



Rev. Thomas Jefferson Rogers

July 4, 1929 - May 8, 2021

Reverend Thomas Jefferson Rogers was born July 4, 1929 in Griffin, Georgia, the middle child of the late John Wesley and Sara Jane Rogers. John and Sara had five children, the late Mary Woodruff Reed, the late Mildred Woodall, Ann Clack and Robert Rogers. Tom died peacefully in Marietta, Georgia on May 8, 2021.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Dorothy Rogers and four children, Linda (Ronald) Priest, Mark (Brenda) Rogers, Tim (Kelly) Rogers, and Julie Christopher. Grandchildren Justin (Tammy) Priest, Jeremy (Alison) Christopher, John Thomas (Austyn) Christopher, Bryce Rogers, Audrey Rogers, great-grandchildren, Ethan Priest, Ava Grace Christopher, and Elliot Christopher, whom he all loved and adored.

Tom graduated from Hoke Smith High School, Atlanta, GA. Tom served in the US Army in 1950 and 1951 in the 4th Infantry Division Heavy Mortar Company stationed in Germany. He graduated from Young Harris College, Hiawassee, GA, University of Georgia, Atlanta division, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. He also studied in St. Andrews, Scotland and Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, CA. He was an ordained Presbyterian minister, serving five churches over 46 years. They include Barnett Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA, First Presbyterian Church, Cedartown, GA, organizing pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church, Marietta, GA, McRae Presbyterian Church, McRae, GA. After retirement he served Beersheba Presbyterian Church of Summerville, GA. In addition, Rev. Rogers served two preaching missions to Mexico. He also served in the 60's and 70's as Camp Manager and Counselor at Camp Cherokee, a camp for teen aged youth. Rev. Rogers considered this time some of the happiest times in his ministry.

Tom loved his Lord and Savior. He loved his family, including his nieces and nephews and friends. If you knew Tom, you knew he enjoyed traveling, reading, classical music, football, photography, movies, art, swimming, singing, roses, hiking, family gatherings, church gatherings, family reunions and loved reading the Sunday comics. Tom had an enthusiasm for life and lived it to its fullest. Rev. Rogers always thanked the Lord for making the lines fall for him in pleasant places (Psalms 16:6) and blessing his life in such

marvelous ways.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Cancer Society. The family will receive guests on May 30, 2021 beginning at 1pm, memorial service will be at 2pm, both at

First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville, 9190 Campbellton St. Douglasville, GA 30134. If unable to attend, visit www.fpcdouglasville.org the day of the memorial to livestream the service. Services in care of Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home Macland Chapel

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville
9190 Campbellton Street
Douglasville, GA 30134

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Tom helped teach me how to throw a softball and paddle a canoe at Camp Cherokee. Years later, he married me to Michael Hartley. Most recently I discovered his love of opera as I was an usher for Cobb Energy Center. Although bent over in his chair, hard of hearing and alone, his toothy grin showed sheer elation.

He was a dear friend to our family. I loved the way he chuckled and leaned in to tell you a story. Hopefully, he knew what love and respect we all had for him.

Judy Ivester Hartley

Founding member of Southminster Presbyterian Church.

Judy Ivester Hartley - May 18, 2021 at 11:56 AM

BR

“ When I was about six or seven years old, Ann and I started going to a Pryor Street Presbyterian Church down the street from where we lived on Glenn Street in Atlanta. It was through this connection that Tommy eventually joined us and found the Lord. As children, Tommy and I were not very close. There was seven years difference in our age and Tommy (his nick name is: Biddy) did not spend much time with me because of this age difference. He didn't want his “little” brother tagging along with him. As we grew, there was some animosity between us, but as we grew into adulthood we eventually bonded and found the love that we did not have during our childhood.

After Pat and I married we loved spending time with Tommy and Dot. He had become my loving brother and we made many trips together and made a lot of fond memories. He did love to travel and he loved being with family. They were a fun couple to be around. Most of my adulthood, I lived outside of Atlanta. When I would visit Atlanta, he and Dot would always welcome us into their home. He introduced me to “Garrison Keillor” (not personally) and we corresponded weekly to discuss his latest show.

These past several years we were not able to communicate as much as we would have liked due to his hearing problem and my efforts to care for my ailing wife. We were able to keep in touch through email and texting. His mind remained sharp and clear. Tommy never forgot a birthday of mine or Pat's right up to the end.

I pray that God will bless Dorothy and the children. Give them comfort and peace in the knowledge that Tommy is now at home with Him and the Love of my Life. I loved him and will miss him dearly.

Bob (Edwaine)



Bob Rogers - May 14, 2021 at 11:14 AM

TC

“ Team Absolute Pool & Spa Care purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Thomas Jefferson Rogers.



Team Absolute Pool & Spa Care - May 13, 2021 at 02:41 PM

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“ *The Frye, Peterson, & Aquarama Family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Thomas Jefferson Rogers.*



The Frye, Peterson, & Aquarama Family. - May 13, 2021 at 10:57 AM

DW

“ *Uncle TJ or Uncle Tommy was how he was known to the family. Often we referred to him as Reverend. Regardless he was loved by one and all. Tommy was a natural born leader. He would always step up at family gatherings to lead the prayer, make announcements, and of course take group photographs. He and I shared a loved for the cinema. At family gatherings we would always discuss the latest movies we had seen. As a kid our family and his would go camping together. Tommy, my dad, and I would always go fishing. It was great growing up with him. Over the years we saw less and less of each other due to living a great distance apart. But it was always a joy to get together at family reunions and catch up. He will be missed by all.*

Don Wooderuff - May 12, 2021 at 10:57 AM

SS

“ *Our dear uncle Tommy was a character, kind, funny, compassionate. I could go on and on.
When Johnny and I were younger (married a couple of years) He invited us to go to see "The Sound of Music" with him and aunt Dorothy (we never were interested in musicals) But we reluctantly went, mainly because of who invited us. We had the best time, and loved the movie!! Another fond memory, is when I was a teenager, I would go with him and his church youth group to the "Roller Drum" skating rink. It was most every Saturday night. We would stay late, then go to the Krispy Kreme donut place on Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, GA.
He was the life of the party, always had a good, clean, joke. He was the Master of Ceremonies at all our family gatherings.
He will be greatly missed. Praying for the family. God bless you!*

Sandra Simms - May 12, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Rev. Thomas Jefferson Rogers.



May 11, 2021 at 08:13 AM