

## Donald Alexander Rogers

August 4, 1942 - November 17, 2024

Donald Alexander Rogers, 82, of Huntersville, NC passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2024. He was born on August 4, 1942 in Woburn, MA to the late Theodore and Catherine McDonald Rogers.

Donald was an incredibly intelligent and loving human being. He was quiet and kind and caring. His altruistic nature is what drove his sense of service to others and his innate ability to empathize with others in a manner that was always welcoming and non-judgmental.

Donald was an amazing junior high school teacher. He genuinely loved teaching to children who were in the throes of adolescent transformation and the trials and triumphs of self-awareness. While he began teaching in Massachusetts it was when he made the gutsy decision to join the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, that he truly launched a distinguished career in education that initially sent him to Okinawa. It was in Okinawa that he met and fell in love with his wife, Carolyn, who was also a teacher. After they married, Donald and Carolyn moved to Germany where he left an indelible mark on so many who he taught and worked alongside.

Donald lived and taught in Germany until he and Carolyn retired in 2002. He settled in Huntersville, North Carolina to be closer to his daughter and his two grandchildren. While he was an amazing teacher, he was an exceptional father and grandfather.

Donald was passionate about music, art, books, and history. He could be intensely moved by a musical score performed at the symphony and equally

thunderstruck by quality rock and roll. He found old books to be historical treasures to be loved and appreciated. He was pretty competitive and loved the challenge when he was dealt that great hand in Bridge.

To see true joy, was to see Donald spend time with his wife, his daughter, grandchildren and son-in-law at the beach. He has always found peace in the time he spent wading into the water. It is the belief that moments spent at the ocean, soothed his soul and was a time where he felt closest to God.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, James J. Rogers; sisters, Margaret McLaren, and Virginia Lavoie.

Those left to cherish Donald's memory are his loving wife, Carolyn Earnest Rogers; daughter, Jennifer Marshall, son-in-law, Enrico Marshall, sister, Kathleen Govoni; grandchildren, Olivia Marshall and Benjamin Marshall.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM, Saturday, December 14, 2024, at St. Patrick's Church, 164 Fairview Road, Mooresville, NC 28117.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to his St. Patrick's church family, his wonderful Birkdale Village neighbors and community, and his friends from near and far for their unyielding support of and care for Donald. He loved you and we love you.

Cavin-Cok Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Rogers family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

DEC **14**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ Lynn A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Alexander Rogers.

Lynn A. - December 14, 2024 at 12:43 PM

TC

“ Tommy C. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Donald Alexander Rogers.



Tommy C. - December 13, 2024 at 11:30 AM

TC

“ Tommy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Alexander Rogers.

Tommy C. - December 13, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Alexander Rogers.



December 12, 2024 at 02:01 PM



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

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“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Alexander Rogers.

December 11, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Betty Earnest purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Donald Alexander Rogers.



Betty Earnest - December 11, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ Larry still talks frequently about the trip he made with Don to Moscow a long time ago. We have incredibly fond memories of our time with Don and Carolyn, and our kids together in Germany, as well as our visits later in life. Don and Carolyn were some of our closest friends we have treasured through the years. We love them both and will miss Don very much. Our condolences and love are extended to the entire Rogers family, especially Jennifer. May all of Don's family find peace and comfort. Wish we could be there with the family.

With great love, Jean and Larry Bennett

Jean Bennett - December 11, 2024 at 11:40 AM

NQ

“ Mr. Rogers was my history teacher when I was in eighth grade. I was sent to Germany in 2000 to live with my aunt because I was making bad choices in the states. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were so kind and caring and I know that because of him I was able to join avid. He saw something in me that I didn't see in my self. He was kind, helpful, and understanding, especially to a lost adolescent. I've always wondered all these years about him and Mrs. Rodger's. I'm happy to read about his amazing life and retirement. May he rest in peace. And may his family find comfort in knowing what a wonderful impact he made in so many students life's especially the ones that were often times difficult and overlooked.

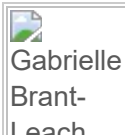


Natasha Quitoriano-Paredes - December 10, 2024 at 10:49 PM



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

December 10, 2024 at 05:56 PM



“ There are very few people that you meet in your life that have a profound impact and Mr Rogers was one of those individuals. He was one of my teachers at Rhein Main Halvorsen Tunner Middle School. I had both Mr and Mrs Roger's as teachers and both have left an imprint in my heart. Not only did they teach me and my sister but also my mom when she lived there in the late 60s early 70s. I remember his white button down shirts and cowboy boots. May he rest in peace 🙏

Gabrielle Brant-Leach - December 10, 2024 at 05:03 PM

KA

“ Kay purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Alexander Rogers.



