



## William J. Rodgers

October 29, 1932 - September 14, 2013

William Jearl "Bill" Rodgers, age 80, of Bolivar, Missouri departed this life on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Cox South Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri.

He was born in Goodson, Missouri on October 29, 1932 the son of Dewey George Rodgers and Alza Elizabeth (Samples) Rodgers. Bill was saved at an early age at Goodson Missionary Baptist Church.

On November 7, 1952 Bill was united in marriage to Lois Stevens, to this union were born two children, Buddy and Teresa. Shortly after their marriage Bill was called to serve his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was stationed in Germany for the majority of his deployment.

Bill was a cattleman. He loved working the farm with his son Buddy and caring for his horses and cows. It was sometimes said that Bill fed the cows better than his family, while this wasn't exactly true, he did take great care of his livestock. He also operated a bulldozer.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Alza Rodgers and his sister, Emma Lou Farmer.

He is survived by his wife Lois Rodgers of the home, son, Buddy Rodgers of

Bolivar, daughter, Teresa Stewart and her husband Steve of Lebanon, Missouri, and three grandchildren, Stephanie Rachael (Stewart) Hall and her husband Jeff of Joplin, Missouri, Christopher Steven Stewart of Lebanon and Hannah Elizabeth Stewart of Lebanon.

A funeral service to celebrate Bill's life will be held at 1:00pm on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bolivar with Brother Joe Sprauge Officiating under the care and direction of Butler Funeral Home.

Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Southside Missionary Baptist Church of Bolivar c/o Butler Funeral Home, PO Box 11, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook or leave private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Rodgers*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *William J. Rodgers*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Buddy and family,  
our deepest condolences, our prayers will be with you.*

**Beverly Matthews and Joyce Williams** - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss.*

**David & Donna (Greer) Sikes** - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. God bless*

**Royce Slagle** - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Jerald L. Andrews** - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Bill has always been like a brother to me, always enjoyed visiting with Bill as he went over to feed his cattle, he will be missed, a very good friend.*

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**Jerry and Maureen Breshears** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Sorry to hear this.  
Bill was on a special page  
in my life.  
That page has now turned.*

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**Garry Howard** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Let me know if there's anything I can do.*

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**Pam and Steven Smith** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Aunt Lois, Buddy and Theresa - We are so sorry for your loss.*

*We love you,*

*Janet Black-Lumby and Family*

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**Janet Lumby** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *If you need me I am always here.  
With Unconditional Love And Support*

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**Raeann Gillette** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM