



Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers

March 1, 1941 - February 9, 2026

Erna Dee (Spear) Rogers, 84, passed peacefully on February 9, 2026, after a brief illness while in the caring presence of her loving husband of 65 years, Carl Rogers, and their children.

She was born in Parsons, Kansas on March 1, 1941 to Alfred and Thelma (Taylor) Spear. She was the fourth of five children and the only girl ... outnumbered and growing up with four ornery brothers, DeWitt, Ralph, Daryl, and Gary.

In 1958, Erna Dee was a baton twirler during her senior year at Parsons High School. There, she met the love of her life when a Parsons Junior College Football player (Carl) intercepted her date for the evening. They married on January 29, 1961, and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year. During the early years of their marriage, Erna Dee and Carl, along with three of her brothers and their growing families, traversed the country like a band of gypsies while the guys worked for the telephone company. After 10 years of constant traveling, Erna Dee told Carl that she was done with moving and living in a trailer. They settled into their home in Lenexa, Kansas in 1971, where they stayed until 2015. They soon relocated to Colony Cove on Grand Lake in Ketchum, Oklahoma.

Erna Dee, or Edee as she came to be known in recent years, loved people so well that most of her family members and friends believed that they were her favorite. She was once quoted as saying, "I just love everybody and assume everybody loves me. So, imagine my great surprise when I discover that

someone doesn't like me!" These instances were indeed rare.

She loved to cook and bake to feed all who entered her orbit. She was well-known for her delectable cookies, cakes, and pies ... but she was famous for her apricot fried pies. When she would arrive at a gathering of family or friends, many would run to greet her and offer to help carry the fried pies (so they could sneak the first ones). They were truly a unique treat to be savored. Erna Dee and Carl are parents to three children, 11 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren, all of whom survive. As "Mom" and then "Grams," she loved and was very proud of their family. They are son Joseph (Karen) Rogers of Gardner, KS, their children Caleb (Brittany) Rogers and Kendra (Jayden) Garetson, and their grandchildren Rocklin Rogers and Annilee Garetson; daughter Carla (Jeff) Johnson of Vonore, TN, their children Kristen (Stephen) Abell, Nicholas (Kelsi) Johnson, Chase (Sarah) Lane, Pierce (Sarah) Lane, and Kelsie (Helton) Jeon, two bonus children (Erna Dee's great-nephews) Caleb (Kayla) Spindler and Jacob (Darian) Spindler, and their grandchildren Sydney and Cameron Abell, Margaret and Masen Johnson, Pía, Tucsé, Knox, and Dash Jeon, Theo and Emma Spindler, and Audrey Spindler; son Matthew (Renee) Rogers of Paola, KS, their children Paige (Ben) Hall, Christian (Madie) Rogers, Dakota (Haley) Rogers, and Kathleen Rogers, and their grandchildren Jayde Carroll and Daniel Hall, Arthur, Melanie and Theodore Rogers, and Eleanor Rogers.

Erna Dee retired in 1998 from the City of Lenexa as the Assistant City Clerk. She was a member and the pianist at Vista Baptist Church in Olathe, KS, and later attended Westside Baptist Church in Lenexa, KS, and First Baptist Churches in Salina and Jay, OK. An accomplished pianist, her family remembers her practicing for Sunday morning worship by playing beloved hymns like "To God be the Glory," "I Surrender All," and "It is Well (with my Soul)."

After Edee and Carl retired, they began to winter in their RV (forgetting what she said about never wanting to live in a trailer again) in sunny places like Yuma, AZ, Punta Gorda, FL, and Donna, TX. There, they made forever

friends with their fellow snowbirds. They shared plentiful fun and laughter, day trips to Mexico, and beach days during their many winters together.

A few things that “Grams” was well-known for include her toenails being polished to perfection, often in a zebra-striped pattern. Perhaps this is due to her mantra, “If I can’t wear flip-flops, I’m not going!” She was also her kids’ and grandkids’ biggest fan, cheering proudly during their games and performances, though often reminding her granddaughters that “pretty is as pretty does.” A competitive card and domino player, she became a “shuffleboard shark” during their post-retirement travels. Her strong sense of fairness was showing when she bought Carl a diamond ring (in her size) for his birthday ... after receiving a trolling motor from him for hers!

