



Carolyn Sylvia Rogers

January 17, 1941 - August 15, 2025

Carolyn Sylvia Rogers, 84, of Huntersville, NC, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 15, 2025. She was born on January 17, 1941, in Carrollton, Georgia, to the late Silas and Lucy Belle Earnest. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband and partner in life, Donald Rogers.

Carolyn was a person of many gifts-smart, passionate, and endlessly creative. She lit up every room she entered with her radiant smile and infectious laugh. Fiercely devoted to her family, she also cherished the lifelong friendships she cultivated around the world.

A natural artist, Carolyn expressed her creativity in countless ways. With remarkable skill as a seamstress, she could fashion outfits with just a sewing machine and a vision. She created intricate knitted designs-sweaters, scarves, purses, and more-and her talents extended to painting, with a special love for the folk-art tradition of Bauernmalerei. She was also a wonderful cook, delighting family and friends with her meals made with love.

After earning her degree in education from Auburn University, Carolyn began teaching science and home economics in Columbus, Georgia. Not long after, her adventurous spirit carried her across the globe when she joined the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, accepting a teaching position in Okinawa. It was there she met Donald, the man who would become her husband and life companion. Together they embraced a life of exploration and service through education.

In the late 1960s, Carolyn and Don relocated to Germany, where they both

thrived as teachers for more than 36 years. Their time overseas was filled with rich experiences, extensive travel throughout Europe, enduring friendships, and the joy of welcoming their daughter, Jennifer. Carolyn and Don remained in Germany until their retirement in 2002, when they settled in Huntersville, North Carolina to be closer to family.

Though a dedicated and inspiring teacher, Carolyn's proudest roles were those of mother and grandmother. She adored her daughter and treasured every moment with her two grandchildren.

Retirement opened new chapters for Carolyn. She joined The Lucky Stars, a senior line dancing troupe that went on to win numerous awards and gold medals. She rekindled her love of knitting, becoming active in local knitting circles, and enjoyed the cultural richness of Charlotte's symphony and theater alongside Don. Together, they also deepened their faith as active members of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Mooresville.

Those left to cherish Carolyn's memory include her loving daughter, Jennifer Marshall, and son-in-law, Enrico; her sisters, Dorothy Earnest and Lynda Fanning; and her beloved grandchildren, Olivia and Benjamin Marshall. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 164 Fairview Road, Mooresville, NC 28117.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Carolyn's St. Patrick's Church family and her friends near and far for the love, care, and friendship they showed her throughout her life. She loved you deeply, and her family loves you in return.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is proudly serving the Rogers family. Condolences may be shared at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
164 Fairview Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall

EE

“ Elizabeth E. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.

Elizabeth E. - October 09, 2025 at 10:19 AM

RD

“ Ruth DeHart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.

Ruth DeHart - October 06, 2025 at 10:39 AM

KA

“ Kay purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.



Kay - October 02, 2025 at 11:13 AM

KA

“ Kay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.

Kay - October 02, 2025 at 11:13 AM

CT

“ Carolyn, Mark and Ted purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.



Carolyn, Mark and Ted - October 02, 2025 at 11:07 AM

CT

“ Carolyn, Mark and Ted planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.

Carolyn, Mark and Ted - October 02, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.



October 01, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.

October 01, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.



October 01, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Sylvia Rogers.

October 01, 2025 at 09:17 AM

DQ

“ Both Carolyn and don were great friends, great colleagues, great people, and a great family.

I was terribly sad to hear of Carolyn’s (and Don’s) passing, as were my daughters, Raimi and Kari, both of which we learned from Tom and Sue Snyder.

Over the 21 years I was at RMAB, I taught with Carolyn and Don, and knew them well. I want to remember the great times we spent together on the 8th grade team with Carolyn and the fun volleyball times with Don.

They will not be forgotten. I was thankful that I’ve made it to 81, and I’ll always remember the Rogers’ family as the wonderful people they were.

Jennifer –We hope you and your family are well—healthy and happy aside from your parents’ passing. I was reviewing old photos from ‘85 and ‘86 yearbooks...remembering the Project Bold you were on was the year we had to break a hole in the ice at the dip pond to do run and dip. And I remember you were on our Austrian ski trip to Kirchdorf that year as well. Please let me know how you are...we’d love to send you a Christmas card as we did to your parents for most years until we lost track.

*With deepest Sympathies, and heartfelt love,
Dennis and Alesia Quiton*

Dennis and Alesia Quiton - August 31, 2025 at 05:53 PM

KA

“ *I was lucky enough to have been taught by both Mr and Mrs Rogers in 1972. It is because of Mr Rogers I developed a love of history that I carry even today at 67! I have fond memories of both of them and will never forget them or their kindness. They were amazing people and I’m so sorry for their daughter’s loss.*

karen Adkins - August 22, 2025 at 08:24 PM

MI

“ I thoroughly enjoyed taking Mrs. Rogers' Home Ec class for two years ('80-'82). She was a very caring and warm human being. I'm very sad to hear of her passing.

Michele - August 21, 2025 at 04:11 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear about both Carolyn and Don Rogers. My sister and I had a pleasure of having both of them as teachers back in 1978 - 1980. Marie Elaine Sells and I, Catherine Sells, are very thankful that we shared a couple years of our lives with them. We reminis often back on those days and remember both of them each time! Our deepest condolences to the family!



Catherine Sells - August 20, 2025 at 08:25 PM

JA

“ Caro was my traveling, shopping, crafting companion, We even conquered Amtrak. I will miss her natural happiness and enthusiasm ! She made my retirement fun!

Jackie Ashton - August 20, 2025 at 07:18 PM