

Ralph Joe Rodgers

September 3, 1947 - January 21, 2003

Ralph Joe Rodgers, age 55, of Fayetteville, Ark., formerly of Joplin, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at his home. He was born Sept. 3, 1947 in Joplin, the son of the late St. Clair Rodgers and Lucy Annie Ruth Wright Rodgers.

Mr. Rodgers graduated from Joplin High School in 1966. He moved to Fayetteville in 1968, where he worked for Standard Register Company as a pressman for over 33 years, retiring in September of 2002. He was a member of the Unity Missionary Baptist Church, and was a 22-year member of the Local No. 623 in Fayetteville, where he served as Union Steward.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Aubrey Rodgers; and a sister, Mildred Rodgers Gunn. He will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him.

He married Mary Barker on July 12, 1967, in Joplin. She survives. Additional survivors include a son, Troy St. Clair Rodgers of Fayetteville, Ark.; a daughter, Tamiko Michelle Rodgers of Dallas, Texas; a brother, Johnnie St. Clair Rodgers of Long Beach, Calif.; four sisters, Clair Hill and ArBella Rodgers, both of Joplin, Josephine Rodgers of Atlanta, Ga., and Emogene Thomas of Pittsburg, Kan.; two grandchildren, Savana Lynn Rodgers and Christopher Michael Cauthen; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Parker Mortuary on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at 11 a.m., followed by funeral services at noon, officiated by Rev. Henry Pullum. Mr. Rodgers' body will be cremated following the funeral service. The family will be at 302 South Cox Ave., Joplin.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Joplin Boys and Girls Club.