# In Loving Memory of David L. Rogers



**Sunrise** January 23, 1927

Sunset August 12, 2015

#### Service:

Saturday, August 22, 2015 - 11:00 am

#### First Baptist Church of Linden Gardens

771 Somerset Street Somerset, New Jersey 08873

Reverend DeForest B. Soaries, Jr. - Senior Pastor

## <u>Obituary</u>

In Our Hearts Forever

## David Rogers

1927 - 2015

David Rogers was born on January 23, 1927 in Rose Hill, North Carolina and entered eternal rest on August 12, 2015 at JFK Medical Center, Edison, New Jersey.

David was raised in the Christian faith and participated in various church activities where he lived, most recently at Fairway Christian Church, The Villages, Florida.

David was a Military Veteran, while he served active duty in WW II he received a WWII Victory Medal. Subsequent to his Military Career, David had a long career with the GSA Division of the Federal Government in New York City where he worked as a Computer Programmer with Honeywell Systems. He retired from the Federal Government in 1992 to pursue his passion for golfing, traveling, art, music and spending more time with his family and friends.

David married the dream of his life, Ernestine Doyle Rogers on January 2, 1967. Their happy union lasted 43 years until Ernestine's passing in 2010.

In 2005, David and Ernestine moved to The Villages, Florida where they were active members of the Fairway Christian Church. David loved to play golf and he was a member of the African American Club, as well as, the Jazz Lovers Club.

In 2011, David resided at the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home in Edison, New Jersey, where he was very well known by the staff and residents with his whimsical smile and cheerful persona. While at the Veterans Home, David participated and enjoyed all the activities and events that the nursing home had to offer.

Mourning their loss are: Daughters Gina Rogers, Tracey Rogers, Stephanie Rogers-Silver, his son David Rogers, Jr., his brothers, Buddy Newton, (sister-in-law Gladys Newton), Frank Newton (sister-in-law Sadie Newton); his sister-in-law Jean Doyle, his nephew Kelly Doyle, his niece Amanda Doyle, his grand-niece Alexandra Jackson, and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

### Order of Service

Presiding – Rev. Errol Cooper, Associate Pastor First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

MUSICAL PRELUDE.....Lawrence Allen PROCESSIONAL OPENING HYMN....."How Great Thou Art" **SCRIPTURES** Old Testament - Psalm 139:1-14 New Testament - 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 PRAYER FOR COMFORT SOLO....."Lord's Prayer" **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & EXPRESSIONS** READING OF OBITUARY Deaconess Aurtherine Steward REMARKS......Gina Rogers Tracey Rogers Amanda Doyle EULOGY......Rev. Deborah L. Stapleton, Associate Pastor First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens **COMMITTAL** RECESSIONAL

#### Interment

Florida National Cemetery Bushnell, Florida

Immediately following the service everyone is invited downstairs to the Rev. Charlie H. Brown, Jr. Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

#### The Whistling Man

by TJ Hatton

The whistling man Came over the hill. As he walked through the valley He was whistling still. He walked through the woods Where the high trees grew, And whistled to the song-birds He loved and he new. He stepped through the grass And hopped over thistle, Then sauntered through bluebells With a hearty happy whistle. The whistling man Who couldn't speak a word, Could whistle a song As sweet as any bird. As he strolled by the lakes So calm and so clear. He sat for a while

Whistling memories so dear. He whistled by day As he whistled by night, And the stars danced his tune While the moon shone its light. He climbed up a mountain Where the bald eagles fly, And gave out a whistle That reached to the sky. It bounced off of heaven And rolled down a glen, And the man with the whistle Was not seen again. That good man has gone But his whistle still rings, Through the valleys the trees And the songs the birds sing. Until that rare day If you follow his tune, Listen for echo's From midnight to noon. Through the valleys and hills They ride on the breeze, Whistling a tune as they Blow through the trees.

#### <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family would like to extend gratitude to all expressions of sympathy at this time.

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