



Mr. John C. Rodgers

June 20, 1940 - January 12, 2024

Mr. John C. Rodgers, Sr., 83 of Peoria, Illinois, transitioned to his heavenly home at 6:05 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024 at his babygirl's home.

He was born June 20, 1940 in New Albany, Mississippi to the late John Wesley Rodgers and Catherine (King) Rodgers. John accepted Christ at an early age and last served at his brother's church, Greater Bibleway Apostolic, under Pastor Earnest Rodgers.

John was a devoted and caring son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, friend, and a selfless individual who touched the lives of those around him. John's journey was marked by resilience and sacrifice from an early age. Born into a humble family, he faced the challenges of life with unwavering strength and determination. His father, a hero drafted to serve in a time of war, left John with the responsibility of helping his mother raise his younger siblings. Despite the absence of formal education, John embraced this role wholeheartedly, becoming the pillar of support for his family. As agricultural opportunities became scarce in the south, John dreamt of a brighter future for himself and his family. Fueled by determination and a desire for better opportunities, John made the courageous decision to leave the south and head north in hopes of better employment prospects.

In his new hometown of Illinois, John found the love of his life, Deloise

(Russell) Rodgers whom he shared 54 years of marriage. John's strong work ethic and resilience to secure a job that offered stability for his family found him working in different industries such as farming supply, waste management and manufacturing where he retired from Caterpillar, Inc. as a material handler and fork truck operator with 30 years of service.

When not working you could find John watching or listening to his favorite sports teams (Chicago Cubs & Bears), enjoying family and friend gatherings, patiently sitting on a fishing bank or in a bowling alley. John was an avid bowler, participating in multiple leagues. He was passionately called JR or "Crooked Foot" on the lanes. John had passion and dedication to the sport that elevated him to a league of his own. John wasn't just a bowler; he was a maestro on the lanes, a true artist in the world of bowling. John's journey in bowling was adorned with an impressive collection of 300 game rings and trophies, each a testament to his unwavering commitment to perfection.

John leaves to rejoice in his loving memory his daughters, Linda (Roderick) Ross of Charlotte, NC, Marsha Rodgers of Peoria, IL and Janice (Derrick) Parker of Dunlap, IL; nine grandchildren, Robert (Latisha) Russell of Charlotte, NC, Michelle (Victor) Spigner of Duluth, GA, Roshonda Washington and Tayler Sims, both of Newport, AR, Gwenska Rodgers, Janice Rodgers, Quanisha Parker, Derrick Parker, Jr., and Darius (Marissa) Parker all of Peoria, IL and a host of great-grandchildren; five brothers, James (Mildred) Rodgers, Earnest (Eloise) Rodgers, Phillip (Marietta) Rodgers, and Stanley (Pam) Rodgers, all of Peoria; two sisters, Ruth (Pastor CJ) Jowers and Linda Rodgers, all of Peoria and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Deloise Rodgers, son, John Rodgers, Jr., daughter, Antionette Rodgers, sister, Cathy Rodgers-Warren and grandsons, Bobby Russell, John Bell and Keith Rodgers.

John was a man of great character and integrity and loved by many.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Pilgrim's Progress COGIC, 3033 W. Marquette St., Peoria, IL 61605. Pastor James Rodgers will officiate.

Visitation will be at 10am and service begins at 11am. He will be laid to rest beside his loving wife at Parkview Cemetery Mausoleum.