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**Kay** - December 10, 2024 at 03:32 PM

KA

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

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**Kay** - December 10, 2024 at 03:32 PM

CA

“ Carolyn and Tom Alessi purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Donald Alexander Rogers.



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**Carolyn and Tom Alessi** - December 10, 2024 at 03:25 PM

CA

“ Carolyn and Tom Alessi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Alexander Rogers.

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**Carolyn and Tom Alessi** - December 10, 2024 at 03:25 PM

TF

“ *The Angel family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Donald Alexander Rogers.*



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**The Angel family** - December 10, 2024 at 02:49 PM

BF

“ *Mr Rogers was the best teacher I had in my time at Tunner JHS at Rhein Main. I still tell my kids about him. I still have the note he wrote me about the importance of history and to keep pursuing my goals. He fueled my love of history and I thank him for that. An all around good person. My condolences to all the family.*

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**Bryan Frederick** - December 10, 2024 at 09:32 AM

SM

“ *To sit in Mr. Rogers' history class was an absolute privilege. I remember the chalkboards, the note taking, and the passion of so many lessons at Halvorsen-Tunner. I remember never really needing to open a textbook except maybe to look at a map or some other visual because all of the information came from him. He was brilliant, firm, and yet so compassionate. My thoughts are with Mrs. Rogers (whom I also had the privilege to learn from) and the rest of the family. May you take solace in knowing how many lives he touched.*

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**Stephanie Marshall** - December 09, 2024 at 10:56 PM

SJ

“Wow, this is a hard pill to swallow. Mr. Roger’s was definitely a favorite!!! He made learning so fun at Halverson-Turner Middle School in Rhein- Main, Germany. His class was definitely one that I looked forward to going to, and I positive my classmates felt the exact same way. I’ve always wondered where He and Mrs. Roger’s moved to after Germany. Such a great man, and he will be terribly missed.

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**Shelania Johnson** - December 09, 2024 at 10:52 PM

RL

“Mr. Rogers was an amazing teacher, I still talk about him and Mrs. Rogers and their loving methods they used to teach their courses. Oh, what a treat it was if Mrs. Rogers told your team that YOU got to bring a snack (home ec shake) to Mr. Rogers upstairs. And, his methods are some I look to today still when teaching my own classes. Condolences to his family, he touched so many hearts. Thank you forever.

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**Ragan Pelletier Loggins** - December 09, 2024 at 10:00 PM

BM

“Class of 1975, I had Mr Roger’s for history at Rhein Main Jr High in Germany. Carolyn Rogers was also one of my teachers. I have treasured the images I carry with me of both. I remember the staged performance to teach us about eye witness. And, if only I could say thank you. Xenophobia, Mr. Rogers, I never forgot the passionate explanation about xenophobia. Lessons we students carried through life. Thank you. - Barbara Swalley Mohon

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**Barbara Swalley Mohon** - December 09, 2024 at 09:27 PM

B(

“ *Mr. Rogers was my favorite teacher at Halvorson-Turner, probably a common sentiment amongst the students he taught. He had a positive impact on my life as a moody adolescent when I was having a hard time as a military brat, with my friends moving away so often. He truly cared about people and their well-being and wanted his students to thrive. I always looked forward to his classes. He will be missed, but his lessons will live on. Thank you Mr. Rogers!*

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**Beth Belt (Waldner)** - December 09, 2024 at 08:15 PM

AF

“ *He was one of my all-time favorite teachers at Turner Junior High. I loved how he taught about the monarchy. His storytelling was better than any soap opera on television! He is a huge reason why I have been a middle level teacher for the past 26 years. "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." - Henry Adams*

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**Amy Frank** - December 09, 2024 at 07:34 PM

KA

“ I had Mr. Rogers for two years at Halvorsen-Tunner EMS. One of my core memories that I think about often was a day when we were being a little rowdy in class. We were definitely not paying attention and he was not having our debauchery that day. In fact, he got so upset, that he made us all walk out of the classroom to the parking lot behind the school that backed up to the preschool. And he made us watch them play. When he let us go back in, he very gently and calmly told us that we were once as curious and eager to learn about the world and that we should always remember that. That's always stuck with me. He was one of the most influential people I've ever met. He genuinely cared about each and every student and made sure we knew it every day. I'm praying for comfort for his family.

