A portrait of Bishop Dr. Sylvester S. Rogers, a Black man with a grey beard and glasses, smiling and resting his chin on his hand. The background is a vibrant purple and blue gradient with a faint architectural pattern.

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Bishop
DR. SYLVESTER
S. ROGERS

SUNRISE: JUNE 06, 1940 - DAWN: OCTOBER 14, 2025

"AND HE SAITH UNTO THEM, FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN".
- MATTHEWS 4:19

Bishop DR. SYLVESTER S. ROGERS

BIOGRAPHY OF BISHOP DR. SYLVESTER SILVANUS ROGERS, TEACHER

Bishop Dr. Sylvester Silvanus Rogers, Teacher was born in Tallulah, Louisiana to the Late Reverend Lee Leonard and Mariah Rogers. He was the seventh child of twenty-five siblings; He survived the struggles of the large family life. He accepted Christ at the age of eleven years, ten months, and two days old. He graduated from Reuben McCall High School in 1960. He met the love of his life Mary Williams in 1958. He then moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he married his high school sweetheart Mary Williams on March 4, 1961.

He ran from the ministry until he heard The Voice say “You Need to Change Your Way of Life” – that was over fifty-five years ago. For the Lord is good, Brother S. S. Rogers was ordained as a deacon in 1973; He accepted his ministry, and was licensed as a minister on March 9, 1975. He furthered his education and graduated by attending and receiving a certificate of Progress Program (COPP) from the American Baptist Extension Seminary, NBC, USA, Incorporated. Certificate and diploma from American Baptist College, Nashville, TN.

Then on April 20, 1978 he was ordained as a minister at The Greater New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church of Las Vegas, Nevada under the leadership of the late Pastor F. N. Addison. After working the vineyard and following the instruction of his leader Pastor Addison and God, Minister S. S. Rogers was given his own field to work. In October 1983, Minister Rogers became pastor of The Greater Carver Missionary Baptist Church of Las Vegas, Nevada in which he led his flock for three years. For his obedience to God, Dr. S. S. Rogers has been the Bishop/Teacher of The Greater Mt. Sinai Missionary Recruiting Ministries Incorporated since November 1, 1986 through October 14, 2025 that is when the Lord called him home.

In 1966 through 1967 he was employed by the Sahara Hotel & Casino as the first black security guard, and the first black 21 dealer. In the late 70's he was employed with the Clark County School District of Las Vegas, Nevada, where he retired from the Human Relations Department, where he serviced three High Schools - Bonanza High, Clark High, and Western High, one Jr. High School - Kenny C. Guinn Jr. High, and he was an affiliate of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA Program) enacted by congress and signed into law by President Richard Nixon on December 28, 1973 to train and provide them with jobs in the public service. Dr. S. S. Rogers earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1998, his Master's Degree in 2000, his Doctorate Degree in May 2003 all from Sacramento Theological Seminary & Bible College in Sacramento, California. Dr S. S. Rogers was an Alumni of Community College of Southern Nevada and he also attend the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV).

Dr. S. S. Rogers was committed to putting Christian Principles into action by living up to the teachings of Jesus and reaching out to the community. He served on various outreach programs including Gang Violence Awareness in our community, the "F" Street Coalition, he was the president of The Ministers Alliance of Las Vegas, Nevada, he served an eight-year term as the Moderator of the Pride of the West District Association, he served as president of the Congress of Christian Education for the state of Nevada, he was a seminar leader for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and the 5th Vice Moderator for the National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated. He served as Chaplain for the North Las Vegas Police Department, he served as a Hospital Chaplain, and offered his services in numerous community empowering programs.

Dr. S. S. Rogers was the Grand Marshal for the 32nd Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in Las Vegas, Nevada in January of 2014. Bishop Dr. Sylvester S. Rogers, Teacher was inducted as a member into the Historic Westside Legacy Park on June 3, 2023 by the City of Las Vegas and Clark County Nevada.

Bishop Sylvester S. Rogers, gave special thanks to God for giving him a beautiful and loving wife, who has shared him with the community and who supported him in his ministry. It has been stated by those who knew him "He does Not Bite His Tongue", in other words - He Tells It Like It Is.....Like it Or Not.....Take It Or Leave It.....God Said It And That's It. He was truly committed: It's God's Word! His favorite scripture and our church moto: (Matthew 4:19) "And He said unto them Follow Me And I Will Make You Fishers Of Men"

A time to Mourn

Bishop Dr. Sylvester S. Rogers was preceded in death by his mother Mariah Rogers, his father Rev. Lee Leonard Rogers, three sisters Vera Rogers-Johnson, Ezellla Johnson and Brenda Williams, eight brothers Lee L. Rogers Jr; Israel Douglas, Johnny L. Rogers, Robert Rogers, Cleophus Rogers, Phillip Tate, Willie Gennels, and Dr. Pastor Julius Rogers.

