



Gary A. Rogers

December 21, 2022

Gary Alan Rogers, age 61, of Fort Collins, Colorado passed from this life on December 21, 2022 surrounded by friends and family, after a courageous battle with cancer. Gary was born March 23, 1961 in Grand Junction, Colorado to parents Jesse “Darrell” and Myrna Rogers. He grew up in Denver and graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School. He briefly attended the University of Northern Colorado, but completed his bachelor’s in business administration at Fort Hays State University in Kansas where he also enjoyed playing for the university’s baseball team.

Gary’s work in the non-profit world began in Roswell, New Mexico and continued in Austin, Texas before he returned home to Colorado. While working at the March of Dimes Gary was persuaded to go on a blind date where he met the love of his life, Kathy Hueston. The two were later married on September 24, 1994 in Denver and shortly thereafter settled down in Northern Colorado.

Gary’s mission in life was to make lives better - to make the world a better place. Day-to-day his antics and jokes weren’t limited to just friends and family - they were often aimed at anybody within close proximity, much to everyone's delight. When not coaxing smiles out of strangers, Gary was passionate about entrepreneurship, coaching peers and mentorship for a wide range of people; a natural and driven leader with an abundance of wisdom. He was tireless in

his efforts to foster a caring and loving environment with community and family at its core.

Gary's passion for helping people, led him to work for organizations such as the, The Heart Association, American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes and Otter Cares, where he ran the entrepreneurship program that landed him an invite to the White House. While working in real estate, Gary was most proud of creating a coaching program for Keller Williams that was aimed at coaching aspiring agents.

The Colorado mountains had a special place in Gary's heart. He especially loved fishing despite not catching as many fish as his family, riding ATV's throughout the Rockies and roasting marshmallows around the campfire. He loved everything baseball, enjoyed playing competitive softball into his 40's and most of all loved playing catch with his boys.

There are so many things that we will miss about Gary. He was an immovable rock and a fount of strength for his family. He was as kind to a stranger as he was to his friends. He always had a corny joke or pun at the ready and couldn't wait to unleash them on anyone that he talked to. He worked hard and diligently in everything that he did. He was seldom in a down mood and did his darndest to make sure everyone around him was in good spirits. He was as wise as he was funny and made sure he was there for anyone and everyone who needed him. He was a big personality in every sense of the word but at the same time was the world's biggest teddy bear. Gary's legacy will continue in our hearts and minds as we remember how he tried every day to make a positive impact on someone's life. It could be making a stranger laugh or building up a colleague, those little moments that made a big difference. He was a fantastic friend, brother, husband, and father. And, he will be missed greatly but forever in our hearts!

Gary is survived by his wife, Kathy Rogers; sons Wade Rogers and Tyler Rogers; and siblings, Brenda (Jack) Hansen, Patty (Mike) Moonan, and Debbie Rogers; as well as many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2023 at Windsong Event Center in Severance, CO. The service will also be recorded and shared via a link on his obituary page at goesfuneralcare.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gary's memory to RamStrength.org or Fort Collins Baseball Club.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (MT)

Windsong Estate Event Center
2901 Saddler Blvd
Severance, CO 80524
(970) 686-9690

Tribute Wall



“ Goes Funeral Care & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary A. Rogers



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - January 10, 2023 at 05:52 PM

MD

“ Dear Kathy and the Rogers family,
I was one of Gary's nurses at UCHealth Cancer Care and Hematology. We are all so sad to learn of Gary's passing. We loved to care for him when he was at the infusion center because he made us laugh and smile. There was a day when Gary was receiving an infusion where I witnessed, between the two of you, such an honest moment of love. I think it was a day in November, but I know for certain, Gary was in chair 11 with the sun shining through the window. Gary's legs were stretched out in the recliner as he dozed while he received his infusion. You were reading. Then, you crossed your legs, and your crossed leg touched his leg which made his giant blue- green eyes pop open. With his foot, he started to tap your foot until you looked up at him. Then the two of you, in your own world, just looked at each while tapping each other's foot. I thought to myself, “that is the kind of partnership I want to experience.” You both taught me about commitment, love and devotion in that brief, but so very poignant interaction. I know there was tremendous love between you, and so I hope through the days, months and years ahead, your heart is warmed remembering that love. Sending you a big hug. Sincerely, Monica Dewey, RN

Monica Dewey - January 06, 2023 at 06:13 PM

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“ Aww I'm so sorry to hear this news. Gary was a man of joy and a smile made of gold, I worked with him at OtterBox and always enjoyed seeing him and hearing him talk about the positive ways we all can make a ripple in this world!
You'll be missed Gary, ripple on into heaven and thanks for watching over us all now! XOXO, Nikki Street

Nikki Street - January 06, 2023 at 12:57 AM

RS

“ I have started and stopped, written and erased, edited, cried, laughed and sat quietly thinking about Gary. I am praying for those left behind. They are the ones that will go on. Some times moment by moment other times day by day. I pray for peace when all the world around you has started moving again. I pray for gentle moments that bring you smiles. I pray that you have grace to grieve at your own pace. And I send you all hugs. Love you. Robin Sifers

Robin Sifers - January 04, 2023 at 12:56 AM