



Jay B. Rogers

January 21, 1936 - August 5, 2013

Traverse City - Jay B. Rogers, 77, of Traverse City passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 5, 2013 at Munson Medical Center.

Jay was born on January 21, 1936 in Traverse City to the late Lewis and Edna (Zuhl) Rogers.

On July 28, 1956 Jay married Alice B. Pederson in Kewadin, MI. Together they built a thriving contracting business, Jay Rogers Builders.

Jay enjoyed every aspect of his business. The business started with remodeling and grew into construction of numerous beautiful homes and many area industrial buildings. Over the years Jay won numerous awards of excellence for his work. His enthusiasm and love of building continued into retirement when he made several pieces of heirloom furniture for his family. He was generous with his talents, sharing with family and friends.

Jay was a member of the Traverse City Elks Club, the Model T Club, and the Builders Association.

He enjoyed hunting (both locally and internationally) fishing, morel mushroom hunting, and woodworking. Most importantly, Jay enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He will be deeply miss by all who knew him.

Jay is survived by his wife Alice of 57 years, his children Wendy (William Behnke) Rogers, Anne (Douglas) Czarnecki, Nancy (George) Powell, and Lee Rogers, grandchildren Nick Messing, Emily (Jay) Ball, Heather (Scott) Brinks, Jill, Steven and Michelle Czarnecki, Johnathon Tremain, Spencer Powell, and Allison Powell, great grandchildren, Thomas and Lucas Brinks, Norah DeKlein, Carter Ball, a brother Donald (Kathy) Rogers and many other loving family members and friends.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Ruth Hathaway, and his brother, Sonny Rogers.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 from 6-8pm at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 11am on Friday, August 9, also at the funeral home with a visitation held one hour prior to the funeral. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Food Rescue of Northwest Michigan, 2279 S. Airport Rd W., Traverse City, MI 49684 or to the Salvation Army.

Please visit <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com> to share your thoughts and memories with the family. The family is being served by Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Cemetery

Oakwood Cemetery

1325 East Eighth Street
Traverse City, MI, 49686

Events

AUG **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

AUG **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Video Tribute - August 09, 2013 at 09:44 AM



“ Nancy, George, Spencer and Allison,

We were so saddened to hear of the loss of your dear father/grandfather. May all your cherished memories bring you solace at this time of your mourning. Celebrate the life of a great man who was your dad/ grandpa and all that he contributed to your lives.

Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers and may god guide you through this struggle. Thinking of you, Lori O, Dan H., Ryan & Daria

Lori O'Neill - August 08, 2013 at 01:07 PM



“ I consider myself very fortunate to have met Jay. I liked him instantly. That rare quality of a strong man with a kind heart.

A superb example of what all men should strive to be. I truly admired Jay. He left things better than he found them, including me.

Though I miss him, I am forever grateful we were friends.

Michael T. Rust

Jodi Paxton - August 07, 2013 at 04:53 PM



“ To my dear friend Anne,

My heart goes out to you. I so wish I could be there to support you during this time. Please know that I am there with you in spirit, and wrapping my loving arms around you. My condolences to your Mom, sisters, brother, Heather and all your nieces and nephews. So glad you all have each other and Doug to get you through this.

May your Dad rest in peace.

Much love,
Jennifer (Drabek) Ayres

Jennifer Ayres - August 07, 2013 at 04:02 PM



“ Nancy, George, Spencer, and Allison,
We were so sad to hear the news of your beloved Father/Grandfather's passing. We know he was a special man who was loved by so many. May the good memories of him sustain you and bring peace during this difficult time.
In Sympathy, The Hamaty family

Julie Hamaty - August 07, 2013 at 01:37 PM