

In Loving Memory of
Phyllis H. Rogers



Sunrise: January 1, 1930
Sunset: August 1, 2017

Service

Monday, August 14, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11233

Rev. E. Tyrone Pittman, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Phyllis Harris Rogers, daughter of Mitchell Harris, Sr. & Mabel V. Williams, wife of David Rogers, was born January 1, 1930 in Riverhead, NY. Phyllis was a law secretary, a teacher, a soror, an Elder in church, and a Girl Scout leader. Throughout her life, caring for her family and her community was her main focus.

Before coming to Whitelaw Reid JHS 57, Phyllis was a law secretary. She taught Business Education for over thirty years. During that time, she earned a Masters Degree as a Law Librarian at Pratt Institute and added librarian to her list of positions.

Phyllis was the school yearbook advisor for many years. She was a dean, student council advisor and coordinated many of JHS 57's fundraising activities while running the General Organization store. She was the heartbeat of the Social Committee, always willing to extend a hand to help young teachers adapt to the culture of the school.

Soror Rogers was a member of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Inc., a national organization of business and professional women. She was an active member in Nu Chapter for over 60 years following her initiation in 1953. Phyllis was Basileus (president) of her chapter from 1984-1988 and again from 1992-1994. She served as Public Relations Chair on the National Executive Board and was Soror of the Year in 1960. For many years, she assisted with the production of the Acorn, the official publication of the sorority.

Among her many positions on the local chapter level, she was Anti-Basileus (vice president), Epistoleus (publicist), Tamiochus (treasurer), Kopelle (LKM youth group) Coordinator and Producer of the Youth Showcases. The Youth Showcase was created by her to help promote the talents of the Kopelles and other youths in the community.

In recognition of her dedication and outstanding contribution to her community and to the Sorority, Phyllis received the Lambda Kappa Mu Distinguished Service Key Award.

Phyllis joined Siloam Presbyterian Church on April 7, 1957, transferring membership from Concord Baptist Church. She was an active member, participating and leading in many church functions and organizations.

She was ordained and installed as an Elder on February 6, 2000 and served in that capacity with dedication and commitment. Elder Rogers was Chairperson of the Session's Intergenerational Committee, Coordinator of the Leadership Council, served for a period of time as a Captain of Cosmopolitan Women (one of Siloam's Women's Day Teams) and was a member of the 2001-2004 Pastoral Nominating Committee

Elder Rogers was an excellent Girl Scout leader, serving in that organization for over 50 years. During the early years, she was the Cadette and Senior Leader for Troop 2-296.

Girl Scout Leader Rogers was instrumental in restarting the Girl Scouts at Siloam in 1997. She was also a mentor to the leaders who worked with her. She coordinated annual Apple Picking/Shopping Trips to Riverhead, NY. Phyllis also initiated the annual Christmas visit to Concord Nursing Home, singing Christmas carols, and bringing cards and fruit for the patients.

She was instrumental in the annual Girl Scout Sunday Celebration services at Siloam. As someone who shared her enjoyment of camping with the girls, she was also wonderful at arts and crafts with her Daisy/Brownie Troop 2-715. She had included the many troops in the craft activities. She loved working with the children.

Through her alliance with Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration, she was able to produce many community service projects and fundraisers. Always working for the betterment of the Brooklyn community in various capacities, she constantly strived to make both the community and the World a better place.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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