



## William Rogers Norman

March 28, 1926 - December 19, 2014

William Rogers Norman, 88, of King Queen, VA passed away December 19, 2014. Rogers was born into a “sawmill” family on March 28, 1926 and named for a popular Detroit Tigers baseball player of the time. By age 13, he was helping his dad “skid” hand hewed crossties out of the woods behind a team of oxen.

He continued his love of sawmill work by working for Koppers Company and retired after 55 years in 2010. Rogers served Koppers in many capacities over his tenure working as a field buyer, timber cruiser, and procurement and operations manager. He bought more railroad ties than any other Koppers’ employee—a total of 25 million ties—enough to lay rail from Houston, TX to Seattle, WA back to Atlanta, GA and north to Canada.

Being a member of the “greatest generation” he served in the 99th Troop Carrier and the 97th Airborne Squadron to train glider pilots during WWII.

An avid guitar player and singer, Rogers and his blue grass bands entertained folks in churches, nursing homes, and civic groups for 68 years. His music will be remembered by family and friends forever.

He was preceded in death by his wife Irene Norman.

Rogers is survived by a daughter Theresa Redd (Tommy); three sons Wayne Norman, Bob Norman (Cindy), Carl Norman (Laura); eight grandchildren Chad, Courtney, Anne, Sheila, Kristie, Melissa, Kelly and Abby; a sister Mildred Hall; and several nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held 3 p.m. Monday, December 22nd at Vincent

Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA. Interment will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Buckingham, VA. The family will receive friends 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice House of Williamsburg, 4445 Powhatan Parkway, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

# Tribute Wall

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“Rogers was our neighbor and friend when we lived in Red House. He always spoke kindly and shared that beautiful smile! Sometimes he sang at our local church. I can hear his bold voice as he sang the old hymn "Supertime." Theresa, your dad was so proud of you and your work. It only reinforces the small world we live in when he knew we met and worked together at times. I did not meet Rogers' sons but know if you are anything like him, you are fine men. Our sympathy goes out to all of you in the loss of Rogers. He will be missed. May your faith sustain you in the days ahead. We will cherish our personal memories of Rogers and know you will as well. May God bless you. Janice and Kenneth Marston, Appomattox, VA

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**Janice** - December 28, 2014 at 01:50 PM

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“May the "God of all comfort" strengthen the family through the pages of his Word. (2 Cor. 1:3-7)

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**Josh E.** - December 25, 2014 at 01:34 PM

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“My condolences go out to all of Rogers family. I have many great memories of hunting with Rogers when I was a boy. The most memorable times were when I was a member of "Smiling Rogers and The Buccaneers". My father, Petty, was also a member and played the banjo. We played at Donk's Theatre. Rogers was a very talented man in many ways and I was proud to have been his nephew. I know the band is playing again right now!

*Tim Norman*

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**Tim Norman** - December 22, 2014 at 11:49 AM

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“Rogers had a beautiful voice and shared it with all. I loved singing with him. Sympathy to all his family..

*Earl and Barbara Wood  
Madison Heights, VA*

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**Barbara & Earl Wood** - December 22, 2014 at 09:04 AM

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“Rogers was my uncle and I spent a lot of time at his house when I was a boy. He was nice enough to take me duck hunting at a very early age with him and his son Carl. One of my best childhood memories is when he took me and my oldest brother Mike ,my grandfather and his sons Bob And Carl to Lake Mattamaskeet goose hunting in 67.

*Rogers had a big heart and went out of his way to help others. RIP  
Rogers and I see you again one day  
Donny Norman*

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**Roy D Norman** - December 21, 2014 at 05:01 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Rogers Norman.



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December 20, 2014 at 04:53 PM