business. If it don't belong to you, don't bother it. Stay on your side of the road and let them stay on theirs."

At 100 years old, Mrs. Erma Lou Rogers remains sharp, strong in spirit, and grateful for every blessing. Her life stands as a powerful testament to endurance, faith, and the value of honest work, lessons she has passed on to generations of family who gathered to honor her remarkable century of life.

Mrs. Rogers' quote:

*"I'm a little piece of leather,
but I'm well put together."*



Her Living Legacy

For one hundred years, Mother Rogers planted seeds of faith, love, and family.
Her beautiful legacy continues through the generations.

Children & Spouses	Grandchildren & Spouses	Great Grandchildren	Great Great Grandchildren
Tommie Rogers/Wife, Ora (Deceased)	Sharon Rogers		
	Terry Rogers/Wife, Leanna	Oralaisha Rogers	
	Donna Okafor/Husband, Valentine	Christian Okafor Alyssa Okafor Amara Okafor	
Bobbie Lee (Deceased)/Husband, Rob	Willie Don Duckworth/Wife, Sharnell	NA	NA
	James Hardy	NA	NA
Catherine Funchess (Deceased)	Timothy Rogers	Chris Collins	Ty'Wonn Collins
		Isaiah Rogers/Wife, Shyanna	Makenzie Rogers Raigen Rogers Ayanna Rogers
	Michael Rogers/Wife, Carrie	Michael Smith/Wife, Morgan	Marcellus Smith Messiah Smith Mahani Smith
		Camryn Rogers	
	DonShay Funchess	A'Naja Funchess	
Lonnie Rogers/Wife, Christine	Anthony Rogers		
	Qirah Williams/Husband, Chris	Qiloni Williams	
	Ilia Rogers		
	T'Pring Wade/Husband, Mike	Azeri Wade	
Roy Lee Rogers (Deceased)	Erica Brent	Stephanie Brent	Kayleigh Brent Kristen Stamps Karson Brent Kali Brent
		Tatyana Brent	Mason Chase
		Damion Brent	Rhylin Brent
	Stewart Brent	Santana Brown	King Jackson Juetz Montgomery Dah'Kyrie Moore
		Mattis Brent	Kaden Smith

Her love lives on through every branch of the family tree.

Her Living Legacy - Continued

The branches of her family tree continue to grow in love.

Children & Spouses	Grandchildren & Spouses	Great Grandchildren	Great Great Grandchildren
		Calandra Brown	Markell Brown Messiah Brown
		Quay Brent	Chance Brent Christian Brent Londyn Woods
		Jada Brent	
	Korella Catchings	Jarvous Craft/Wife, Taronicia	Justice Craft
		Deionesia Craft	Scarlett Catchings Landon Magee Jayce Magee
		Jasmin McClain/Husband, Lonnie	Jahse' McClain Delantrell McClain, Jr. Jyree' McClain Jhenara McClain
		Angel Catchings	Avayeh Newsome Korbyn Newsome
		Flomonte' Catchings	
	Lavell Rogers/Wife, Kaitlyn	Kamrin Rogers Jaydan Rogers McKenzie Rogers Melissa Rogers	
Johnny Rogers/Wife, Jerlean	Jermaine Rogers	Joychelle Rogers	Zy'Meriah Rogers Kaiden Womack Akari Womack
		Jerzias Rogers	
		Jertavious Rogers	
	Justin Rogers, Sr. (Deceased)/Wife, Jasmine	Justin Rogers, Jr. Jenna Rogers Justyce Rogers	
	Johnny Bass, Sr. (Deceased)	RoAntonio Hollins	
		Shana Johnson	Armoni Johnson Cadena Johnson
		Johnny Bass, Jr. Johnehis Bass	
	Fatima Rogers	Jaspernika Holloway	
		Ke'Mya Wilson	Cassie Willis
		Piffani Wilson	
		Larry Wilson, Jr.	Khloe Brooks Legend Hamlin Zylen Hiliard

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Children & Spouses	Grandchildren & Spouses	Great Grandchildren	Great Great Grandchildren
Curtis Rogers, Sr./Janice Brumfield	Andrelicia Harris	Ayla Griffith	
	Curtis Rogers, Jr.	Leilani Rogers Armani Rogers	
	Lakeshida Singh/Husband, Justin	Quintory Ayers/Husband, Kentrell	Xylo Ayers Kario Ayers
		Da'Marian Russell	Mason Russell Rylen Stewart DeMari Russell
		Aryanna Catchings Ke'Aria Sutton	
	Bonita Montgomery/Husband, Andre	Jiana Weathersby Tanaisha Montgomery Benjamin Snider	



A Century of Grace: The Legacy of Erma Lou Rogers

A century of light, a complete legacy, the world is made more beautiful where your two worlds meet. Born beneath an autumn sky in **October 1925**, a rare and brilliant century you beautifully survived. **Erma Lou Rogers**, our matriarch and guide, We sing your name in triumph, with deep and boundless pride.

A true centurion of grace, a hundred grand years strong, your life became a symphony, a sweet, triumphant song. From **mother to grandmother**, the branches started wide, then **great** and **great-great** generations gathered at your side. Five generations blessed to feel the shadow of your wings, To learn the quiet, steady strength that deep devotion brings.

We treasure all the pearls of wisdom you left along the way. The simple truths that steady us and guide our steps today: to **live right** in the sight of God, with honor in our stride, and **never bother other folks' business** or let foolishness divide. You taught us how to walk in peace, to guard a gentle mind, to leave a trail of righteousness and dignity behind.

On that bright day in **September 2026**, the final page was written, and the crown was justly fixed. Though you have gained your victory and entered into rest, a century of loving us has left us truly blessed. So, raise the joyful banners high and let the praises ring, for the beautiful, eternal life of our beloved Erma Lou.



