



David Albert Rodgers

August 20, 1930 - May 16, 2026

David Albert Rodgers, born August 20, 1930, in Waldron, Arkansas, passed from this life on May 16, 2026 leaving behind a legacy of service, faith, hard work, and love for family and friends. David grew up in Waldron, Mansfield, and Forester, Arkansas. As a boy, he was active in the Boy Scouts and dreamed of playing drums in the marching band. During his high school years, he joined the Arkansas National Guard, which was permitted at that time. He was also known for his smooth bass singing voice and his love of music. Following graduation, David enlisted in the United States Navy, where he faithfully served for six years aboard the USS Uvalde during the Korean War. During his service, he crossed the Pacific Ocean 25 times, proudly serving his country with dedication and honor. After completing his military service, David earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Oklahoma State University. He went on to enjoy a distinguished 20-year career with the United States Forest Service, serving in Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Florida. He held the position of District Ranger in both Oklahoma and Florida and was respected for his professionalism and leadership in forestry management. Even after retirement, David remained hardworking and active. He worked for James Lumber Company, Choctaw Nation Forestry, and later as produce department manager for Kimball's Food Store. David was an avid and talented gardener who looked forward each year to planting and tending a large summer garden. He also enjoyed spending time in town drinking coffee and visiting with his coffee-drinking buddies at the "Big Store." At the age of

25, David put on his Lord in baptism and was a member of the church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Greer and Beatrice Rodgers; his first wife, Golden Daye Rodgers; his second wife, Anna Faye Rodgers; his third wife, Jonnie Sue Rodgers; his brother, Michael Rodgers; his sister, Laura Ann Callaway; and his son-in-law, Paul Gentry.

David is survived by his children: Danette Russell and husband Nathan, Brenda Ownbey and husband Steve, David Albert Rodgers III and wife Charlotte, and Jenny Baugh. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren, along with many extended family members and friends who will cherish his memory. David will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his love of family, and the simple joys he found in gardening, fellowship, and conversation. His life was one of service, kindness, and devotion, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him

Visitation will be on Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM at McCarn Funeral Service in Talihina.

Services will be on Friday, May 22, 2026 at 2:00PM at Church of Christ in Talihina with Bro. J.D. Allen officiating. Interment will follow at Muse Cemetery. Services have been entrusted to McCarn Funeral Service.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McCarn Funeral Service
500 Dallas Street
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 942-5004
<https://www.mccarnfuneralservice.com>

Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Talihina Church of Christ
801 Hellen St
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 264-5095

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Lou Ann Brewer and the Florida family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of David Albert Rodgers.



Lou Ann Brewer and the Florida family - 1 hour ago

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“ Audrey and Kasper purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of David Albert Rodgers.



Audrey and Kasper - 2 hours ago

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“ Love: Jason, Tina & Noah Rodgers purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of David Albert Rodgers.



Love: Jason, Tina & Noah Rodgers - Yesterday at 08:37 PM

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“ Love: Jason, Tina & Noah Rodgers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Albert Rodgers.

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