

William Jowers (Bill) Rogers

Graveside services for William Jowers (Bill) Rogers age 62 of Palestine were held Thursday, September 18, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Pilgrim Cemetery with Judge Bascom Bentley officiating. Masonic rites were conducted by the Palestine Masonic Lodge #31 A.F. & A.M. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Palestine.

Honorary pallbearers were Joe Crutcher, Rayburn Moore, Jim Ulrich, Jay Herrington, Chris Rogers, Patrick Knowles, Billy Mack Ingram, Walter Cook, Tony Dressell, Sr., and Bobby Totah.

Mr. Rogers passed away on Monday, September 15, 2003 at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born September 22, 1940 in Palestine to Moses Mills and Margaret Louise Flanagan Rogers. Mr. Rogers was a member of the First

Presbyterian Church, Palestine Masonic Lodge #31 A.F. & A.M., Scottish Rite Mason, Waco Consistory, and the VFW Lodge #8924. Mr. Rogers was owner of the Bill Rogers Buick, Pontiac, and GMC dealership in Palestine. He was also the former owner of Bill Rogers Chevrolet in Grapeland and has been a dealer with General Motors since 1975.

His parents precede him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Rogers of Palestine; daughters, Leigh Anne Rainer and Tracye Herbrough both Palestine; son, Bill Rogers, Jr. of Palestine; sister, Pat Rogers of Portland, OR.; brothers, Jack Rogers of Palestine, Richard Rogers and Tom Rogers both of Elkhart; four grandchildren, Taylor Carnes, Kady Rainer, Kristen Rogers and William Rogers III.