



## Maurice "Marty" Rogers

June 8, 1965 - February 24, 2026

### His Journey

Maurice Rogers was born on June 8, 1965, in Wilmington, Delaware to Alexandra Jean Whye and Leonard Gatson, Jr. From the very beginning, Maurice carried a spirit that could not be ignored — a presence that filled every space he entered. His life was deeply influenced by the love of his parents and by the wisdom and nurturing of his grandmother, the late Corine Gatson.

He was also preceded in death by Ida Mae Rogers-Stallings, grandmother, Walter O. Rogers, Jr. and Leonard Gatson, Sr., grandfathers, and Taneeka Bowers, companion of 14 years.

On February 22, 2026, Maurice peacefully transitioned, leaving this earthly life on his own terms, surrounded by love and the lasting impact of a life well lived.

Maurice possessed a rare gift: the ability to walk into a room and instantly light it up. His calm yet confident demeanor brought reassurance to everyone around him. Without saying a word, he made people feel that everything would be alright. His energy was magnetic — contagious in the best way — and anyone fortunate enough to encounter him left feeling uplifted,

encouraged and seen.

A proud Howard High School Wildcat, Maurice was widely known for his basketball talent and competitive spirit. On the court, he earned the nickname “Ice,” because when pressure rose, Maurice remained ice cold — composed, focused, and unstoppable. That same cool confidence defined how he lived his life.

Maurice was more than an athlete; he was a blessing placed in many lives and many roles. Whether as a father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, mentor, or protector, he showed up authentically and lived life unapologetically on his own terms. He believed in strength, loyalty, laughter, and perseverance, freely uplifting those around him. He was a true lifter — a ball of energy whose presence alone could shift the atmosphere of an entire room. Maurice didn’t simply exist among people; he empowered them. His life stands as proof that impact is measured not by time, but by the lives forever changed along the way.

Maurice was preceded in death by his cherished grandparents, beloved siblings, Vida Neysa Rogers, Ronald Quincy Rogers, and Alexandra Jean “Twiggy” Rogers, his partner Teneka Bowers and loved ones who welcomed him home.

Maurice’s legacy lives on through his loving children: Jamaur Johnson, Maurice Bowen, Maraya Malone, Brianna Rogers, and Jada Coverdale. His parents Alexandra Jean Whye and Leonard Gatson, Jr.

He also leaves to cherish his memory his beloved grandchildren: Justis Johnson, Jionni Johnson, Jovi Johnson, Jackson Bowen, Nathan Bowen, Joseph Malone, Christopher Malone, A’Nylah Salandy, and Jade Coverdale, his siblings: Tonia Bell, Richard “Che” Dyton, Darnell Patton, Tanya Jackson-

Jeffcoat, Kelly Jackson, Shawn Henderson, Da-Kevis Gardner, Leonard Owens, Tyra Chapman, Malik Johnson, Ayesha Gatson-Hall, Kysha Davis, Dashanae Meads, Stephanie Nothlind, Laverne Sutton, and a host of loving brothers and sisters bound by family and lifelong connection.

He was surrounded by a loving extended family, including aunts and uncles with whom he shared lifelong, sibling-like connections. He further leaves to cherish his memory a loving circle of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, teammates, classmates, and lifelong friends, all of whom were touched by his warmth, strength, and unforgettable spirit.

Though he may no longer walk among us physically, the light he carried continues to shine through every life he touched.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gore Funeral Home  
1910 Lancaster Ave  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(302) 274-2960

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marty Mar that's what I called him and he called me MC. So many memories as kids growing up. Hanging out at parties Tatnal Street Park days. And you don't think that a day like this is sure to come. Rest well Marty Mar you will always be remembered respected and loved. My sincere prayers and condolences go out to the Family. Rest well Marty Mar~ A friend indeed.* 💔🙏💔

Mary - March 26 at 05:05 PM

JC

“ *Marty heads,  
You will be missed it has been a while since I last saw you. My classmate we graduated together class of 1983 our song was "It's so hard to say Goodbye to yesterday" which is so fitting in this instance. We will miss you rest in peace my friend. LOVE AND RESPECT Jena Carter-Miller*

Jena Carter - March 16 at 02:34 PM

MJ

“ *Monica Jones lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Marty" Rogers*



Monica Jones - March 14 at 11:04 PM

GD

“ *Rest in peace*

Gina Davis - March 14 at 11:37 AM

NS

“ *My condolences to the entire family. Rest in Heaven Wildcat.*

Natalie Stephens - March 12 at 07:57 PM

AN

“ *Marty my man .. you will be truly miss, every time we saw each other or hung out . You will always say what we doing show Poe!!! Rest easy good brother. You always kept a big smile on your face*



Antoine - March 12 at 06:55 PM

FS

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family in their time of bereavement may God bless you all keeping you in my heart and prayers*



Felecia Smith - March 11 at 06:08 PM

HG

“ *Howard Govens lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Marty" Rogers*



Howard Govens - March 10 at 01:24 PM

MD

“ *My condolences and prayers to the Rogers Family, Rest on Wildcat HCC for life.* ”



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**MRS DAWN CARR DANIELS** - March 09 at 07:53 PM

CF

“ *Crystal Flowers-Saunders lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Marty" Rogers* ”



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**Crystal Flowers-Saunders** - March 09 at 10:54 AM

C-

“ *Carolyn Hubbard -Parrish lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Marty" Rogers* ”



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**Carolyn Hubbard -Parrish** - March 09 at 09:52 AM

MM

“ *Marquita Matthews lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Marty" Rogers* ”



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**Marquita Matthews** - March 08 at 12:54 PM

MW

“ *Michael Waterman lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Marty" Rogers*



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**Michael Waterman** - March 07 at 01:08 PM

KE

*Love you „marty always y.our little brother kevis „*

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**Kevis** - March 11 at 09:55 PM