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**Katu** - December 09, 2024 at 07:08 PM

TL

“ Mr. Rogers was my very favorite teacher, not only at Rhein Main Jr High but of all my teen years. His love of history was infectious. I'll never forget when he taught us a lesson on eyewitness accounts by having two people storm through the classroom waving a bat and yelling...once we all recovered from the shock he had us write down what we had seen. The variation in our accounts drove his point home as no reading or lecture could have done. I also remember babysitting for Jennifer and Mrs. Rogers delicious brownies! I have thought of Mr. Rogers often through the years and am glad to know he lived a long and happy life...although I'm certain not long enough for the loved ones he leaves behind. My sincere condolences and love to Mrs. Rogers and the family. May he rest in peace in the arms of the God. ❤️. Teresa Loschke Class of '78

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**Teresa Loschke** - December 09, 2024 at 06:25 PM

BG

“ *Becky (Marshall), Grill lit a candle in memory of Donald Alexander Rogers*



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**Becky (Marshall), Grill** - December 09, 2024 at 05:11 PM

BM



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**Barbara Swalley Mohon** - December 09, 2024 at 09:28 PM

TL

“ *Rest in Peace Mr Rogers.*

*You made a major influence in my life, view of history and interest in school while at Rhein Main Junior High. Many others have expressed the same.*

*One of the best teachers I ever had.*

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**Thomas Loeppke** - December 09, 2024 at 02:37 PM

MC

“ I just wanted to reach out to say what an incredible difference both Mr. and Mrs. Rogers made in my life. I was a student at Tunner JHS from 86-88, grades 7-9, and I have so many memories from those years and specifically those classes. For one of many of Mr. Rogers' thoughtful assignments I created a mock version of Time Magazine and then went on later in life to work at Time Inc, a dream come true...and I fell in love with cooking and food science, and learned about the rigors of the kitchen, from Mrs. Rogers (our first recipe was a Purple Cow milkshake!), and I then combined my love for journalism and my love for food and cooking into a lifelong career in food magazines. I'm so sorry to hear about this news but it warmed my heart to hear other students talking about what he meant to them, and I'm grateful that I had the chance to learn from both of these amazing teachers. You're in my thoughts.

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**Maile Carpenter** - December 09, 2024 at 12:08 PM

DA

“ I was at RMJH 75-78. Mr Rogers was my history teacher for grades 7-8. He was that one teacher for me, that we all have, that left an indelible mark on my life. History class was “story time” and it came alive. I was one of only two Canadian kids in the school at the time but he made me feel so at home. Might be because my Montreal Canadians took his Boston Bruins 2 years straight! I was truly saddened to hear of his passing. He will be very missed and forever remembered.

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**David Armstrong** - December 09, 2024 at 11:56 AM

MF

“ I didn't know Mr Rogers that well but his wife was my home room and science teacher 69-70 at Rhein Main. Prayers for his family.

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**Mark Feathers** - December 09, 2024 at 09:45 AM

TM

“ *Mr. Rogers taught me at Rhein Main Junior High. He was one of those teachers you never forget. A kind and wonderful man. He was a blessing to all his students.*

Therese McKenzie - December 08, 2024 at 11:11 PM

NA

“ *Don was a caring and gentle neighbor. He was always willing to share his smile and chat. I feel blessed to have been his neighbor and I will miss him.*  
- Norman K. Angel

Norman Angel - December 08, 2024 at 08:20 PM

BS

“ *Don was a much loved friend and neighbor. Always in our hearts.*  
*Bevan and Linda Smith*

Bevan & Linda Smith - December 07, 2024 at 03:04 PM

FG

“ *Frim: Kay Galloway purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Alexander Rogers.*



Frim: Kay Galloway - December 04, 2024 at 10:26 PM

FG

“ *Frim: Kay Galloway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Alexander Rogers.*

Frim: Kay Galloway - December 04, 2024 at 10:26 PM

LT

“ Our most sincere condolences, Carolyn. Some of our best years were those in Frankfurt and the numerous dinners and get together shared with you and Don. Blessings to you and the family. Charlie and Larissa Toth

larissa toth - December 03, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Alexander Rogers.



December 03, 2024 at 12:08 PM



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

December 03, 2024 at 12:08 PM

WJ

“ Sympathy to the family.

William R Johnson - November 29, 2024 at 11:54 AM