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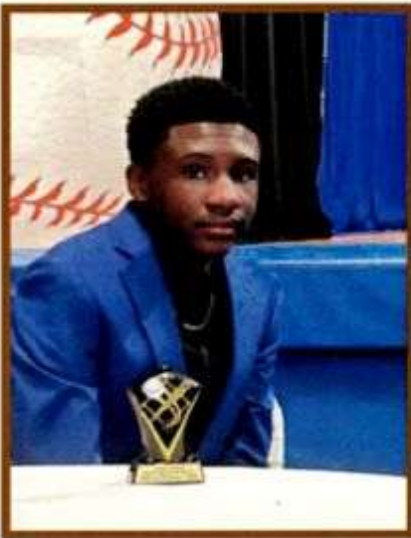
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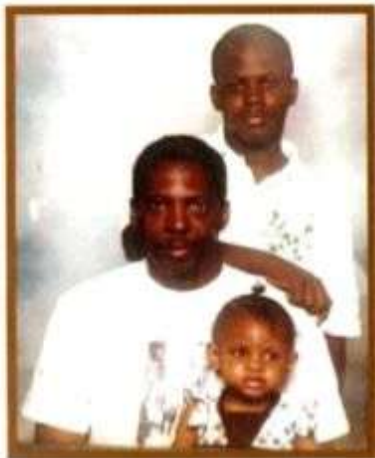
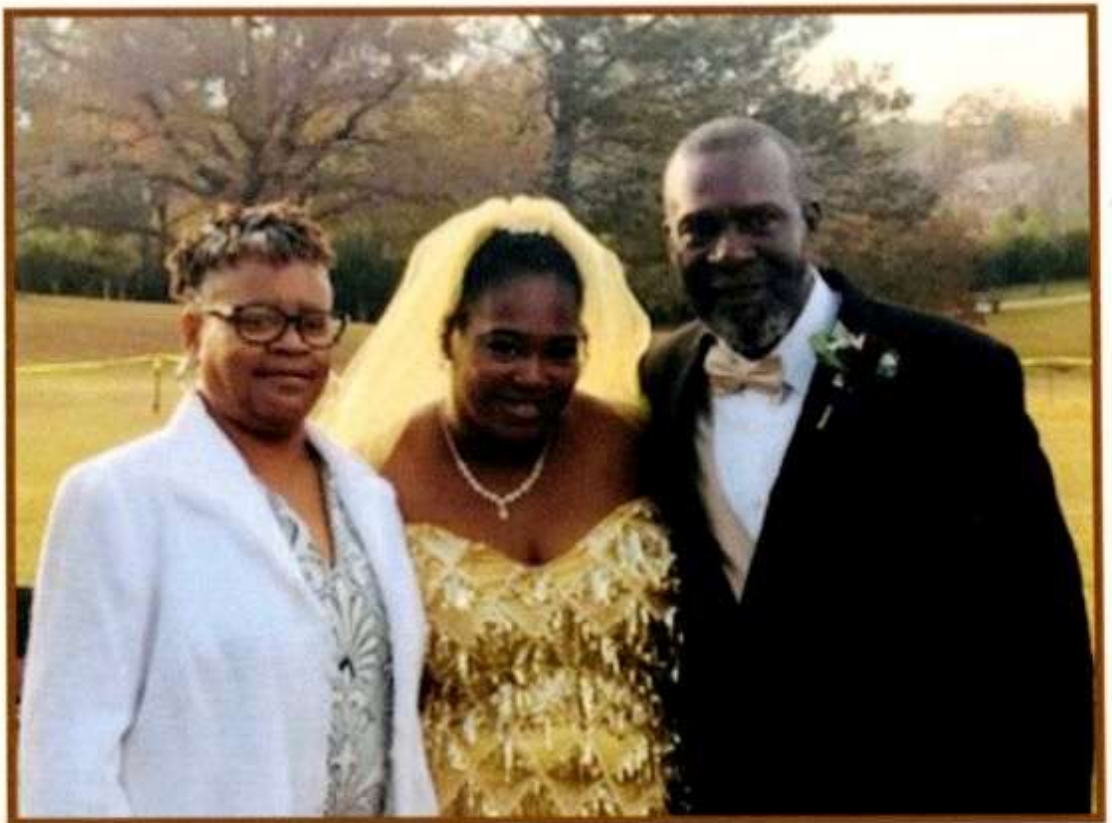
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Family Acknowledgments

The Rogers Family is truly grateful for the kindness and compassion you have shown us during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, thoughtful words, and loving support have brought us comfort and strength when we needed them most. May our Father in Heaven richly bless you and your family for the love you have shared with us.

Honorary Pallbearers

Tommy Rogers
Curtis Rogers, Sr.
Jermaine Rogers
Michael Rogers
Stewart Brent

Lonnie Rogers
Terry Rogers
Curtis Rogers, Jr.
James Hardy
Andre Montgomery

Johnny Rogers
Anthony Rogers
Timothy Rogers
Willie Don Ducksworth
Lavell Rogers

Active Pallbearers

Grandsons & Great Grandsons

Honorary Flower Bearers

Christine Rogers
Sharon Rogers
Qirah Williams
DonShay Funchess
Andrelicia Harris

Janice Brumfield
Donna Rogers-Okafor
T'Pring Wade
Bonita Montgomery
Korella Catchings

Jerlean Rogers
Ilia Rogers
Fatima Rogers
Erica Brent
LaKeshida Catchings-Singh

Active Flower Bearers

Granddaughters & Great Granddaughters

Interment

New Hymn M.B. Church Cemetery
Pinola, Mississippi

Repast

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