



William D. "Will" Rogers

February 15, 1954 - May 27, 2007

William D. "Will" Rogers, 53, rural Bluffton, died unexpectedly at 5:45 a.m. Sunday, May 27, 2007 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Powell County, Ky., on Feb. 15, 1954 to Garry D. and Anita F. James Rogers, he married Paula J. Graves on June 6, 1992 in Bluffton; she survives. Mr. Rogers attended Bluffton High School and worked at Franklin Electric for more than 20 years. He worked the last seven years at Hydra-Tech, Inc, serving as assistant plant manager. He played the bass guitar in numerous bands including Savannah and Southern Overdrive.

Other survivors include two sons, Kristofer Rogers and William Rogers, both of Hartford City; two daughters, Amy L. Graves of Greentown and Stephanie Graves of Bluffton; his mother, of Bluffton; two sisters, Teresa Shideler of Warren and Cathy Forbes of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Charlie Sparks of Charlotte, N.C., Gary Sparks of Stanton, Ky., and Dennis Sparks of Winchester, Ky.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor Ed Johnson officiating. Calling hours there are Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the VFW Post or American Diabetes Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *William D. "Will" Rogers*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dad, each day your gone brings back memories for us all. You where a great man and even a better father. I love you dad.##imported-begin##Kris##imported-end##*

June 15, 2007 at 06:31 PM



“ *I love you dad...##imported-begin##Amy G. ##imported-end##*

June 02, 2007 at 06:58 PM



“ Thumper,

I held your hand last night, not really yours but through you oldest sons, his hand are a lot like yours and he does the finger tapping really well. You looked at me today, not through your eyes but through your daughters, she thinks she has to be you now and make sure I doing okay. I laughed with you today not you, but through your oldest daughter. I can still hear your conversations about music. I danced with you today. Not with you but with through your youngest son. And I know you were with us while we were dancing on that dance floor.

I will promise to remind them to take every moment, to hold each other's hand when offered. To dance with each other, and to start their' days with a smile. Take a walk and enjoy the conversations.

Baby, I will miss you more than any words I could write. I hurt so deep inside, I don't know what to do. I love you Will, and I will keep on loving you through our children and through our wonderful Grand kids.

As we always said, I love you berry berry much.

Love Shorty###imported-begin###Shorty###imported-end###

June 02, 2007 at 09:08 AM



“ *My dear brother words cannot say how I miss you. You were the best bass player, husband father, grandpa, son, and of course brother any of us could ask for. All I have now is many great memories of you and your wonderful family you left behind that I love as well. I love you Will I hope to see you sometime in the future.###imported-begin###Teddy###imported-end###*

June 01, 2007 at 10:05 AM



“ Uncle Will I will cherish the times that we spent together. I wish I had got to spend more of those times with you. Uncle Will you were are a great man, and you will never be forgotten by me. I love you, and will miss you dearly.

Love Garry Dell###imported-begin##Garry Dell###imported-end##

June 01, 2007 at 09:48 AM



“ I love you my dear brother. I don't want to let you go today. You meant the world to me and you always will. I hope to join you and daddy someday in the joyous heavens above. My dear brother I can't say it enough how proud I was that you were my brother, so once again I want to say I love you with all my heart and will miss you more than words could ever say. Goodby and I will see you in our next life!###imported-begin##Teresa Shideler###imported-end##

May 31, 2007 at 09:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy for you and your family . My thoughts and prayers are with you .###imported-begin##Lisa (Tappy)and Robert Hinkledire###imported-end##

May 31, 2007 at 02:20 AM



“ Will, what a great man you are. A great father, grandfather, and an inspiration to all. You are missed and will never be forgotten! Love ya.

McCain Family###imported-begin##Tina McCain###imported-end##

May 30, 2007 at 02:02 PM



“ I will miss you so much Will. I am so happy for the times we shared. It was awesome the way you included Charlie and myself in your band gigs. Dancing the night away with your brother while you played the music that made our hearts beats was truly magical. I will never forget you and am blessed for having the chance to know you. We will meet again and when we do you best be ready to pay off on that bet we had!!! It was Eric Church!!! I love you Will hope I told you that enough.

Your Sis-in-law

Sherry Sparks###imported-begin##Sherry Sparks###imported-end##

May 30, 2007 at 12:14 PM



“ Thunder Road wishes to express its deepest sympathy at the loss of this dynamic musician! Our deepest sympathy to Will's family, friends & band members.

Tony, Rich, Justin, Steve & Charlie###imported-begin##Thunder Road Band###imported-end##

May 30, 2007 at 09:28 AM



“ We're so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Richard & Veronica Applegate###imported-end##

May 30, 2007 at 09:06 AM



“ God Bless you Will as you travel on to play that bass for a whole new audience! Our thoughts & prayers for you & all your loved ones!###imported-begin##Tony & Mary Campbell###imported-end##

May 30, 2007 at 07:52 AM



“ Will - we miss you and love you! You made such an impact on our lives with your tremendous presence, warm and congenial manners and humor! We can see you smiling, running licks on your bass guitar and always enjoying what you were doing. You blessed everyone that your life touched! You are one of a kind, one of the best musicians and friends! Tom & Lisa###imported-begin##Tom & Lisa###imported-end##

May 30, 2007 at 05:48 AM



“ Will, I cant tell you how much you will be missed. You are a great father in law, a wonderful dad, and an awesome Grandpa. A part of you will live on in William and Landon. You have made an impact on our lives, and we love you, Love always, Lindsey###imported-begin##Lindsey Rogers###imported-end##

May 29, 2007 at 09:52 PM



“ Uncle Will, I love you. I don't ever think I told you that. Now that you're gone, I pretty much regret it.
You are my favorite uncle, and I don't know what to do now.
I never got to hang out with you like I wanted too.
I just hope you forgive me for not talking much when I was around you and for not saying I love you.
I hope you're having fun up there in heaven.
=]

I love you,
Brittany###imported-begin##Brittany Rogers##imported-end##

May 29, 2007 at 08:23 PM



“ Play on, Will. You won't be forgotten, my friend. GMB###imported-begin##GALE BEERY##imported-end##

May 29, 2007 at 06:30 PM



“ I love you dad...###imported-begin##Stephanie G.##imported-end##

May 29, 2007 at 05:54 PM