Arrangements were made especially for Mr. John C. Rodgers, Sr. and professionally directed and entrusted to Simons Mortuary.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Mausoleum

2001 N University St
IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pilgrims' Progress C.O.G.I.C
3033 W. Marquette St.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 676-7560

Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Pilgrims' Progress C.O.G.I.C
3033 W. Marquette St.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 676-7560

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John C. Rodgers*



Simons Mortuary - January 29, 2024 at 04:21 PM

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“ *John and his family was my next door neighbor
On Saratoga St in Peoria, Il.
His family invited us over numerous times for dinner.
He was a very nice person! He was always the same person no
matter where you see him at.
He will be missed .
Family my condolences to you all. ❤️❤️
Tonnie Purifoy (Rutherford)*

Tonnie Rutherford (Purifoy) - February 14, 2024 at 08:10 PM

CK

“ *Mr Rodgers was a very loving and kind family
man, I enjoyed spending time with him and
his family may he rest peacefully in the arms
of our Lord and savior 🙏🙏🙏*



Charla King-Jackson - February 12, 2024 at 08:55 AM

TG

“ Tina Graham lit a candle in memory of John Rodgers



Tina Graham - January 29, 2024 at 04:07 AM

TG

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Tina Graham - January 27, 2024 at 06:30 AM

PR

“ As a brother of this tremendous and loving family being raised by both parents, our father, John Wesley Rodgers and our sweet and loving mother, Catherine Rodgers four brothers John, James, Phillips and Stanley and three beautiful sisters.
I want to say thank you John for all the care and love you poured into your family. To our church families we want to say thank you for your love, prayers and support during this very difficult time for our family to say good bye to our brother John which we all loved. Certainly, you will be missed. To John’s three living daughters, Linda, Janice and Marshel, we say thank you for sharing your dad with us. Now it comes to the end of your journey in this life, I think of the Apostle Paul in his first letter to Timothy, the Apostle Paul challenged Timothy to fight the good fight of faith. Paul stated to Timothy, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith- hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day. John you were the best, we look forward to seeing you again up in the clouds with the rest of our family and friends. I am going to miss you my big little brother, give us a thumbs up sometimes brother.

Your look a like brother, Earnest much love my brother

Pastor Earnest Rodgers - January 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM

AI

“ Annette Irby lit a candle in memory of John Rodgers



Annette Irby - January 24, 2024 at 08:21 AM

RL

“*Janice, you and your entire family have our deepest sympathies. May the Lord comfort, strengthen, bless and keep each of you during this very difficult time. We share the love of our triune God, the youngest daughter role, the same birthday and the main caregiver for our dads. Love you, my sister in Christ.*”

Rachel Barksdale Little - January 23, 2024 at 10:48 PM



“*Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John C. Rodgers.*”



January 23, 2024 at 01:31 PM

TW

“*Sorry for your loss Janice. Prayers and condolences to you and the family during your time of bereavement.*”

Tracey Webb - January 19, 2024 at 09:24 AM

FT

“*Frank Thomas lit a candle in memory of John Rodgers*”



Frank Thomas - January 18, 2024 at 10:25 AM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of John Rodgers*



Joanie Brown - January 18, 2024 at 10:19 AM

AB

“ *Anita Brown lit a candle in memory of John Rodgers*



Anita Brown - January 18, 2024 at 12:25 AM

RJ

“ *Roscoe Davis lit a candle in memory of John Rodgers*



Roscoe Davis Jr - January 17, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John C. Rodgers.*



January 17, 2024 at 03:45 PM

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“ John was such a wonderful man. I had the pleasure of meeting John through his daughter Janice as I worked for her for 15 years. I never met a man that lived his family the way he did. He would jump through hoops and beyond for any of them. He always had a smile on his face every time I would see him. He loved his bowling and Cubs baseball team. He would grin ear to ear about them Cubs when spoken about. He was such a strong man, with dealing with his cancer and other elements. To look at him you would never know anyways ever wrong. I know he is going to be greatly missed by all. Especially his baby girl, Janice. She definitely was his baby. He looked up to her so much. God Bless this family and Rest In Peace Mr. Rodgers.

Cindy Henry - January 16, 2024 at 07:18 PM

KH

“ I've known John for years through bowling. He always had a kind word and the BEST laugh. I am very happy to have known him. My condolences to his family and friends.

Kathleen Hermacinski - January 16, 2024 at 04:15 PM