



Carl L Rodgers

October 19, 1937 - August 15, 2013

Carl Leroy Rodgers was born on October 19, 1937, to the late Early Davis and Helen Brown Rodgers, in Scott Haven, PA. He attended Scott Haven Elementary in Scott Haven, PA and Sewickley Township/Westmoreland County, Middle School in Pittsburg, PA. After the death of his mother, his father remarried the late Mary Magdalene Rodgers and relocated the family to Richmond, VA where he attended and graduated from Armstrong High School in Richmond, VA, in 1955. After High School, he moved to New York City with his sister Marian and worked as a Boys Counselor at a summer camp. In 1956, He joined the United States Marine Corp and served his country for three years. He worked for the United States Coast Guard Academy for three years in New London, CT then became employed by the Job Corp in Jersey City, NJ. In 1968, he was transferred to Great Onyx Job Corp in Mammoth Cave, KY as a Recreation Instructor. As an instructor of disadvantaged youth he was responsible for providing recreation activities for the students on and off campus, which lead him to Bowling Green, KY where he met his wife Joan Cosby.

Carl attended Western Kentucky University majoring in Photography and Recreation. He received an Associates Degree in General Studies (emphasis in Recreation). As a freelance photographer he always enjoyed making people smile and wanted to learn how to improve his craft. Prior to attending Western he attended the Professional Photographer of America in Chicago,

IL. Carl's photography hobby eventually turned into a business, Rodgers Photography. In the early 70's Carl was one of the few black photographers in this area, which led him to take family photos and weddings in Bowling Green, Glasgow, Horse Cave and Scottsville and meet a lot of wonderful people. He also received a Masters and Doctorate of Divinity Degree from the Great Commission Theological Seminary, Bowling Green.

In 1993, Carl retired from the Job Corp with 32 years of service; at that time he was diagnosed with lung cancer. He participated in Relay for Life for 20 years. Carl worked various odd jobs which included an after school instructor for AmeriCorps. In 1998, he received the Governor's Volunteer Service Award of Valor for extraordinary service on April 16, 1998, the day Bowling Green was struck by a tornado. Along with his family, he traveled to the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort, KY to receive this award. In 1999, with the assistance of Microenterprise, he started his own business, Rodgers Transportation for the Disabled, Inc., and Rodgers Taxi Cab Company. He always loved helping others and transported ill and disabled people. Carl loved to travel with his family, which also included his nieces and nephews.

Carl had several other accomplishments and achieved much in his lifetime. An aerial photo won him a trip to Lagos, Nigeria to the 2nd World Black and African Festival of Arts and Crafts. Carl had several photos on exhibit at the Kentucky Museum at Western KY University for Black History Month. As a member of Gideon's International, he was able to distribute Bibles and New Testaments to many, including the troops in Iraq. He completed U.S. Park Rangers Training in Grand Canyon, AZ, and Citizen's Police Academy in Bowling Green, KY. Recently he joined the Lions Club and the African American Museum Planning Board here in Bowling Green, KY. He was also a member of the Marine Corp League. He taught Sunday School at Third and Park Church of Christ for many years and was a member of Lost River Church of Christ.

Carl was married to the late Joan Rodgers, for 37 years. Survivors include three children, Dwight (Angela) Rodgers, and Carla (James) Brown of Bowling Green and Kelvin Smith of Tappahannock, VA. Eight grandchildren, Chasity, DeSean, Terry, LaTrice, Jalen, Anyzha, Austin and Travis Mann (now deceased); seven great grandchildren, Amya, Mirauge, Jada, Monty, Sofia, Izayden and Kyra. A sister Alice Irene Thomas; brother in laws, Robert (Geneva) Cosby, Charles (Peggy) Cosby; sister in laws, Louise Cosby, Waldean Pratt, Charlene (James) Gamble and Evelyn Cosby. Many nieces, nephews, cousins. A special friend Marian "Sarge" Davis and Godchildren, Joe (Staci) Lightfoot, Sadie Gambrel and Mayo Makinde. Those gone before him brothers and sisters, Clarence Rodgers, Joe Rodgers, Marian Brown and Geraldine Willis.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Cemetery Details

First Baptist Church - Rockfield Cemetery

428 Rockfield Church Road
Rockfield, KY 42274

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.
201 Center Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(270) 843-2336
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