He leaves to cherish his memory, and mourn his passing, his loving and devoted wife Mrs. Mary W. Rogers of Las Vegas, NV; four daughter Rose Mary (LeRoy) of Palm Dale, California, Ingrid "Niesie" (Terry), Susan "Dee Dee" (Rodney), and Paula (Tilmon) all of Las Vegas, Nevada.

His brothers Roy Rogers (Addie) of Brentwood, California, Will Rogers (Berteal) of Tallulah, Louisiana, Bishop Dr. James M. Rogers Sr. (Jessie) and Deacon Houston Hall Sr. all of Las Vegas, Nevada; five sisters Doris Rogers of Buffalo, New York, Mother Joyce Dorsey, Bennie Mae Robinson (Clinton), Mary Rogers all of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Rosa Ann Rogers-Sutton of Houston, Texas; four brother-in-law's Stanley (Bobbie) of Ft. Worth, Texas, Sandis (Carolina) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Wayne (Debra) of Tallulah, Louisiana, and Michael (Edwanda) of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Grand-children Dale Poole, Tracee Poole, DeDrea "Missy", Dallas Poole, and DaKota Martin; God-children Joshua Devine, Latrice Pugh, Sheena Hill, Derrick Roberson, Roshaunda Hall, Johnny Richardson Jr; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. To him everybody he met he saw and thought of them as his sons and daughters.

Bishop
**DR. SYLVESTER
S. ROGERS**

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025

Lying In Honor 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Greater Mt. Sinai Missionary Recruiting Ministries Inc.
1025 Balzar Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2025

Funeral 10:00 a.m.

New Jerusalem Worship Center
1818 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89106

Emeritus Pastor Willie Jacobs

Officiant and Eulogist

True Love Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Charles Hemphill

Bishop Dr. James M. Rogers Sr.

New Jerusalem Worship Center

Expeditior

INTERMENT

(Police Escort please turn on your lights)

2:00 p.m.

Bunker's Eden Vale Memorial Park & Cemetery
1216 Las Vegas Blvd North, Las Vegas, NV 89101

RECEPTION

2:30PM

The Greater Mt. Sinai Fellowship Hall
1003 Balzar Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Bishop
DR. SYLVESTER
S. ROGERS

Emeritus Pastor Willie Jacobs, Officiant and Eulogist

Bishop Dr. James M. Rogers Sr., Pastor
New Jerusalem Worship Center

Processional.....Clergy and Family
Selection.....The Voices of Mt. Sinai
Old Testament, Psalm 90: 1-10.....Deacon Lorenzo Preston
New Testament, 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 & Romans 8: 35-39.....Deacon Tilmon F. Brown
Prayer of Comfort to the Family.....Pastor James M. Rogers Jr.
Selection.....New Jerusalem Worship Center

EXPRESSION TWO MINUTES

Deacon Houston Hall Sr. - Brother/Friend
Deacon Will Rogers - representing the Rogers Family
Deacon Clem Ferguson of
Macedonia MBC, Melbourne, FL 32901 - 'When I First Met Him'
Pastor Sam Roberson – Pastors
Pastor Fouston Jordan - Ministers Alliance
Cassandra Cotton - Nathan Adelson Hospice

COMMUNITY LEADERS TWO MINUTES

Dr. Linda E. Young – The Village Foundation
Shelley Berkley – Mayor of the City of Las Vegas
William McCurdy II – Member of the Clark County Commission

Mary Williams Rogers – The Love of My Life.....Read by Prophetess Sandra Sims
Video Tribute
Reading of Obituary in Silence
Resolution/Acknowledgements for Bishop Dr. Sylvester S. Rogers, Teacher
Sister Dawne' Coleman

Soloist.....Deacon Tilmon Brown
Eulogy.....Emeritus Pastor Willie Jacobs
True Love MBC/Rev. Dr. Charles Hemphill
Selection.....Combined Choirs
The Grand Recessional of the Rogers Family.....Clergy/Family



A LOVING TRIBUTE TO

Bishop DR. SYLVESTER S. ROGERS

Mary Williams Rogers to the Love of My Life

We shared so many memories, I remember when we first met, I was the Sunday School Secretary for the Palestine Baptist Church in Tallulah, LA, and he was the Sunday school teacher in 1957. We had not started dating until 1959. After we began dating, he would sometimes walk me to church. After graduation he left Tallulah, and came to Las Vegas seeking employment in October of 1960. Before he left Tallulah, he asked my mother Ms. Beatrice Williams for my hand in marriage. She gave him specific instructions "saying if you are not going to marry my daughter, send her back home." In January of 1961, Sylvester sent for me, and when he saw me, he was all smiles! On March 4, 1961 Sylvester and I were married in Kingman, AZ.

