



Maurice L. Rogers

February 8, 1928 - December 10, 2018

Maurice LeRoy Rogers, age 90 (10 months and 2 days), departed this life on Monday, December 10, 2018 in his home in Clinton, Iowa. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the York Community Congregational Church, Thomson, Illinois. Burial will take place in Woodland Cemetery, rural Mt. Carroll, Illinois. A visitation will be held from 11:00-1:00 p.m., prior to the service at the church.

Maurice was born on February 8, 1928, the son of Carl B. and Nevada (Toepfer) Rogers in Carroll County, Illinois. Maurice married ReNee Carraway in 1950; ReNee died on October 17, 2011. Maurice proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and is best known for the vibrant and joyous music he proliferated all across Clinton County and beyond—serving 60 years in the Clinton Symphony and playing with his band, the Riverside Brass, for several decades. Maurice was also a professor at Clinton Community College, where for decades he taught one of the school's most popular electives: Music Appreciation. Maurice and ReNee settled in Fulton to raise their six children until about 1961 when they moved to Clinton, Iowa. They made Clinton their permanent home, bringing joy through music all the way up to his last day on earth.

Maurice is survived by his brothers Dr. B.H. Gerald and Kent Rogers, his children, Jon Carlos, Keith Demetrius, Mary Joynelle, James Phillip and Rhonda Lynnette; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Patty Laughlin.

Maurice was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, ReNee; his brother Carl; his sister Ellen, and one son, Maurice "Happy" Rogers.

Cemetery

Woodland Township Cemetery

East of IL 78 on Elizabeth Road
Mt. Carroll, IL,

Events

DEC **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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York Community Church

2301 IL Rte 84, Thomson, IL, US, 61285

DEC **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ 20 files added to the album Service Flowers



Law-Jones Funeral Home - December 31, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ Maurice & ReNee brought music to the Center Hill UB Church and brightened the place so much. My parents, Loyal & Mildred Siedenbug appreciated them so much. At Mom's gravesite services, Maurice stepped out from the gravestones with his accordion and played "This World is not my Home". Very moving and memorable. My sympathies to the family.

Merry Epperly - December 20, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ Dear Carlos, Keith, Mary, Jim and Rhonda,
I wish you the deepest condolences on the occasion of your father's memorial service. As you all know, Maurice and Renee played such an important part in my life growing up. I have so many memories of both of them from our holidays spent together, many at our grandma's farm. I fondly recall a more recent visit to my home in Florida. Your mom and dad, my husband Kevin and I toured the property, than talked up a storm. Both your mom and dad lived life to the fullest. They drove all over the United States visiting their children, grandchildren and great-grand children. They shared their love of music with family, friends and community members, near and far. It gives me some comfort to know that I was able to spend some special time with my uncle Maurice last summer. We shared some stories. I told him that I loved him. He told me that he loved me too.

Lots of Love,
Your cousin, Beth



Elizabeth Ferguson - December 15, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. We always heard many great stories about the Rogers family as my mom, Donna Wade and her siblings grew up with them. Your family is my prayers.

Cindy Turney - December 15, 2018 at 08:38 AM



“ I had the privilege of working with Maurice for many years at Albany Grade School. He was one of the nicest people I ever met. He was always so kind and positive. The work he did with kids was amazing. From the first lessons, which had to make him shudder at the sound, to the beautiful music the students later created , he was encouraging to all.

Rick Laleman
Science teacher AGS
1969-1981

Rick Laleman - December 14, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ Maurice had a love of life and a love of music. He was a joy to be around and he and his accordion brought smiles to many people who needed their spirits lifted. We were blessed to hear his children, grand children, and great grand children put on shows at the York Community Church. He will be missed but will not be forgotten,



Bruce and Betty Sikkema - December 13, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ Maurice had a rare talent for inviting people to join him either singing or playing an instrument. I was one who was in his choirs and sang. There was always a group of family and friends who joined him in celebrations. He was never without enough people to make up a choir or musical group. Even after his wife died, he continued singing and playing musical instruments. Maurice shared his faith by using his musical talent. He always had a smile on his face and love in his heart for everyone. He was a special person and witness for God! My prayers are with his family.

