



## Bennie "Ben" W. Rogge

February 19, 1929 - October 4, 2016

Bennie "Ben" William Rogge, 87, of Rosenberg, Texas passed away on October 4, 2016. He was born to the late Bennie H. and Clara Meyer Rogge on February 19, 1929 in Brenham, Texas. He met the love of his life, Miss Dorothy Jean Whiddon in Geometry class in 1947 at Brenham High School. They were married on March 17, 1952 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brenham, Texas. Ben graduated from Blinn Jr. College and received his BA in Business from the University of Houston. He had a successful 41 year career with General Motors Acceptance Corporation. He and Dorothy relocated several times within the state of Texas as a result of his company promotions. He honorably served our country in the U.S. Navy, during the Korean War, serving on the ship USS Greenwich Bay.

Ben was a long-time member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, there he served as President of the Church Council, taught Sunday School, and always volunteered to work at the annual church BBQ. Ben was an active member of the American Legion Post #271 and V.F.W. Post #3903 in Rosenberg.

Ben enjoyed the outdoors. Family vacations were usually spent touring the U.S. National Parks where the family would enjoy hiking, fishing and meals prepared outdoors. During those vacations, Ben would hunt for arrowheads as one of his hobbies was collecting Indian artifacts. Ben always grew a very

successful vegetable garden, either at his home in Rosenberg or at their farm in Chappell Hill, Texas. He also enjoyed raising many types of birds; dove, pigeons, quail, chickens and even a pheasant or two!

After his retirement, his love of the outdoors continued by raising cattle and tending to their 151 Cattle Farm in Chappell Hill. He was most fortunate to have a long and healthy retirement doing the things he loved. Ben always had a beloved pet by his side; many a lucky dog lived a happy life with him and Dorothy.

Of all the things in life Ben loved and cared for, he loved his family the most. They will lovingly hold him in their hearts forever. Ben was a caring husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend who will be missed dearly.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Dorothy Jean Whiddon Rogge; daughters, Karen McClure and husband, David, and Kay Theede and husband, Steve; grandchildren, Amy Holdsworth and husband, Phil, Joan Davies and husband, Glenn, Anna McClure, Reid McClure and wife, Julie, John McClure and wife, Lyndsey, Nicholas Theede, and Ashley Hurst and husband, Jay; thirteen great grandchildren; nephews and niece, William Whiddon, Johnny Whiddon and wife, Carol, Robert Whiddon, and Terry Ellison and husband, Eric; along with many other family and dear friends.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 6, 2016 in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

The service will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 7, 2016 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Rosenberg. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon at Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas. There will be a reception to follow the burial – place to be announced.

For those wishing, memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church,  
1208 5th Street in Rosenberg, Texas.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home,  
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218 in Rosenberg, Texas 77471,  
Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Condolences to the Rogge family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

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**Williams Family** - October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“*I've known Ben Rogge most of my life and he was a kind and very generous man and will be missed terribly. Not to mention, made the best darn ribs, ever!!! We will miss you!!! Love, Janise, John and Alexis Hinman*

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**Janise Hinman** - October 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“*I first met Ben and Dorothy, Kay and Karen, when we all lived in Shepherd Park Terrace. And in later years when we were invited to their home in Rosenberg, and at Kay and Steve's a number of times. I am very happy that among all those wonderful, memorable photos, there is one with Ben and me in easy chairs at their Rosenberg home. He was such a friendly, kindhearted, generous and very family oriented man, and I know that Kay, Karen, Dorothy and all family will cherish his memory always. My deepest condolences and sympathies to this wonderful family. With loving best wishes, Alex*

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**alex Gabriles** - October 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Dorothy, I send my sympathy to you and your family. Ben was a fine man and I am honored to have served as his Pastor at St. Paul during the 80's and 90's.

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**Harvey Bongers** - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Please accept my&#160; deepest condolences&#160; to the family and friends. We can never be fully prepare when ones we love dies and the feelings, and empy void that's left.&#160;&#160; Its so loving to know that our Creator, JehovahGod really cares how you feel and he will soon end the sorrow and sadness of loosing a&#160; love one brings. Rev21:3,4 May God grant you guidance, strength through prayer at this difficult time.

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**MG** - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Herb Copeland Family** - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dad -we miss you already! Your were the anchor of the family. Your love for us was always know and shared. You taught right from wrong and how to be kind. We look forward to meeting together again in Heaven.Love you,Karen

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**Karen McClure** - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Ben and his wife Dorothy are the sweetest and kindest people I have ever cared for. I am honored that I got to know them and spend so much time with them over the last 5 years. Ben hit me right in the heart strings from the first day I started with him. We laughed often and even fought a few times but at the end the day he would hate to see me go home and I would give him a kiss and told him I loved him and he would say it back. He became more then just a client he became family to me. To Bens family I want to say Thank you for trusting me to care for both your father and mother and welcoming me and treating me like family I will be forever greatfull. I too share your pain and loss.I will miss him dearly!! Ben please tell my Daddy what a good girl I've been.

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**Bridget Cassidy and Family** - October 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Sending love and prayers to you all Ms Dorothy and family during this difficult time.

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**Darla DeFord** - October 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM