

“OKLAHOMA STARS”

Will Rogers



- He's Oklahoma's favorite son. He's one of the most beloved figures in American History. He's the one and only Cherokee Kid.

William Penn Adair "Will" Rogers was an American cowboy, vaudeville performer, humorist, social commentator and motion picture actor.

- **Birth Name:** William Penn Adair Rogers
- **Nickname:** Will
- **Famous Tagline:** "I never met a man I didn't like."
- **Birth Date:** November 4, 1879
- **Birth Place:** Oolagah, Cherokee Nation (Oklahoma)
- **Death Date:** August 15, 1935
- **Death Place:** Point Barrow, Alaska
- **Burial location:** Will Rogers Memorial, Claremore, Oklahoma
- **Hair color:** Dark brown
- **Eye color:** Blue
- **Occupation:** Actor, Author, Humorist, Pundit



- **Married:** Betty Blake on November 25, 1908
- **Children:** Will Jr., Mary, Jim, Fred
- **Favorite animal:** Horse
- **Favorite horse:** Soapsuds
- **Favorite activities:** Flying, reading
- **Nickname:** "The Cowboy Philosopher"
"Oklahoma's Favorite Son"

"...Will can't help being funny no matter where he happens to be. His humor isn't the artificial kind that you can put on and take off like a coat. He's just himself. He's always himself. He doesn't try to be funny. He just is."

--Betty, Will Rogers' wife

- "I think reality is the most important ingredient in Will Rogers' humor. Unlike most humorists, he seldom told 'tall tales' about how-the-roof-fell-in-when-cousin-Zeb-was-sparkin'-in-the-parlor-and-the-bull-climbed-in-the-second-story-window-when-the-fire-department-arrived. When Will Rogers tells a story . . . the details may wander around a bit, but the basic events are as they actually occurred. He invented the gags, never the situation."

--from Will Rogers, Jr



“He was a compassionate man; he was always pleasant, he was always kindly. That is the key word--kindly!”
-- actress Peggy Wood.

"He was unique. Will Rogers had a way of slapping you, while he picked you up. That is a great art, and Rogers certainly was great."
-- actor Lew Ayres.



"His humor and his comments were always kind. His was no biting sarcasm that hurt the highest or the lowest of his fellow citizens. When he wanted people to laugh out loud, he used the methods of pure fun. And when he wanted to make a point for the good of mankind, he used the kind of gentle irony that left no scars behind it."

from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

