



Ronald Rogers

November 13, 1937 - February 27, 2013

Ronald Arthur Rogers, age 75, of Branford, beloved husband of Annette Bourbeau Rogers, passed away peacefully at Connecticut Hospice in Branford, on February 27, 2013, with his family by his side after a brief illness. Born on November 13, 1937 in Springfield, MA, he was one of four children of Raymond and Leona (Robillard) Rogers. Ron and his wife of 55 years, Annette, were married on July 20, 1957. He graduated from Fitchburg Teachers College in 1959 and was a retired Industrial Arts teacher for the Town of Hamden. He received a Master's Degree from Central Connecticut State College in 1969. Ron loved the teaching profession and mentored numerous students into careers in industrial arts and teaching. He was named Hamden Jaycee Educator of The Year in 1961. In 1974 he was named the Outstanding Young Industrial Arts Educator for the American Industrial Arts Association. He traveled to Seattle, WA to receive the award which brought national prominence to the Hamden Board of Education. After his retirement Ron mentored adults who desired a creative outlet in wood working and also designed and built wooden toys for children, including his own grandchildren. Both proved therapeutic to Ron and kept him connected to the profession he loved. Ron was a faithful member of the Knights of Columbus Council 3605 in Hamden and was a member of the 4th degree John Barry Assembly and was a Past Faithful Navigator (PFN). He received the Knight of the Year award in 1994 and 1997 from Carmel Council 3605. In 2003 he was honored by the John Barry Assembly as the Charles Carroll of Carrollton Medalist recipient for his Catholic service and leadership. He was a steadfast and active member of St. Rita Parish in Hamden for 35 years and more recently was a member of St Therese in Branford. Ron was a quiet and humble man of faith and the strength he displayed in dealing with a disability for 35 years was a source of strength for his five children and his eleven grandchildren. Ron will be greatly missed by his family, all who were able to express their love and say goodbye before his passing. In addition to his wife, Annette, he is survived by his loving children, James (Caroline) Rogers of Chattanooga, TN; Ronald (Joy) Rogers and Michael (Kim) Rogers both of New Haven; Kenneth (Sandy) Rogers of Greenwood Lake, NY and daughter Rita-Marie (William) Rossetti of Branford and his former daughter-in-law Emily Koepke of Burlington, MA. Grandchildren: Lauren (Zac) Cavitt of San Diego, CA; Jessica and Jason Rogers of Chattanooga, TN; Christine

(Daniel) Baluha of Laurel, MD; Caroline, Michael and John Rogers all of New Haven, CT; Mark Rogers of Burlington, MA; Georgia and Charlotte Rossetti of Branford, CT; and Paul Ouelette of Greenwood Lake, NY. Brothers Ernie (Joyce) Rogers of Albany GA; Reverend Mr. Francis (Lois) Rogers of East Longmeadow, MA and sister Jeanette Stone of Holden, MA. He was predeceased by sisters-in-law Ann R. Theroux of Florence, MA and Deborah Bourbeau of Southwick, MA and brother-in-law William Davis of Chicopee, MA. He leaves brothers and sisters-in-law James (Gloria) Bourbeau of Hamden, CT.; Michele Bourbeau of Chicopee, MA; Daniel Bourbeau of Southwick, MA. and Michelle Anne Davis of Chicopee, MA. He also leaves many dear nephews, nieces and a long time close friends. Calling hours will be held on March 1, 2013 from 4 to 8 pm at the Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave. in Hamden. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on March 2, 2013 at 12:00 pm at St. Rita Roman Catholic Church on Whitney Ave. in Hamden. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hamden, CT. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made to: Connecticut Hospice Inc. 100 Double Beach Rd, Branford, CT. 06405 or to the Smilow Cancer Hospital, P O Box 1849 Meriden, CT 06508 www.siskbrothers.com

Tribute Wall

RM

“ *My deepest sympathies. Thoughts are prayers are with you at this time.*

Regina Marcus - March 04, 2013 at 08:51 AM

CH

“ *Ron & Family, our deepest heartfelt condolences on the loss of your cherished Dad. May your happy memories help get you through the diificult days, weeks, and months ahead.*

Cliff & Heidi - March 02, 2013 at 10:16 AM

BM

“ *Ron, please know that i am very saddened by your father's passing and that you and your family will be in my prayers during this mournful moment. I know that words are not enough to tell you how everyone feels but please know that we are all there for you. your friend, Bill Morrissey*

Bill Morrissey - March 01, 2013 at 06:49 PM

BR

“ *My deepest sympathies to all of Ron's family and the "extended family" that you so naturally draw together. You are in my prayers and forever in my heart. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being a caregiver for Ron and of being present for you.*

With love and gratitude, Barbara

Barbara Rivellini - March 01, 2013 at 11:24 AM

TF

“ *Dear Rita and Family,
We are very sorry for your loss. Are prayers are with you and your family. Please let us know if you need anything.*

Love, Nancy, Jamie, Ryan & Lauren Kendrick

The Kendrick Family - March 01, 2013 at 09:08 AM

JB

“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayers to Annette and the entire family.*

Jere and Rachel Bradley - February 28, 2013 at 07:00 PM

LW

“ Rita, you have so many beautiful memories of a wonderful man but remember one thing in your heart you always carry his love that will be with you forever love, Lorraine and Bill

Lorraine Wihbey - February 28, 2013 at 06:26 PM

ED

“ We are thinking of all of you asking God to comfort you during this difficult time.

Emily Dickson - February 28, 2013 at 05:12 PM

TT

“ Mike; Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Reading about his accomplishments helped me to realize where you get your talents from. May his memory be eternal! Peace my Brother.

Tim Tassmer - February 28, 2013 at 04:29 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He joined my dad in heaven with God's blessings.

Sherri Criscuolo - February 28, 2013 at 10:09 AM

CT

“ I am so very sorry and sad for your loss. Although I had only met Mr. Rogers a handful of times...He is the type of man that will touch your heart forever. Love and peace to all of you during this time.

Cindy Taylor - February 27, 2013 at 06:14 PM