In our marriage we had some good times, fun times, happy times, and some bad times, but the Lord blessed us through those bad times. Our good times out-weighed our bad times, because God ordains marriage in Heaven. Truly I can say he was a man of God, and a man after God's own heart. He did not compromise the Gospel of Jesus. He reminded me of John the Baptist crying in the wilderness repent ye the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Sylvester loved the Lord with all his heart, soul, and mind. He loved God's people, and he would say "he wished all of God's people were saved." It did not matter what race they were, because we are all God's children. He lived the life that he preached about. Yes, you are the love of my life, because of how you worked out your own soul salvation for the Lord.

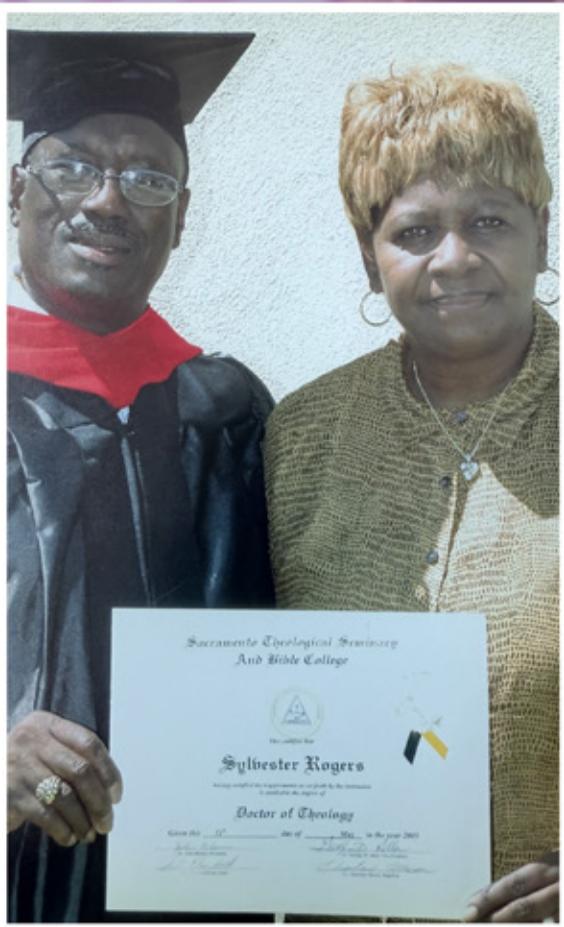
“I can say you were one of the great icons in the community, attending public meetings, such as: City council, city commission, school board, and Metro’s Gang Task Force. You truly were the love of my life, you were so concerned about the “F” Street closing, and in your prayers, the Lord told you to walk around “F” Street seven times. He asked for assistance from the community pastors, but only Pastor Bill Miller responded. Pastor Miller tried, but could only walk around one time, so Bishop took him back to his car at the church, where the Lord spoke to him, and said “I told you to walk around “F” Street seven times, and you walked and prayed, walked, and prayed, walked and prayed and Thank God He answered your prayers; “F” Street is open til this day. It reminds me of when God told Joshua to march around Jericho seven times until the walls came tumbling down.

Becoming your wife was a choice, but falling in love with you was beyond my control. I cannot believe it has been 64 years, seven months, and 14 days. It feels like yesterday when I walked down the aisle, and saw you waiting for me at the altar. Time flies, I guess! But time with you has not been a fairy tale. Life was real, real, real. In you I found the love of my life. You always wanted the best for me, spiritually and physically. “With Jesus on our side things will work out fine! We’re gonna make it!” Besides Christ being the love of your life, I was the second love of your life. All that you did and accomplished was for the Glory of God. You will never be forgotten.

Your Love, Mary









ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Dales D. Poole II
Terry Bernard
Rodney Williams
Clinton Robinson
Deacon Toliver Armstrong
Deacon Marvin Edwards
Deacon Lorenzo Preston
Jeffery Hall

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Roy Rogers
Deacon Will Rogers
Bishop Dr. James M. Rogers Sr.
Pastor James M. Rogers Jr.
Terry Rogers
Alphonso Rogers
Denzel Erves
Armondo Delgado
Antonio Holmes
Deacon Tilmon F. Brown
Deacon Houston Hall Sr.
Deacon Darnell Riggs
Deacon Frantz Morman
Deacon Ramon McGill
Allen Humphries
Anthony Potts
Joseph Preston
Dwayne Harris
Craig Sidney
Frank Lighten
Herman Wilson
Vernon Hewing
Craig Savage
Dallas Poole
Mt. Sinai Security Detail
Mt. Sinai Armor Bearer Detail

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The family of Bishop Dr. Sylvester Silvanus Rogers extends special thanks for your many acts of kindness during this most difficult time. Your prayers, telephone calls, thoughts and the love you've shown will never be forgotten. May God's richest blessings be bestowed upon each of you.

-The Family



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