



Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers

October 6, 1962 - May 12, 2015

In Remembrance....

Darrell Rodgers affectionately known as “Doc” was the eldest child of Will and Bobbie Jean Rodgers. He was born in Waco, TX on October 6, 1962 and peacefully transitioned into the arms of his Heavenly Father on May 12, 2015 at the young age of 52. He accepted Christ at an early age.

Doc discovered a passion for sports while attending Eisenhower High School in Lawton, OK. This passion for sports earned him a baseball scholarship to the University of Oklahoma where he graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Radio/TV/Film/Journalism and a Masters Degree in Sports Management. Upon graduating, Doc played for the San Francisco Giants and Cincinnati Reds minor league system for six seasons as a pitcher.

Upon completing minor league career, Doc became a pitching coach for the Reds’ rookie-league affiliate for two years. He later joined the Reds front office as Assistant for Baseball Operations. These skills propelled him to become the Director of Baseball Administration for the Detroit Tigers in 1996. In 1997, Doc returned to the Cincinnati Reds as the first African-American Assistant General Manager (GM). While Doc’s appointment to Assistant GM was historic for Cincinnati, for him, he was simply living his dream. He held this position from 1997 to 2002. As the Assistant GM, Doc was responsible for player development and scouting. Under his leadership, the Cincinnati Reds’ farm system became one of the best in minor league baseball.

Doc became Director of Minor League Operations for the Baltimore Orioles from 2003 – 2004. During his tenure, he revived the Orioles Farm System. Doc was a natural teacher and instituted a number of training changes to ensure optimal player development. He even had his wife, Dorothy, trained on evaluating pitches, recording baseball stats, and using the radar gun!

After returning to the city he loved, Cincinnati, Doc re-ignited his love for officiating

basketball games and was elected Vice President of the Ohio Valley Basketball Officials Association. Using his talents and negotiating skills from baseball, he became a Real Estate Agent for Coldwell Banker West Shell. Despite a successful career as an agent, he continued to long for the game he loved...baseball. Recognizing his love for the game, Dorothy encouraged him to utilize his love for baseball, education, and journalism to become a sports announcer. This encouragement landed him the weekend host of "Extra Innings" for WLW radio from 2007 - 2014.

Darrell loved music, friends, and family. He married Dorothy Mayberry Rodgers on November 1, 1997 and to this union, two wonderful children were born – Jazmine and Kobe. He will be remembered by his infectious smile and passion for learning and teaching.

With his family, friends, and numerous supporters by his side, he led a courageous battle with Stage 4 Lung Cancer. As a family, we talked openly about his condition and witnessed first-hand the highs and lows of this horrific disease. Because of his faith in God, Darrell fought and remained positive until the very end. On May 12th at 2:28pm EST, God gently took Darrell's hand and led him to his new home in heaven.

His love for life serves as a legacy to his wife, Dorothy A. Rodgers; daughter, Jazmine "Jazzi" Rodger and son, Kobe Rodgers of Cincinnati; father, Will Rodgers II; three brothers, Will Rodgers III (Connie) Madrid, CA, James Rodgers (Oklahoma City, OK), and Richard "ReRe" Rodgers (Renee) of Lawton, OK; two sisters, Ellen Sutton (Waco, TX) and Barbara Rodgers (Houston, TX); Mother & Father-In-Law, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Mayberry; two special Sisters-In-Law, Shone Mayberry (Peoria, IL) and Lisa Mayberry (Cincinnati, OH); a Brother-In-Law, Quintin Mayberry (Chicago, IL); a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his mother Bobbie Jean Rodgers.

Visitation is from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm, on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church, 9991 Wayne Ave, Woodlawn (45215).

You may express online condolences at www.HerbWalker.com.

Walker Funeral Home of Cincinnati is serving the Rodgers family.

Events

MAY	Visitation	03:00PM - 07:00PM
15	<hr/> <div>Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church</div> <div>9991 Wayne Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, US, 45215</div>	

Comments



“ Mrs. Rodgers,
I refereed with a few times and he was always a pure pleasure to work with and be around as he made you feel at ease at all times. I remember the kind words he had for me when my wife passes away suddenly at the age of 53 which was 6 yrs ago this july. I just wanted to offer my thoughts and prayers and let you know that I know what you are going threw and wanted to tell you to lean on your family and freinds as much as possible.
God bless
Jim jester ohsaa referee and umpire

jim jester - 2 hours ago



“ Toye S. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers.



