William Frank Rogers

BIRTH 15 Oct 1919

DEATH 28 Apr 2009 (aged 89)

Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas, USA

BURIAL Woodlawn Memorial Park

Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Ar

William Frank Rogers, 89, entered Heaven on April 28, 2009 at his home in Fort Smith. He raised his family in Jenny Lind, AR. He loved to fish and hunts and was always willing to take hi children, grandchildren and neighborhood kids fishing and hunting. Most of all he witnessed to and took many neighborhood children to Sunday School. He never met a stranger and was always willing to help anyone at any given time. He was born October 15, 1919 to George L. Rogers and Lena Nibblett Rogers. He is preceded in death by his parents, loving wife of 54 years Inez, one brother Thomas Rogers and two sisters Elda Moran and Lena Jefferies.

He was a member of Cavanaugh Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years. He later joined Faith Baptist Church in Jenny Lind, AR. He was a World War II Veteran, serving with the US Army in the Phillipines. He served with Company M, 108th Infantry Regiment 40th division. He stayed in touch with many of his Army buddies as they were part of his family. He worked at Griffins Grocery Company for 34 years. After retirement he and his wife owned and operated Franks Tomato House in Van Buren. Later he was co-owner of Simco-Rogers Produce in Fort Smith.

Mr. Rogers joined the Masons in 1951. He was a 33rd degree Mason of the Supreme Counsel, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Amrita Grotto, member of the White Shrine, York Rite, Liberty Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Olive Branch, Sebastian Masonic Lodge #706, Blue Lodge, member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and member of Disabled American Veterans.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at the Faith Baptist Church in Jenny Lin d, AR with burial at Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Fort Smith, AR under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

He is survived by three daughters Nancy Murchison and husband Wilburn of Fort Smith, AR, Treva Kizer and husband John of Highland Village, TX, Deborah Bradshaw and husband Don of Pocola, OK, two sons Tommy Rogers and wife Shirley of Van Buren, AR and Eddie Rogers and wife Nancy of Jenny Lind, AR, one sister Gail Scoggins of Charleston, AR, one brother L. B. Rogers of Fort Smith, AR, 14 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and 16 great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jack Wallace, Art Lejong, Tommy Clay, Larry Scoggins, Roger Scoggins, Randy Scoggins, Dwight Moran and Mike Pettigrew. Honorary pallbearers will be his best buddy Kenny Phillips, Keith Spangler, Gary Terrell and Masonic Friends.

Source: "Edwards Funeral Home Obituary." Fort Smith, Arkansas. 30 Apr. 2009.