Service

AUG 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

Lost River Church of Christ
662 Dishman Lane
Bowling Green, KY 42104
(270) 843-3163
<http://Lostriverchurch.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl L Rodgers* ”



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Yvonne Dice lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers* ”



Yvonne Dice - January 23, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Carl Rodgers!* ”



Vanessa Britt Nelson and Family

Vanessa Britt Nelson and Family - August 23, 2013 at 11:23 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:59 PM

JW

“ *Joan Washington lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Joan Washington - August 23, 2013 at 11:22 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:59 PM

JW

“ *To Carl Rodgers Family, Carla, Let not your heart be troubled. I give you praise for the wonderful job you did caring for your dad, he was a wonderful man. I know this is a difficult time for you, family and friends but let the Spirit of God guide you and give you peace. We are keeping you in prayer and in our heart. Joan @ Craig Washington Gahanna, Ohio*

Joan Washington - August 23, 2013 at 07:29 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:58 PM

NL

“ *To Carla and the Carl Rodgers family. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you always remember all of the good times that you shared and the love that was such a special part of these memories.*

Nancy Lovett and Britney Darnell --Calloway RTC

Nancy Lovett - August 23, 2013 at 11:51 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:58 PM

RF

“ *To the Carl Rodgers family: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your understanding. Robert and Georgianna Hendrix family, Stockbridge, GA*



Robert Hendrix and family - August 22, 2013 at 08:27 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:58 PM

LC

“ *Lively - Clark lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Lively - Clark - August 22, 2013 at 01:53 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:58 PM

GL

“ *The Dan River Bethel Baptist Church Family, along with Pastor Dwight L. Wilkerson are praying for the Rodgers Family. We trust God to guide you through this ordeal. Words cannot express what you are feeling at this time. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories that you have of Mr. Rodgers.* ”



George B. Lipscomb - August 22, 2013 at 01:19 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:57 PM



“ *James Carr lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers* ”



James Carr - August 22, 2013 at 09:05 AM

BW

PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY OF MR. CARL L RODGERS, MAY GOD KEEP THEM IN HIS LOVEING CARE.

BONNIE PERNELL WHEELER - August 22, 2013 at 09:24 AM



Thank you both so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:57 PM

JC

“ Prayers to the family during this very difficult time. Mr. Rodgers was one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. Now your in the care of God's Angels.

James Carr - August 22, 2013 at 08:45 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:57 PM

SM

“ Sanford And Marcia lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



Sanford and Marcia - August 21, 2013 at 10:44 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:57 PM

AP

“ Angela Prude lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



angela prude - August 21, 2013 at 06:06 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - September 07, 2013 at 08:56 PM

MF

“ Michele Pheal & Family lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



michele pheal & family - August 21, 2013 at 11:03 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 03:07 PM

DF

“ Denise Winston & Family lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



Denise Winston & Family - August 21, 2013 at 08:52 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 09:04 AM

DR

“ To the Rodgers Family, I'm so sorry for your lost, he was one of the good ones, he would always make you laugh, he will be greatly miss, so I say to this family that your parting is not the end but only an interruption and that Carl is experiencing the joy of Christ presence in a place so wonderful that Christ called it Paradise. Praying that God will comfort and give you strength at this difficult time. With Sincere Sympathy, Deborah Robinson Aug 20

Deborah Robinson - August 20, 2013 at 08:59 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:50 AM

RA

It has been 4 years and it seems like yesterday! Miss not being about to talk to u and hear u laugh! Gone but not forgotten! Rose Austin

Rose Austin - July 20, 2017 at 10:07 AM

TF

“ *Taria Ray & Family lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Taria Ray & Family - August 20, 2013 at 04:46 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:51 AM

SL

“ *Sabrina & Marvin Loving lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Sabrina & Marvin Loving - August 20, 2013 at 08:48 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:51 AM

JW

“ To Carl Rodgers Family, Carla, Let not your Heart be Troubled. I give you praise for the wonderful job you did caring for your dad, he was a wonderful man. I know this is a difficult time for you, family and friends, but let the Spirit of God guide you and give you peace. We are keeping you in prayer and in our heart. Joan @ Craig Washington Gahanna, Ohio



Joan Washington - August 20, 2013 at 12:07 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:51 AM



“ Tracy Carothers-Whitney lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



Tracy Carothers-Whitney - August 19, 2013 at 06:04 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:51 AM

RP

“ Robbie & Raymond Potter lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



Robbie & Raymond Potter - August 19, 2013 at 05:17 PM

RO

Such a delightful person. Always greeted you with his joyful smile.