Toye S. - Yesterday at 08:24 PM



“ Doc you will be missed, you were the coolest, friendliest and helpful person I have met. Always had a smile and encouraging words. Dorothy you are in my prayers, God Bless.
Toye Stokes and family

Toye Stokes and family - Yesterday at 07:33 PM



“ Toye Stokes And Family lit a candle in memory of Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers



Toye Stokes and family - Yesterday at 07:28 PM



“ Servant Harold & Evetta Crump lit a candle in memory of Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers



Servant Harold & Evetta Crump - Yesterday at 06:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers.



May 15 at 02:42 PM



“ Doc was one of the kindest, smartest, loving and gentle "old souls" I have ever met. We met when we were both working in the Reds' front office during the 1990's. Whenever we talked, about no matter what, I knew he heard me, saw me and understood me...he always remembered my children's names, always knew that sometimes the greatest show in professional sports was behind the scenes and was always there to motivate others as best as he could.

He would giggle and laugh like a little schoolboy when our paths would cross in the narrow hallways of the stadium's office and I would say very loudly, "The Doctor is in the House!". It's nice to See and Be Seen.

Dorothy, my thoughts and prayers are with your children and you. How blessed you are to be a major part of Doc's life and life ever after.

My Love,

Barb McManus

Barbara McManus - May 15 at 11:32 AM



“ The loss of someone dear to us is never easy. We hope all the cherished memories that you have of Darrell brings you some light during this dark time. our deepest condolences.”

The Staff of Wyoming Family Practice

Salome White - May 15 at 09:07 AM



“ Doc , I'll miss your smile and kindness.

Kathy Koops

Kathy Koops - May 14 at 05:26 PM



“ I listened to Doc for several years on the Extra Innings show. He had such a wonderfully relaxed delivery and warm sense of humor that it was almost calming to listen to him, particularly after a rough Reds' loss. I liked it when he talked to his dad or his daughter on the air...it gave the program s feeling of "hominess," and you could hear in his voice how proud he was of his children. He will be missed, and my family offers the deepest condolences to his family.

Lynn and Diane Bayley

Diane Bayley - May 14 at 04:15 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. May God provide you enough strength to face these difficult times, although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer

Marisela Parra - May 14 at 03:50 PM



“ Hi Dorothy - my condolences for your lost. May the Lord give you and your family the strength to overcome this situation.

Esmeralda Britton

Esmeralda Britton - May 14 at 03:23 PM



“ Todd, Jennifer, Dylan and Haley Grueninger purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers.



Todd, Jennifer, Dylan and Haley Grueninger - May 14 at 03:23 PM



“ Thanks for being so kind to me during our time together with the REDS as players and co-workers. You will be greatly missed in the Greater Cincinnati Community. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family of DOC. "GODSPEED"



Doug King - May 14 at 02:32 PM



“ William Bray lit a candle in memory of Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers



William Bray - May 14 at 01:50 PM



“ Lois Hudson sent a gift in memory of Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers





“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers



Karen - May 14 at 02:30 AM



“ Erica lit a candle in memory of Darrell Wayne "Doc" Rodgers



Erica - May 13 at 10:19 PM



“ Prayers and thoughts to the family of Mr. Doc Rodgers.

Erica - May 13 at 10:20 PM



“ Heaven gained another angel!! Your smiling face, great personality and friendship will truly be missed. Until we meet again! Scott and Debbie Loucks

Scott & Debbie Loucks - May 14 at 02:35 PM



“ Thanks for being my friend! I will miss you.

Mary B. - May 14 at 02:38 PM



“ Dorothy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. If you need anything, let me know.

Kim Washington - May 15 at 01:19 AM



“ Doc served on the Winners Walk Tall board with me. A great guy with a greater attitude. He would call me a few times a year to stay in touch. My prayers are with his family. He will be missed.

John Busam - May 15 at 12:37 PM



“ Darryl you were a good friend to my friends. Rest Peacful!

Linda Wisdom

Linda Wisdom - 19 hours ago