



## Quteta E. Rodgers

October 29, 1954 - January 6, 2026

Quteta Elizabeth Rodgers, 71, of Kankakee, passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at her home.

She was born October 29, 1954, the daughter of Martin Luther and Quteta Elizabeth Rodgers. She was a long-time teacher at Kankakee Area Career Center and former volunteer at the Pregnancy Resource Center. She was a member of the Bourbonnais Church of Christ. She belonged to a local senior group and was very active in her church. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandson. She also loved to travel and read.

Quteta is survived by her sons, Lejon (Briana) Shepard and Shannon (Ursula) Shepard; brother, Noel (Ann) Rodgers; grandchildren, Dominique Shepard (Wells), Jonah Shepard, and Gabriel Shepard; great grandson, Terrell Wayne Love-Wells; aunt, Sandra Jones, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Charles Gordon Rodgers, Deitrich Von Rodgers, Edward Timothy Rodgers, James Allen Rodgers, Martin Rodgers, and Victoria Carol Rodgers.

Services are private.



# Tribute Wall

TM

“ Thinking of you, Chris M. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Quteta E. Rodgers.



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Thinking of you, Chris M. - January 24 at 02:38 PM

MD

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of an incredible CNA nursing instructor who made a lasting impression on me from the moment I met her a couple of years ago. She was more than a teacher. She was a guide, a motivator and a friend. Her positive influence will continue to live on through every student she taught and inspired. May her family, friends, and all who loved her find comfort in knowing how deeply she was appreciated. She will truly be missed. Rest in peace, Q!

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Marissa Dunn - January 23 at 06:12 PM

MB

We loved Q. We met her as a customer of ours at 5th Ave. car wash. She was such a sweet lady. She loved the lord, and is now with him. I'm so happy I saw her at the store less than 2 months ago and we hugged. A hug goodbye, until we see one another again. God bless her family.

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maryann & brian bertsch - January 27 at 02:54 AM

SL

“ Quteta or Q as I knew her was a most engaging and loving woman. She was my daughter's, "second mom"" and the best of friends to Ursula and the two young men, her grandsons Jonah and Gabriel. She was there when I could not always be. Her generosity ranged from carnivals to cruises when she traveled and constant visits when my daughter was very ill. She will be greatly missed by myself and remembered with deep love and gratitude for all that she was.

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**Susan Lohse** - January 21 at 09:27 PM

MQ

“ I was so heartbroken to hear of your passing. You were such an important part of my healthcare journey. You saw something in me before I saw it in myself, and your encouragement is a big reason I chose the path I'm on today. Ms. Rodgers, "Q" was a truly special educator who made a lasting impact on so many students. She created a classroom where we felt seen, encouraged, and capable, and she poured her heart into teaching and caring for each of us. I will always remember her warmth, her compassion, and the way she called us her 'sunshine class.' The lessons she taught went far beyond the classroom and will continue to live on through all of the students she inspired. My heart goes out to her family and everyone who loved her. I feel fortunate to have meet her and been one of her students. She will be deeply missed!



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**Morgan Quick** - January 21 at 10:29 AM

SQ

“ She was such a inspiration to me in my nursing career and gave me motivation. Every time I saw her even at the store she was a friendly loving face!



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**Sarah Quick** - January 21 at 09:50 AM

MM

“Q" one of our boomerangs of KACC! We had so much fun working with you, going to Springfield every year, going to Flight 102 on girls night! Then there was sewing classes and working/teaching all through COVID. Love you my Dear friend. I can't believe you are gone but I know you are in the arms of our Savior. You are certainly going to be missed. Until we meet again my beautiful friend.

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**Marla Miller** - January 20 at 10:33 PM

EG

“ I was a student of Mrs. Q's. She taught me to always get in there and to not be afraid. She was the toughest but sweetest CNA instructor. Thank you for all you have done, we appreciate you so much. Rest easy now, and know you did so well. ❤️ My condolences

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**Emily Gutierrez** - January 20 at 09:59 PM

BK

“ Being a student of Q's and then being an instructor with her was an absolute honor. We miss her dearly at KACC.

