



Ms. Velma Rogers

January 6, 1930 - April 26, 2023

In Loving Memory Of

Velma Singleton Rogers was born on January 6, 1930, in Lovejoy, Illinois to Bryant and Alfrie Estella Singleton. She was the fifth child of eight children which included her twin who died in infancy. Velma grew up in Tabernacle Baptist Church of Lovejoy, Illinois and was baptized there. She not only declared herself a Christian, but she also exemplified her Christian beliefs in her daily life.

Velma graduated from Lovejoy High School and entered Lincoln University of Missouri where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and French. After leaving college, she moved to Detroit where she met and married Charles B. Rogers. One daughter, Jeri-Lynn was born to this union. It was here in Detroit that Velma began her career as a teacher with the Detroit Public Schools. She was selected as Teacher of the Year in 1968 by the National Council of Teachers of English. She later enrolled in Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University where she earned a Master's degree and a Doctoral degree. She became a department head, an assistant principal, and a principal before retiring. She taught English at Wayne County Community College after retiring from Detroit Public Schools.

She was very active in her community. She organized the Ward Street Block Club and served as its president for many years. She was a member of the

National Congress of Black Women, a lifetime member of the NAACP, a member of the Gleaners club at Tabernacle Baptist church and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Seeing the world and getting hands-on experience of other cultures was her passion. Velma traveled to England, France, Italy, Spain, Africa, China, Japan, Australia, South America, the Caribbean, Greece, and Mexico as well as throughout Canada and the United States. She loved art, music, and the theater, but her passion was books. She was very widely read and left an extensive library of diverse subjects.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, May **12**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour/Funeral

Saturday, May **13**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Mrs Rogers was such a sweetheart & will be dearly missed. Although we now live a few hours away, my husband & I would always keep in touch with phone calls & cards. Deepest condolences to you Stephen & family.* ”



Richard and Clarice Bills - May 14, 2023 at 09:48 PM

SR

Thank you 🙏❤️

Steven Rogers - May 21, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ *Love you always from Jeannette M. and Family* ”

Doris Dyer - May 13, 2023 at 09:54 AM

SR

Thank you 🙏❤️

Steven Rogers - May 21, 2023 at 09:04 PM

CJ

“ For the past few years, I would sometimes call Velma as I commuted to work and chat with her. She was always such a delight to talk to. We would talk about some of everything: politics, travel, my dog, interesting (some a bit scandalous) stories that I never knew before about my Dad and her other first cousins, about love, loss, and just life in general. I admired how poised, intelligent, and beautiful she was. She was certainly beautiful both in physical looks and in character. Whether I ever told her or not, she helped me cope during some unexpectedly trying times in my life. I saw and learned from her in how she kept her Faith and remained positive despite all that life had dealt to her. I would just like to say how thankful I am to have known her and how grateful I am for her being a part of my life. Rest easy, Velma.

Carma Jones - May 08, 2023 at 11:00 PM

SR

Thank you cousin 🙏❤️

Steven Rogers - May 21, 2023 at 09:05 PM

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To the Family of Velma Rogers:
Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of your beloved Velma Rogers. As neighbors to her on Ward Street, we still admire her strength, competency, and skills, as she was a true warrior and activist for keeping our community a desired place to live. As a young couple moving on Ward Street with two young sons, Ms. Rogers along with other neighbors took us under their wings. She was absolutely a pillar with high standards! It was because of what she extended to us in how to effectively challenge "tough" issues in our community that we were able to head and lead a bigger issue in the community for which we now live. May she continue to rest peacefully
Robert and Blanche Troup

Blanche Troup - April 06, 2024 at 09:36 PM

DM

“ Dear Steven and family, I was deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your aunt, Velma, and I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to you and your family, during this difficult time.

Velmad was truly a remarkable person, who touched the lives of many people. We met at Lincoln University (MO) in 1949, and became good friends, until her death. I could see she was a child of GOD, by her actions of kindness, and compassion for others. I will always remember Velma, when she worked in the school cafeteria, and she sometimes enabled the students to dine, when they came up a little short of cash. She must have been thinking about Jesus, feeding the 5,000 hungry people with 2 fish and 5 loaves of barley (John 6: 1-14). She consistently displayed love and affection for others. This became her GODLY assignment, and she enjoyed doing it. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do to support you during this time, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I love you and care dearly for you.

With love and sympathy,
Her dearest friend,

Dolores L. McNeil
St Louis, Missouri

Dolores L. McNeil - May 08, 2023 at 04:58 PM

SR

Thank you Dolores. I Love you too. 🙏❤️

Steven Rogers - May 21, 2023 at 09:07 PM