

MARTINSVILLE BULLETIN

Clyde W. Rodgers

Died Monday, June 22, 2009

Jun 24, 2009

Clyde William Rodgers, 77, of 198 Wickersham Drive, Ridgeway, died Monday, June 22, 2009, at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, N.C.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Collins-McKee-Stone Funeral Home, Martinsville, with burial in Roselawn Burial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Jun 25, 2009

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The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Rodgers was born in Martinsville on May 31, 1932, to the Rev. James H. Rodgers and Melvina Bryant Rodgers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth R. Asbell.

He served in the Navy from August 1949 to December 1957 and retired after more than 34 years with the U.S. Postal Service. Rodgers had one year of ministerial college.

He retired to Haynes City, Fla., and in 2004 returned to Ridgeway.

A Mason for more than 40 years, Rodgers held membership in Piedmont Lodge 152 AF & AM and was worshipful master in 1968. He was high priest of the Martinsville Royal Arch Chapter and commander of George W. Wright Commandery.

He was a member of the Danville Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J. USA member of Kazim Shriners A.A.O.N.M.S. of Roanoke, member of Virginia Research Lodge 1777 and 1753 Royal Arch Chapter, member of Missouri Lodge of Research, member and past rose of Sharon Knights of the York Cross of Honor, member of Red Cross of Constantine, member of Virginia College Soc. Ros., member of King Darlus Council 17 Knight Mason of the USA, Thrice Illustrious Masters Grand Council Commonwealth of Virginia, a member of Grand Council of Anointed High Priest of Virginia, member of Sovereign Order Knight Preceptor Virginia Chapter and member of Commonwealth York Rite College 50.

He also served as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia in 1984, held honorary memberships in several Royal Arch Chapters in Virginia, and held honorary memberships in the Grand York Rite Bodie of Maryland, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and District of Columbia.

He was a member of Martinsville Chapter 66, Order of Eastern Star; American Legion Post

42, in Martinsville; and was a life member of DAV Chapter 52.

Surviving are his wife, Oleas Goin Rodgers of the home; a daughter, Deborah Gail Mathena of Rocky Mount; a son, Barry Dale Rodgers of Ridgeway; three sisters, Thelma Burcham of Winston-Salem, N.C., Dr. Nellie M. Rodgers of Decatur, Ga., and Rachel R. Slate of Thomasville, N.C.; a brother, Jimmie H. Rodgers of New York; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Jun 28, 2009

The funeral for Clyde William Rodgers, 77, of Ridgeway, who died June 22, 2009, was held Friday at Collins-McKee-Stone Funeral Home, Martinsville Chapel, with the Rev. Gary Edwards officiating.

Burial was in Roselawn Burial Park with military honors by the Martinsville-Henry County Veterans Honor Guard and the Navy Reserve of Roanoke. Masonic rites were by Piedmont Lodge 152 AF & AM.

Pallbearers were Eddie Conner, Cecil Cornett, Hardin Edwards, Tim Fuller, John Johnson and Ronnie Shough.