



## David Edward Rogers

January 12, 1948 - May 4, 2014

Celebration of Life Services for David Edward "Eddie" Rogers, 66, Frankfort, will be held 6:00 p.m. Friday at LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home. Dr. Scott Rollins will officiate. Eddie died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospice Care Center, Lexington.

A native of Frankfort Eddie was a 1966 graduate of Franklin County High School. He was a United States Army veteran, where he received the Air Medal for flying over 25 missions over hostile territory while serving in Vietnam. He worked at WKYT-TV, Lexington as an engineer and camera operator, was founder, owner and operations manager for WKED-AM radio in Frankfort, working also as an on air announcer, producer and writer of all programs commercials and promotions. He was the ABC Network coordinator of the local, state and national news. He retired from Jobbers Exhaust Warehouse in Lexington after working as a truck driver, parts delivery in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, Tennessee and Virginia and inhouse sales for twenty years. He was a member of Graefenburg Baptist Church, American Legion Post 7 in Frankfort.

Eddie was the son of the late John "Babe" and Edith Smith Rogers and was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia "Lane" Rogers. Survivors include his wife Jacquelyn "Jacki" Smith Rogers, Frankfort; daughter, Tonya L. (Jeff) Johnson, Crestwood; step-daughter, Summer (Chad) Strasburger, Frankfort, grandchildren Tanner and Madison Johnson, Crestwood and Grayson, Wyatt and Jake Strasburger, Frankfort.

Honorary bearers will be David Collins, Bowen Roberts, Jim Helphinstine, Rod Fritz, Garrett Carter, Gary Shouse, Robert Scrogam, Steve Anderson and Mason Sharp. Visitation will be held Friday from 3:30 -6:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Graefenburg Baptist Church Nativity Fund, 11288 Frankfort Road, Waddy, KY 40076, American Legion, Post #7, 164 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, or the American Lung Association, 4100 Churchman Ave., Louisville, KY 40215. [Guestbook@ljtfuneralhome.com](mailto:Guestbook@ljtfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery

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## Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road  
Frankfort, KY, 40601

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 03:30PM - 06:00PM

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LeCompte-Johnson-Taylor Funeral Home  
1725 Louisville Rd., Frankfort, KY, US, 40601

**MAY** **Celebration of Life** 06:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I knew everyone called Dave "Eddie" from the first time we met. We met in Vietnam. We roomed together, flew helicopters and small aircraft together as part of a unit known as PSYOPS. Psychological Warfare. He and I hit it off immediately, talking about radio and places back home. When we returned from Vietnam, we continued to keep our friendship close. I would call Dave every Veteran's Day and every Memorial Day. He visited my and my family one winter....and attending our son Joe's hockey game. Joe grew up and served in Afghanistan. Dave knew this and was as proud as I was of Joe's service. I would often tease Dave that everyone else called him "Eddie" but me....he just laughed about that. Didn't matter. We are Brothers. And I miss him dearly. Always will. I only wish there was a phone in Heaven, so I could call again on Veteran's Day.  
Rod Fritz

Rod Fritz - May 10, 2014 at 05:01 PM

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“ My sympathy to Mr. Roger's family and friends. The Bible gives comfort in our time of grieving and a wonderful future, and I would like to share these with you. " Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out..." ( John 5:26, 28, 29 ) Loved ones that are resting in death will be brought back to life, on earth by God's Son. ( See [jw.org](http://jw.org) ) Can you imagine how happy you and your loved one will be when you are together again?

LE - May 09, 2014 at 10:23 AM

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“ Eddie's childhood and mine were bound together by our parents' friendship through their affiliation with Graefenburg Baptist Church. Besides our families there were others that were a part of their tight-knit fellowship group. These families socialized together any time they could, but there were special times--- each Thanksgiving, New Years eve, and the Fourth of July.

As children, Eddie and I would go to each others home to spend Sunday afternoons between the morning and evening service. As teens we both attended Franklin County High School and graduated the same year. During these years we had great adventures and fun times.

I will never forget the day Eddie drove up our driving way in his brand new '65 Mustang convertible-silver with a black top and red interior. We have some great times driving around in the 'stang.

Over the years when we attended our class reunions we had a grand time catching up, regaling in those special family celebrations, and great memories of our childhood/teen years.

While I was at town to attend our 40th Class Reunion, I ran into one of the gentleman who was part of this tight-knit church group of friends. ) For 40 years my family hosted the Fourth of July Celebrations which was an all-day event. After that long of a run, my parents energy was not what it used to be and they decided it was time to bring this annual celebration to end around 1998.) This man proceeded to tell me how much he missed the Fourth of Celebrations because it was his favorite thing to do each year. I was pretty amazed at how passionate he was about this and how special it was for him. The night of the reunion I shared what the person had said with Eddie. He looked at me and said, "Dave, those days were amazing and I feel the same way. That farm is a magical place and I love every minute I spent there."

Eddie was a great friend and I will miss him greatly. I am so thankful that we have so many cherish memories between us. I will treasure these in my heart until we meet at that other magical place, heaven. With my warmest regards, David L. Smith

David L. Smith - May 08, 2014 at 03:59 PM

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“ Rod Fritz & Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of David Edward Rogers.



Rod Fritz & Family - May 08, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ Written in the Stars by Teleflora was purchased for the family of David Edward Rogers.



May 07, 2014 at 04:06 PM

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“ Eddie will be greatly missed by friends and family. He was a very kind man with a great sense of humor. His accomplishments were many including his wonderful daughter, Tonya. She and his grandchildren, Tanner and Maddy, will carry on his legacy.

Wanda Parker

Wanda Parker - May 07, 2014 at 03:15 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Eddie's passing. He was a good friend and will be missed.

Jim DeShazer

Jim DeShazer - May 07, 2014 at 12:57 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss, Eddie will be truly be missed, I will never forget the fond memories that I have of Eddie, he was one of the most fun people to be around because he was able to make everyone have a good time effortlessly, he was very well liked and respected. Rest in Peace my Friend.

Debbie Midden - May 07, 2014 at 08:12 AM