



## John E. Rogers

March 7, 1952 - April 2, 2024

John Edward Rogers, age 72 passed away in his home in Old Town, Florida on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. He was born March 7, 1952, to his loving parents Earl Joseph Rogers Jr. & Ruby Christine Tolar-Rogers.

For many years, John worked in the family business as a vegetable broker and managed a farm in Manatee County. John was a restaurateur operating a Mexican style restaurant in Nogales, Arizona and later in Bradenton, Florida. John attended Southeast High School in Bradenton, Florida and later studied at Bethany Bible College in Alabama, and at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Jersey to become an ordained minister. He began as an associate minister under Rev. Dr. Alex Harper Sr. at Bible Baptist Church in Palmetto, Florida. Then Shiloh Baptist in Trenton, New Jersey under Rev. Dr. Howard Woodson before founding Heavens Saints Worship Center. Heaven Saints Worship Center has recently moved to a new location on ROGERS ROAD. John was planning to do the opening revival in a few months. In honor of John, Pastor Herbie Pierce and wife Joan along with his son Herbie Jr, & family have decided to name the new sanctuary, John Rogers Worship Center in honor of John's work on earth. They are also going to be planting churches all over the world in their founder's name, John Rogers. When Father Creator honors the work, you have done on earth it is huge. We are so grateful, thankful, and blessed to hear this miraculous news at such a time as this! John earned much recognition and awards in New Jersey for his work with the

homeless and in addiction prevention while holding a Chaplin position in Trenton where he helped countless individuals. Later John started the outreach bike ministry Faithful Few in Bradenton at Corks Cigar Bar on Sunday mornings bringing the Unconditional love of Christ in and through him. In 2011 John moved to West Virginia with his wife Ann where he started new outreach ministries. John was president & founder of Ministers of Fire Motorcycle Ministry formed to offer help to those suffering from drug addiction and raise awareness. His team also raised money to gift children suffering from illnesses to purchase any medical equipment they may need. John was contracted through the County to counsel at the local Drug Rehabilitation program and the entire motorcycle ministry team worked tirelessly together having events where all proceeds went to the local drug program in whatever county an event was planned. These events were called Brothers in Arms Taking It Back. When John retired, he & Ann decided to purchase a home with acreage to turn into a small hobby farm in Old Town Florida. John has always had a love for raising animals and filled his days caring for his chickens, goats, pigs, turkeys, and raising Anatolian Shepherd Guardian dogs.

John is survived by his wife Gailia Ann, and his children and their families; Kim, Joe (Edie), Aimee (Harry), Selena, Melissa (Drew), John (Jeanne), Maria (Eric), Bo, Dana (Stephen), as well as his Grandchildren- Christa, Renee, Joycelyn, Elle, Grace, Kendall, Alex, McKinley, Kora, Gabby, Ashley(Flavian), Katelyn(JC), Evan Lee, Wayne, Allison(Austin) and great grandchild- Denver, Caige and Alaina, his brother Ronnie (Danette) and sisters Debbie (Mark) and Becky, Nephews – Jacob, Sam(Megan),Ryan, nieces- Kara and Katie (Danny), aunts, uncles & cousins, in addition to other extended family and mother. All of those he loved and touched deeply.

Please Join us celebrating his life 2:00 PM Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-5400

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John E. Rogers



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - April 09, 2024 at 12:34 PM

TW

*Rest in peace dear Rev. you will truly be missed.*

Tamara Wagner - April 22, 2024 at 12:54 AM



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of John E. Rogers



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - April 09, 2024 at 11:31 AM

SR

*Beautiful Service! Sorry I wasn't able to attend. So glad it was Webcast. He Touched alot of People's Lives! Big Hugs!*

Sandra Resine - April 09, 2024 at 03:27 PM

KW

“ My dearest John , we may have been friends for a short 6 years but seemed like our whole lives . You helped me when I was down, celebrated the good and raised my awareness of our Lord. I am BLESSED to have been in your Glorious presence and Thank You from the bottom of our hearts . We will meet again, love you my dear Brother 🙏🌹🌹  
Kris , Jon & Shelby

kris warner - April 09, 2024 at 03:40 PM

KW

“ Kristine W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Rogers.

Kristine W. - April 09, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John E. Rogers.



April 09, 2024 at 05:40 AM

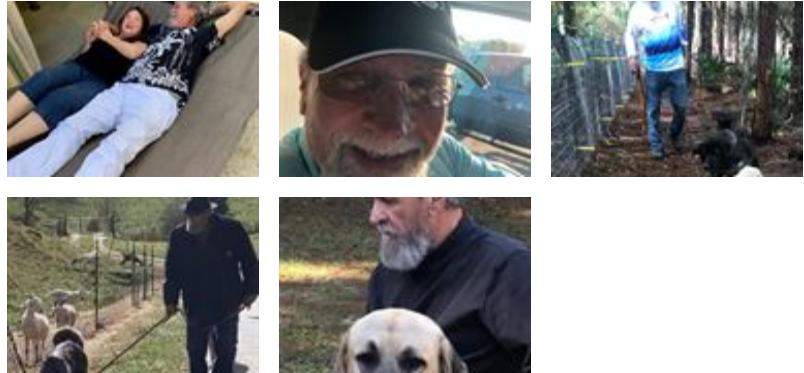
BA

“ Blair & Andrea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Rogers.

Blair & Andrea - April 09, 2024 at 05:40 AM



“ 104 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - April 08, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ Love, All of us purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John E. Rogers.



Love, All of us - April 08, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John E. Rogers.



April 08, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ Sarasota RA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Rogers.

Sarasota RA - April 08, 2024 at 09:47 AM

CF

“ Chief Tyler and your Palmetto PD family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of John E. Rogers.



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**Chief Tyler and your Palmetto PD family** - April 08, 2024 at 09:30 AM

CR

“ Christal Riblet purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John E. Rogers.



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**Christal Riblet** - April 07, 2024 at 07:25 PM

CR

“ Christal Riblet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Rogers.

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**Christal Riblet** - April 07, 2024 at 07:25 PM

HC

“ Heavens Saint's Worship Center purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John E. Rogers.



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**Heavens Saint's Worship Center** - April 07, 2024 at 01:31 PM

HC

“ Heavens Saint’s Worship Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Rogers.

Heavens Saint’s Worship Center - April 07, 2024 at 01:31 PM

RF

“ Ronny & Debbie Finch purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John E. Rogers.



Ronny & Debbie Finch - April 07, 2024 at 02:30 AM

RP

“ Such a wonderful man he married Gary and I several years ago when he was in wva I am sure he will be missed he left such a beautiful legacy

Ruby Phillips - April 06, 2024 at 07:08 PM

JR

“ I attended and had the honor to bring special music to the Heaven’s Saints Worship Center in Newport, NJ often when Pastor Rogers preached there. I remember when he introduced his new wife to the congregation. Always a blessed service there. Pleased to hear of the honor bestowed at the new church building. May God bring you His comfort. Respectfully, Jill L Ransom

Jill L Ransom - April 06, 2024 at 06:11 PM