



## Mr. Medford Rogers

December 31, 1941 - January 25, 2026

### EARLY LIFE

Medford Rogers was born on December 31, 1941, to Zack and Lerene Rogers (Rush) in Shannon, Mississippi. He was the fourth of five children born to this union. Raised in a loving and faith-filled home, Medford's early years shaped the compassion, humility, and service-oriented spirit that would define his life.

### EDUCATION

A dedicated learner, Medford graduated from Siggers High School in Shannon, MS. He went on to attend Alcorn State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. His commitment to helping others led him to further his education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he earned a Master of Science in Counseling.

### FAITH & CHURCH SERVICE

Medford accepted Christ at the tender age of nine, beginning a lifelong journey of devotion and active service. Over the years, he served faithfully in several congregations. He taught Sunday School at Good Hope Baptist Church, supported the Van Ministry as a visiting member at Corinth Baptist Church, served as a deacon at Canaan Baptist Church, and ushered at Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church. Wherever he worshiped, he gave fully of his time, heart, and gifts.

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY

In 1969, Medford married Celestine Lyle, the love of his life. Their story began at Job Service, where he was supposed to help her find employment after she relocated to Milwaukee-while never successful, it blossomed into a beautiful marriage. Together, they were blessed with two daughters, Shirvalen and Hope Shantelle. Medford's generosity extended well beyond his immediate family. He opened

his home to numerous extended family members, helping raise and support Barbara Banyard Gethers, Tamicha Lyle Brown, Justin Lyle Porter, Altonetta, Alto. and Alonzie Bingham. His home was a place of warmth and guidance.

#### MILITARY SERVICE

Medford proudly served in the United States Army as a Specialist Fourth Class. Trained within the medic corps at Fort Sam Houston, he was stationed in the Washington, D.C. area, including time supporting care at Walter Reed. His military service reflected his deep-rooted desire to help and heal others.

Many of us

experienced his version of "doctoring" and home remedies.

#### CAREER & SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

For 38 years, Medford worked as an employment counselor with Job Service of the State of Wisconsin. He was passionately committed to helping individuals find meaningful and sustainable employment. His work included career coaching, resume development, interview preparation, and job search strategy guidance.

He especially enjoyed conducting self-assessments like "What Color Is Your Parachute?", which he used to help others discover their passions and strengths. His dedication extended beyond his professional role-he served his church community, supported Girl Scouts and high school programs, and helped countless people identify their purpose.

#### PERSONAL INTERESTS & VALUES

Medford was a man of great humor, intellect, and unwavering values. A beloved Milwaukee Bucks fan, he held season tickets for 48 years. He also

cheered on the St. Louis Cardinals and the Green Bay Packers. A lifelong learner, he was a devoted Bible scholar and enjoyed reading satire, especially MAD Magazine and The Onion. He loved viewing movies in the theatre, often seeing more than two a week.

He was known for his quick wit and memorable turns of phrase-coining gems like "geriatric teenager". Though incredibly active in service and charity, he never sought recognition. His humility and kindness left a lasting imprint on everyone he encountered.

#### HOBBIES

Medford was an avid music collector with a special love for jazz. Some of his favorite artists included The Crusaders, Earl Klugh, and The Spinners. He was also a devoted road cyclist who found joy and peace on long rides.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

He was a proud member of the Alcorn University Alumni Association and a life member of the National Employment Counseling Association.

#### PRECEDED IN DEATH

Medford Rogers departed this life on January 25, 2026. He was preceded in death by his: parents, Zack and Lerene Rogers; brothers, Jimmie Rogers and Pete Rogers; and his beloved daughter, Hope Shantelle Rogers.

#### CHERISHED SURVIVORS

He leaves to celebrate his life: devoted wife, Celestine Lyle Rogers; daughter, Shirvalen Crowley (Shon); granddaughter, Sophia Helene Crowley; sisters, Mattie Evans and Jeanette Ivy (Rev. Archie) of Milwaukee, WI; niece and Goddaughter, Michelle Lyle; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and dear friends who adored their "Uncle Mickey".

# Cemetery Details

## VA Union Grove Cemetery

21731 Spring Street  
Union Grove, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
2433 W Roosevelt Dr  
Milwaukee, WI 53206  
(414) 871-0350

## Funeral Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church  
2433 W. Roosevelt Dr.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Tribute Wall

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“ After knowing Medford (Micky) & wife Celestine (my Cousin) for many years, I find them both meant for each other with the Lord's Providence and Care. He was reflected mutual friendliness and respect with all who knew him. Micky is truly a child of God. A righteous example of a Good Man. Our mutual love for music (especially Jazz) and Bucks' basketball along with his Love for his Family is to be admired and emulated. May God Give You Rest and Peace, Medford (Micky) Rogers. Lonzie and Tina Thompson in Milwaukee.

Lonzie and Tina Thompson - February 05 at 03:05 PM

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“ Karin & Chris Olson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Medford Rogers.

Karin & Chris Olson - February 02 at 05:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Medford Rogers.



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