Robbie - August 19, 2013 at 05:25 PM

RP

A delightful person. Always greeted everyone with his joyful smile.

Robbie & Raymond Potter - August 19, 2013 at 05:30 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:52 AM

VF

“ *Virginia Britt & Family lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Virginia Britt & Family - August 19, 2013 at 08:45 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:52 AM

JC

“ *James & Regina Crain lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



James & Regina Crain - August 19, 2013 at 08:12 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:52 AM

MB

“ *MICHELLE HEATER & RICHARD BOARDS
lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



MICHELLE HEATER & RICHARD BOARDS - August 19, 2013 at 12:42 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:52 AM

MT

“ *Marilyn V. Tobin lit a candle in memory of Carl
L Rodgers*



Marilyn V. Tobin - August 18, 2013 at 01:37 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:52 AM

CW

“ *Celena Withrow lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Celena Withrow - August 18, 2013 at 11:08 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:53 AM

MC

“ *Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Mary Cole - August 17, 2013 at 11:24 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:53 AM

TT

“ *Teresa Taylor lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Teresa Taylor - August 17, 2013 at 02:15 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:53 AM

JJ

“ *Janet Withrow And Justin lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Janet Withrow and Justin - August 17, 2013 at 11:43 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:53 AM

DF

“ *DeAnna Bluett & Family lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



DeAnna Bluett & Family - August 17, 2013 at 10:16 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:53 AM

LC

“ To my extended family...I am so sorry for your loss..Weeping my endure for a night..but Joy comes in the morning!



Lisa & Keon Cook - August 16, 2013 at 12:11 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:54 AM

BS

“ Brian Bowen & Temple Satterfield-Bowen lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



Brian Bowen & Temple Satterfield-Bowen - August 16, 2013 at 11:54 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:54 AM

MC

“ Mt. Union Missionary Bapt. Church lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



Mt. Union Missionary Bapt. Church - August 16, 2013 at 11:20 AM

MC

*The Members & Pastor
Extend our deepest condolences to the Rodgers & Brown families May
God comfort you during this hour and the days to come give each of
you his divine strength. God Bless each of you.*

*Mt. Union Missionary Bapt. Church
Rev. Charles L. Fishback, Pastor
Sis. Tina Fant, Bereavement Comm.*

Mt. Union Missionary Bapt. Church - August 16, 2013 at 11:24 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:54 AM

TF

“ *Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Carl L
Rodgers*



Tina Fant - August 16, 2013 at 11:13 AM

TF

*Praying for the entire family and extending our heart felt sympathy..
such a nice man Mr. Carl will truly be missed*

Tina Fant & family

Tina Fant - August 16, 2013 at 11:20 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:54 AM

DL

“ DeAnna Lewis lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



DeAnna Lewis - August 16, 2013 at 10:38 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:54 AM

SG

“ Shania Gant lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



Shania Gant - August 16, 2013 at 09:50 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:55 AM

LD

“ Larecia Denning-Bell lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers



Larecia Denning-Bell - August 16, 2013 at 09:11 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:55 AM

SS

“ *Shawna A. Stovall lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Shawna A. Stovall - August 16, 2013 at 08:25 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:55 AM

FJ

“ *We are sincerely sorry for your loss. Rodger and I shared many memories about our coal mining fathers. He really did like that. God bless you Carla you are a good and devoted daughter with a very loving and understanding husband. RIP my friend. Florett and Steve James.*

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Floretta Lee James - August 16, 2013 at 06:26 AM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:55 AM



“ *Marian Benton lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Marian Benton - August 15, 2013 at 09:08 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:55 AM

RA

“ *Ronne & Diane Amos lit a candle in memory of Carl L Rodgers*



Ronne & Diane Amos - August 15, 2013 at 08:21 PM

RA

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Rodgers brought so much joy and laughter to those that knew him.

Ronne & Diane Amos - August 15, 2013 at 08:23 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:55 AM



“ Dear Rodgers Family,

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners
info@burnamandsonmortuary.com*

Cedric Burnam - August 15, 2013 at 06:40 PM



Thank you so much for everything that you have done for us during this time. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you once again.

~Chasity

Chasity Elizabeth - August 21, 2013 at 08:57 AM