Erna Dee is preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Thelma Spear, her brother DeWitt Spear, her brother and sister-in-law Ralph and Marjean Spear, her niece Jennifer (Spear) Burrows and her parents-in-law Elton and Marie Rogers.

In addition to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Erna Dee is survived by her husband, Carl Rogers (Ketchum, OK), her brothers Daryl (Sandy) Spear (Columbus, KS) and Gary (Pat) Spear (Parsons, KS), and myriad cousins, nieces and nephews, numerous extended family members, and countless friends.

She leaves a legacy of extravagant love, selfless generosity, and deep loyalty to all who were blessed to have known her. We trust that God’s plan for her is good, as her favorite scripture Romans 8:28 reminds us that, “... all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to his purpose.”

Erna Dee was a faithful believer in Christ and is now experiencing the promise of heaven: “He will wipe every tear from [her] eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelation 21:4

Visitation is from 2:00-5:00pm on Sunday, February 15, 2026, with the

Celebration of Life at 10:00am on Monday, February 16, 2026, both at Hayhurst Funeral Home, 1660 S. Elm Place, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Interment will be at 10:00am on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Park Grove Cemetery, 1000 W. Houston St., Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Clarehouse, 7617 S. Mingo Road, Tulsa, OK 74133, where Erna Dee, Carl, and her family received exceptional compassionate care during her final days. To donate online, please visit www.clarehouse.org.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 10 at 12:37 PM

ST

Erna Dee Spear classmate & member of Parsons High School Class of '59. A especially fun classmate. Erna Dee had that great smile & laugh & spa

sparkling dark eyes & big smile of

An alot of fun memories from those years. Of course it was so nice to see Carl & her at our Class Reunions. Class reunions she w

To Carl & all your family you are in my prayers. I'm sure she is right in of middle of heaven's angel choir actually, on second thought likely leading it:)) Those school day memories certainly are special.. BGod Bless!! Sondra Brady Torchia

Sondra Brady Torchia - February 11 at 05:35 PM

JB

*As a Lenexa police officer I knew Erna Dee as 1 of our court clerks. She always greeted us and everyone she came into contact with always a smile
She was such a warm spirit and one you looked forward to seeing if you had court.*

Condolences to the family!

Jerry Burke

Jerry Burke - February 16 at 07:30 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 16 at 01:12 PM

AR

Sorry to hear about the passing of Erna Dee . We saw the celebration of Life service . Carl we are praying for you and your family as you walk through the next chapter of your life . We were so blessed getting to know both Erna Dee and yourself during our time With you in Yuma Love and prayers from Art and Sharon Rempel

Art Rempel - February 16 at 11:15 PM

CC

RIP my Beautiful Friend. Such a Loving Soul and person. We Loved her Dearly. My condolences to all of her family and friends. Hugs Old Buddy❤️

Curtis Carver - February 16 at 11:20 PM

BW

“ *Billy Wantland lit a candle in memory of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers*



Billy Wantland - February 15 at 12:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.*



February 13 at 10:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.*

February 13 at 10:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.*



February 13 at 05:45 PM

JG

“ *Janie & Mike ODell, and Virginia Grounds purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.*



Janie & Mike ODell, and Virginia Grounds - February 13 at 05:34 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.*



February 13 at 04:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.*



February 13 at 12:27 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.*

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.



February 11 at 04:35 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.



February 11 at 03:56 PM



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.



February 11 at 01:10 PM

YF

“ Your Heritage Tractor family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.

Your Heritage Tractor family - February 11 at 01:10 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.



February 11 at 12:41 AM

RP

“ Raymond & Karyn Pattison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erna Dee "Edee" Rogers.

Raymond & Karyn Pattison - February 11 at 12:41 AM