



Carolyn Rogers Hester

March 2, 1936 - January 25, 2021

Mrs. Carolyn Rogers Hester of Wynne, Arkansas died on Monday, January 25, 2021 at Cross Ridge Community Hospital; she was 84.

Carolyn was born in Greene County, Arkansas on March 2, 1936 to the late Vernon Burrell Rogers and Mary Leila “Bettie” Byers Rogers. She lived in Paragould, Arkansas, Collinsville and Maryville, Illinois before moving to Wynne. Carolyn was a graduate of University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University. She was a retired teacher and was a lifetime member of the NEA, National Education Association, American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and also a member of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

After retirement from teaching Carolyn worked for the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as an Extension Educator. She then moved to Wynne, and was a County Extension Agent-Home Economics for the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Arkansas in Cross County.

She was overjoyed to have written and published three children’s books in her retirement. She enjoyed travel in her earlier years, and knitting kept her busy at home along with her daily cross-word puzzles. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Wynne. She was a very active member of

the Wynne B&PW Club (Business and Professional Women).

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill G. Hester, Boykin P. Rogers; brother, Connie Sidebottom; sister, Patricia Mullins; sister. Survivors include, three loving children and her grandchildren. Kyle Hester, Kent Hester, and Kara Schlieper, all of Denver, Colorado. Granddaughters Kayla Schlieper and Maria Hester also of Denver, Colorado. Brothers; Rex (Ann) Rogers of Marion, AR, Warren (Kaylen) Rogers of Greers Ferry, AR.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Wynne, 800 N. Falls Blvd, Wynne, Arkansas 72396.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 2 PM at Finch Cemetery in Paragould, Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Finch Cemetery

785 Greene Road 715
Paragould, AR 72450

Previous Events

Graveside service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ I had the privilege of having Carolyn as a teacher in Collinsville. I had Kent, Kyle and Kara and "students" in the PUPS program and I still remember each of you to this day. My heartfelt condolences goes out to each of you and your families. Carolyn was one of the kindest people I've ever met.

Tami Harrison - February 09, 2021 at 09:22 AM

GH

I totally agree, she was a super lady, teacher , and a kind soul, I think of her often and wish I could tell her how much I appreciated her, and still do

Gary hall - June 08, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Rogers Hester.



February 05, 2021 at 09:34 AM

EW

“ Carolyn and I had lots of fun playing basketball and softball at OakGrove High School near Paragould AR. We each married good guys from Greene County Tech High School (our rival in sports). Many good times were with High School friends after we all retired.

Elaine and James Wilthong - February 03, 2021 at 09:37 PM

CP

“ I absolutely loved Carilyn. I knew her as being the Cross County Extension Agent. She made me grow as an adult while she was doing that job. I went to visit her I’m going to guess about a year ago and we had such a nice visit. It saddens me is it saddens you that she’s gone. I pray for you all because you lost a lovely lady.
Cindy Parker

Cindy Parker - January 29, 2021 at 11:37 AM

JS

“ Kyle, Kara, and Kent-----Please accept my condolences for your mother's passing.
Jan Scanlan

Janice Scanlan - January 28, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ It was such a gift to follow Carolyn as Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Agent in Cross County. It was my first job out of college. To have the agent preceding me still residing in the county was a huge benefit. Carolyn helped me in the way that she does - she shared her knowledge with me, invited me to accompany her to events, and introduced me to folks I needed to know. Ever charming, affirming, and validating, she helped me feel as if I had chosen more a sisterhood than a profession, and she was right. I am forever grateful to have been Carolyn's successor. She and Bill helped me feel at home in my first real home as a grown up. Rest in Peace, Carolyn.

Lisa Tucker Washburn

Lisa Washburn - January 27, 2021 at 10:43 PM

KA

“ I am saddened to hear about your mother (my teacher). She was such a lovely lady. She thought me more than she ever knew, she is really the reason I can do some of the things I do. I wrote to her for many years after she moved to Arkansas. I told her what she meant to me and did for me however, she thought I gave her too much credit.

I use to babysit Kyle and I was at her house the day she got the call for Kent & Kara. I would say you have all been blessed to have such wonderful parents.

She would walk down the hall during class exchange singing Christmas songs during the holidays and she had such a pretty voice. She also arranged sewing jobs for me at school with the teachers so I could make money.

I can't say enough good things about your mom. You will all remain in my thoughts and prayers. May god bless you and hold you near.

Kathy Pullen Vala

kathy - January 27, 2021 at 03:57 PM

DE

Mrs. Hester was a gem. I too learned so much from her. Sewing, and cooking. I can still hear her say, "as you sew, so shall you reap". I'm still using the recipe that she gave us for mock hollandaise sauce. My father and her knew each other from being raised in Paragould, AK. Her and Bill use to come to our house for visits, that was before they had kids back in the 60's. I will always remember her as a "lady" that carried herself with grace. RIP, maybe you and dad have found each other and reliving old times again. So Sorry for your loss of a lovely soul.

Donna Crossno Eversmann

Donna Crossno Eversmann - January 27, 2021 at 08:16 PM

EB

“ Eldridge Brawner sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Rogers Hester



Eldridge Brawner - January 27, 2021 at 07:49 AM

DR

“ Kyle, Kara & Kent, My prayers are with all of you. Carolyn was a wonderful Mom and Aunt and I'll miss her very much.

Den Rogers

Den Rogers - January 26, 2021 at 05:40 PM

AH

*I am sad to know she is gone but glad she is with Uncle Bill and so many family members. I have so many sweet memories. I will miss her phone calls and the special way she could say my name like no other. She had a way of making me feel so special. Her hugs were warm and caring. Love to Kyle, Kara and Kent whom she loved so deeply.
Angie Rogers Hacker*

Angela Hacker - January 27, 2021 at 12:26 AM

EB

I have so many good memories of your Mom. She lived only a couple of blocks away and we got together a lot. We were close friends and had a lot in common. My prayers are with all of you. I know it comforts you knowing she is with the Lord and with your Dad. God bless

Ester Bauer - January 27, 2021 at 11:11 AM