

Will Rogers in Death as Simple as in Life

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HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 21.—Plain blue suit, soft white shirt, black bow tie—a simple bronze casket. In death as in life, no ostentation will be Will Rogers'.

The beloved cowboy humorist and philosopher, crushed to death with Wiley Post in a Northern Alaska plane crash, Wednesday lay in the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Chapel, as friends waited for the arrival from the East of his family to complete arrangements for his funeral Thursday.

Mrs. Rogers, with the children, Mary, James and Will Jr., are due late today. They probably will be taken directly to the Memorial Park Chapel to view the body and decide

on several important details of the funeral services.

Simplicity, the mark of Rogers' life despite his hobnobbing with potentates and princes, will be carried out in his last honors.

At 7 o'clock Thursday morning the casket will be moved from the chapel to the shade of a big tree in the Memorial Park, a tree hard by a lily pond where the thousands of friends and acquaintances of the kindly homely philosopher will be

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Fort Worth Flags to Be at Half Staff for Rogers Funeral

Flags will fly at half staff over Fort Worth during the funeral of Will Rogers Thursday.

The City Council voted unanimously to lower the flag on city hall and to ask that flags on all other buildings be flown at half mast.

It also appointed Mayor Jarvis, City Manager Fairtrace and the legal department to draft a suitable resolution to be spread on the minutes of the council and forwarded to the Rogers' family.

Incorporated in the same motion offered by Councilman Harrell, and seconded by Councilman Murphy, was a resolution that should the bond issue carry that part of the Texas Centennial Stock Show plant be named as a memorial to Rogers. In offering his motion, Harrell declared that Rogers was a great friend of Fort Worth and had done much for the city.

The chimes of First Methodist Church will be played at 4 p. m. Thursday in memory of Will Rogers, whose funeral will be held at that time in Los Angeles. Mrs. F. L. Jaccard, official chimer, will play a five minute toll, which will be followed by Chopin's Funeral March and "Abide With Me."

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Rogers SAID -



HOLLYWOOD, Cal.,
April 1, 1931.—We
are becoming so hard-
ened and used to about
any misfortune and bad
luck that comes along,
that it takes a mighty

big calamity to shock all this country
at once, but, Knute, you did it.

Just as you have come from behind
all your life and fooled 'em where they
thought you didn't have a chance, you
did it again. We thought it would
take a President or a great public
man's death to make a whole Nation,
regardless of age, race or creed, shake
their heads in real sincere sorrow and
say: "Ain't it a shame he is gone."
Well, that's what this country did,
Knute, for you.

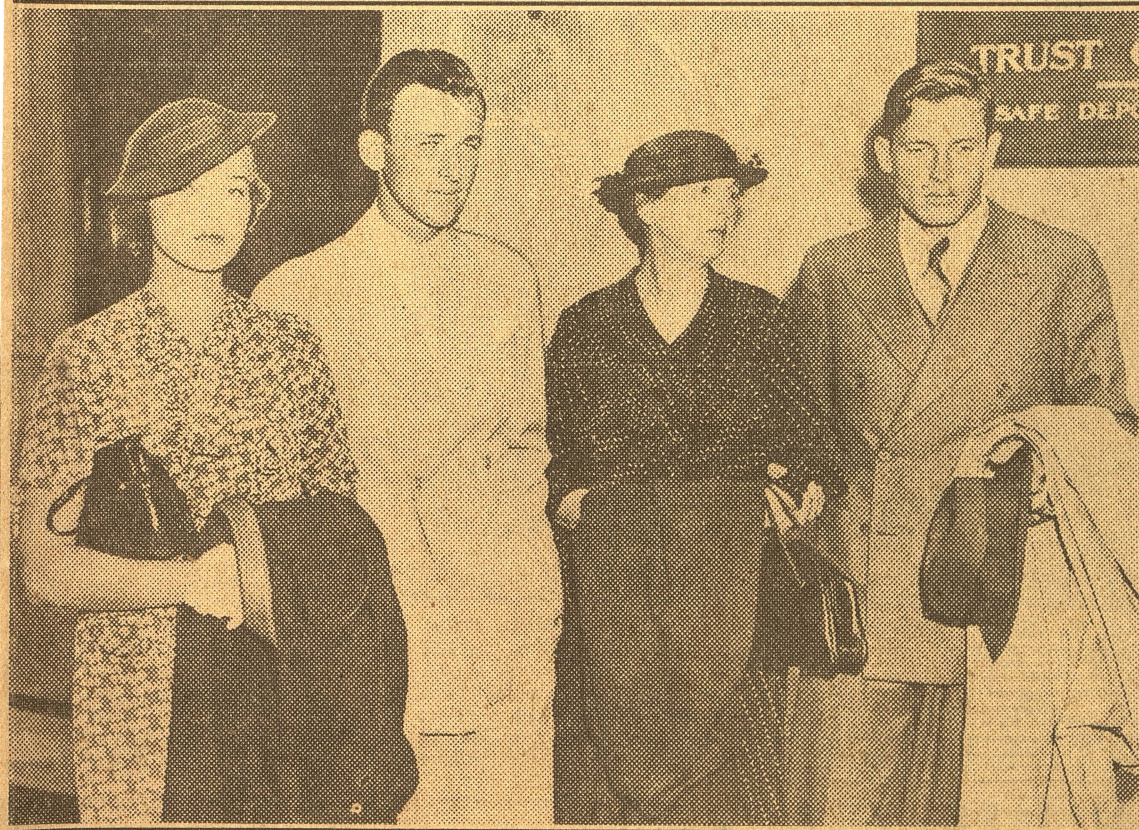
Why, you old bald-headed rascal,
you died one of our national heroes.
Notre Dame was your address but
every gridiron in America was your
home.

Yours, WILL.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Messages with which Will
Rogers delighted readers of The Star-Telegram for
years prior to his death are being selected at ran-
dom and reproduced. This one appeared in the
issue of April 1, 1931, and was requested by Her-
man Jacobs of Beckville, Texas. Messages typical
of his humor and philosophy, will be reprinted.
Readers who recall special ones in which they are
interested or which they regard as especially good,
are asked to send them in or give the dates to The
Star-Telegram.

Family of Will Rogers, Due in Los Angeles Today

—Associated Press Photo—



The widow, daughter and sons of Will Rogers are shown as they left New York to journey westward to Los Angeles, where

funeral services for the world-famed humorist will be held. They are (left to right) Mary and James Rogers, Mrs. Rogers

and Will Rogers Jr. They are due to reach Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon.