

Rogers, Donald Eugene, Sr. | 1938-2017

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Donald Rogers Sr.

Donald Eugene Rogers Sr., 78, of Paradise, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, in Paradise. Funeral is 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport with the Rev. Terry Terry officiating. Burial will follow at Cottdale Cemetery.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Pallbearers are grandsons Ross Houston, Chris Kuhlman, Clay Colburn, Michael Watts, Justin Lingle, Dustin Rogers and Jayden Rogers.

Don was born Nov. 6, 1938, in Fort Worth to Grover John Jr. and Mary Emma (Mooney) Rogers. He married Ruby Nell Walker Jan. 19, 1962, in Weatherford. Together they have four children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Don was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He served his country for four years, then spent an additional six years in the Reserves. After the military, Don worked for Bell Helicopter. He retired after 35 years of service. Don helped organize and form the Cottdale Volunteer Fire Department where he served as chief and assistant chief for more than 15 years. He was also on the Bell Helicopter volunteer fire team for 30 years.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; infant granddaughter Elizabeth Rogers; and sisters Donna Gayan and Doris Pryatt.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years; children W.A (Tony) Rogers of Paradise, Terri Leigh Durand and husband, Bob, of Krum, Donald Eugene Rogers Jr. and wife, Kathy, of Mineral Wells and Karen Sue Colburn and husband, Scott, of Bridgeport; grandchildren Cody, Stephanie, Sonya, Shawn, Dustin, Michael, Mary, Emily, Kate and Clay; and great-grandchildren Jayden, Raleigh, Kaydence, Carter, Jameson, Kylee, Jaxson, Lennox, Everette, Benett, Kaydence and Cameron. Other survivors include brother Jerry Rogers of Boyd; sister Janice Davis of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.