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## Donald Rogers Obituary

Donald Eugene “Buck” Rogers July 29, 1939 ~ February 18, 2020 Donald Eugene “Buck” Rogers, 80, peacefully passed from this life on earth to eternal life with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, February 18, 2020, at Clarehouse in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The family will be planning a service in the spring. Buck was born on July 29, 1939 in Chandler, Oklahoma to Roy A. Rogers Sr., and Alice (Burgett) Rogers. Survivors include his loving wife of 15 years, Cheryl Petray Rogers; his first wife, Cheryl Gideon Rogers, whom he married in 1961; brother Roy A. Rogers Jr. (Metta Rose); children: Gideon Rogers (Pelestene), Cayce Rogers (Morgan), and Donna Rogers-Gaither (Mike); grandchildren: Audrey Rogers-Maluafou (Kilifi), Katie Rogers, Cody Rogers (Hannah), Dakota Hurley (Hope), Zach Hurley, Austin Gaither, and Marley Grace Rogers; and one great grandson: Julian Maluafou. Buck truly embraced the Petray family as his own: Cheryl’s sister, Teresa Petray, brother, Clel Petray (Liz); children, Ruby Kevala (Dru), Karl Kevala (Jillone); and grandson, Zachary. After graduating from Bristow High School in 1957, he attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, and received a bachelor’s degree in religion and music from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. Later, he also earned a second bachelor’s in hospital administration from OBU. Buck was a very kind, loving, and spiritually minded Christian. He worked in a variety of vocations while serving in the music ministry at several Baptist churches throughout Oklahoma. Buck also served with Oklahoma’s Jail and Prison Ministry, which was near and dear to his heart. Buck was proud of his Native American connection, and even worked for a time for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. During the past 15 years in Tulsa, Buck and Cheryl served for a time as docents at Gilcrease Museum, and volunteered for many other Christian organizations and community projects. Buck was a life-long learner and lover of books; a true polymath and conversationalist,



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armed with a bottomless supply of wonderful stories. Our extended family will miss Papa Buck so much until we meet again. We are filled with joy and thank our Lord Jesus Christ that Buck can now run, jump, see, and sing hallelujah — and that there is no more pain! “When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” — 1 Corinthians 15:54 (NIV) Buck cherished his personal relationship with Christ and was known as a man of great integrity. He was strong in mind and spirit; and others gained strength from him. Many thanks to in-home CURA hospice and Clarehouse for the great care they provided. A celebration of Buck’s life is being planned for this spring. In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Clarehouse at [www.clarehouse.org/donate](http://www.clarehouse.org/donate) , or Oklahoma Jail and Prison Ministry at [www.ojpm.org/ministry-sites](http://www.ojpm.org/ministry-sites) .

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## Tribute Wall

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**Tonya Mayfield** posted:

Remember meeting Don "Buck" 1992 when on the quest to learn about my grandma Daisy Pearl Rogers family. Don sat for hours telling me wonderful stories. He believed the family was Cherokee and was suppose to send a copy of his roll card but he must of forgot as I did. Years later I told him we were Creek freemen and Jamaican. Think that made him laugh. Very thankful Don has a caring warm Spirit. He is missed for sure. Always cousins, Tonya Mayfield

March 13 at 9:10 AM

DG

**Donna Rogers-Gaither** posted:

I have many fond memories of my dad. From sitting front row as "church royalty" as a small child, listening to my dad sing with the choir; to teaching me how to hit a ball, and cheer from the sidelines of my softball games. Many road trips we took over the years, including old school camping, Anadarko, learning about our Indian Heritage. ❤️❤️ Later in life, it was always making time for me during my high school years, riding my school mates around in our big red (embarrassing) van to check out the junior and seniors' floats, while us freshman built (and won) our float build. After my parents had divorced, to check me out of school for donuts and a coke. Many, many hours just talking about events and the goings on in my teenage life. He was a great listener, and always had wise advice. He led me to further my education, and to always strive for goals. I will dearly miss my daddy, but truly cherish these last couple of months spending time with him.

February 21 at 6:26 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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