Bea Ingersoll

Bea Ingersoll - December 13, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ Rest In Peace, Mr. Rogers ... you were always one of my most favorite people over the last 33 years. Saddened to hear this news. You'll never be forgotten, sir. Thank you for being you.

Alanna Muhs - December 13, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Maurice L. Rogers.



December 13, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ American National Bank purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Maurice L. Rogers.



American National Bank - December 13, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ Iréne En And Bertil Thornqvist In Sweden lit a candle in memory of Maurice L. Rogers



Iréne En and Bertil Thornqvist in Sweden - December 13, 2018 at 05:32 AM



“ Mike and I will miss him so much. We were Blessed to have been brought Together at the York Community Church. From his first visit at our home to ask about the opening of a Pianist, we knew he was the Perfect Choice! Rest In Peace, you made a lot of people very happy here on earth, by being You



Linda Foltz - December 12, 2018 at 11:12 PM



“ Our condolences to the entire family of Maurice Rogers. The Community Church will certainly miss his beautiful music. So much talent. He always had a smile on his face. Thinking of all of you. Edith Cate and Judy Beck



Judy Beck - December 12, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ Mr. Rogers was our neighbor! Who wouldn't have wanted him as a neighbor. He was so kind and always had time for a visit. His raspberries were the best and always made sure we got enough to make jam. Our family was blessed to have known him and his family.
Keith, Shirleen, Heide and Justin Jackson

Jackson's - December 12, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ you will be missed Maurice Roger but never be forgotten

R.I.P. May good friend

bobby osborne - December 12, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ Mr. Roger's played a huge role in me getting I to music. He passed on the enjoyment of playing to so many of his students. He was not just a teacher, but a very good friend as well. He didn't forget about me after Jr High band, but kept up with me throughout the years. Always encouraging me to use the musical talents God blessed me with. You didn't have to be around him long to know he loved the Lord and enjoyed serving him. I will miss him and his always cheerful attitude. I thank him for all he meant to me and my family. You were truly a great man!!!!

Sandy Brewer - December 12, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ Carolyn Carroll lit a candle in memory of Maurice L. Rogers



Carolyn Carroll - December 12, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ We Will so miss his music and smile at York Community Church. Maurice was a kind, sweet man, the Heavens are now filled with your music for sure. May you Rest In Peace Maurice. Larry and Carolyn Carroll

Carolyn Carroll - December 12, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ Mr. Rogers was well known and well loved in Fulton School District. I had the joy of being in his Albany Grade School band. I will always remember him as a man who shared his deep love for music with a big smile and tremendous encouraging words. He made music fun and he always encouraged his students to step out of their comfort zone and play in front of an audience. I will never forget being part of his flute trio. He had us playing The Nutcracker Suite in front of many audiences. He was so proud of us! What joy that brought to me to make him proud. It's because of his incredible persistence that I perform in front of an audience that I am still using my musical talents today. Thank you, Mr. Rogers, from the bottom of my heart!

Lisa Balk - December 12, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ Maurice & Debra Brown lit a candle in memory of Maurice L. Rogers



Maurice & Debra Brown - December 12, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ Maurice was a shining light to all who knew him; for those of us in his family, who knew him all of our lives, we are the luckiest. Maurice was a blithe spirit, a wanderer who was never lost, a troubadour extraordinaire. I have no words for how much we will miss him.



Jan Elizabeth Bristol - December 12, 2018 at 04:41 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Pastor Floyd & Diana West - December 12, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ Beautiful!

Sue - December 13, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ Lillian Carroll purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Maurice L. Rogers.



Lillian Carroll - December 12, 2018 at 10:52 AM