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**Brianna Koskinas** - January 20 at 05:12 PM

SJ

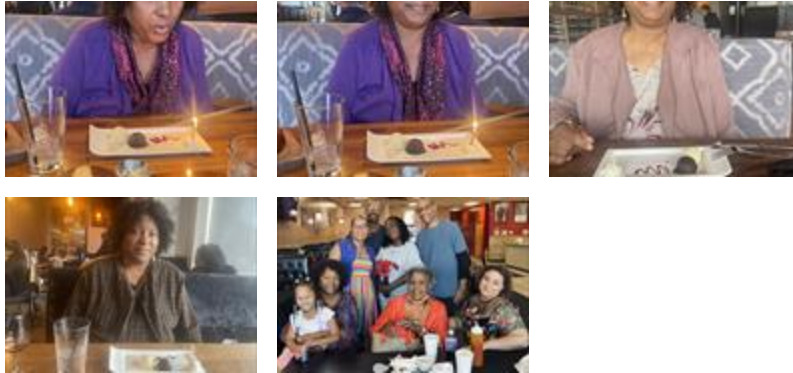
“ Princess, my Dear Sweet Niece,  
I already miss you! You were more than a niece to me , but my little sister with big ideas. You grew from a little girl who liked eating a stick of butter to a BRILLIANT nurse and instructor teaching future nurses. 🙌🙌🙌 I have always been so proud of you. You loved and cared about all the family, especially in illness. I enjoyed so much our annual coming together to dine and celebrate your birthday which gave opportunity for hugs, kisses, and loving conversation. You filled my heart by periodically showing up at my church traveling from Bourbonnais to Chicago so we could worship together. I was blessed to have your love, and I will always remember and love you. My peace and comfort comes from knowing how deep your faith and trust was in God and Jesus, our Savior, has transitioned you into His presence. I appreciated you sending me bible scripture, and the last verse you sent me was John 1:12.  
Love you, Auntie Sandy❤️

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Sandra Jones - January 20 at 01:47 PM

SJ

“ Princess, my dear sweet niece. You have been a Blessing to me and the entire family. You have been more than a niece ,but you have been my little sister! You have grown from the little girl who enjoyed eating a stick of butter ☐ to a BRILLIANT nurse and teacher instructing future nurses. 🙌🙌 I have always been so proud of you! I loved our annual coming together to celebrate your birthday which was full of hugs, kisses and much loving conversation. I enjoyed you sending me Bible scriptures. On some Sundays you surprised me coming to my church, all the way from Bourbonnais to Chicago that filled my heart. I was so Blessed to have your love, and I will always love and remember you! ❤️ My peace and comfort comes from knowing how deep was your faith in God and Jesus, our Savior, that has transitioned you into His presence. The last bible verse you sent me was John 1:12.



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**Sandra Jones** - January 20 at 01:19 PM

JO

“ My grandmother was a private but caring and giving woman. She took no disrespect nor wooden nickels as she always loving put it. As a grandchild she made sure I was not only taken care of but had wonderful experiences, beautiful travels to Las Vegas, Jamaica, Oklahoma, Springfield and more. She cared and loved her family deeply and will be greatly missed for long to come. I love you Grandma and I'll miss your smile everyday.

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**Jonah** - January 20 at 11:15 AM

NC

*Oh Q you were the best friend we had so much fun going to Noels Ark. Couldn't ask for a better room mate. We'll miss you but we know your in God's hands. Love ❤️ you Q.*

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**NANCY COMBS** - January 20 at 11:40 AM

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*Our Bradley Bourbonnais Senior Club was blessed the day Q joined us . Her presence will be sadly missed.*

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**Armeline McCawley** - January 20 at 05:12 PM