



Richard Rogers

March 9, 1942 - August 18, 2022

Richard Rogers, 80, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away naturally in his bed on August 18, 2022. Richard was a tie-dye craftsman, a hippie, an artist, an author, and a veteran,. He was a gentle, kind soul. He was an avid reader and listener of public radio until the end, and passionate about world affairs and climate change. He considered Eckhart Tolle his spiritual teacher and highly recommended the book, “The Power of Now.” He will be greatly missed!

Richard was born to Sherbrooke “Sherry” Yates Rogers and George “Webb” Rogers in Boston in 1942. He grew up on the East Coast and studied English Literature at the University of New Hampshire, where he met his first wife, Charlotte Hutcheson. When he got his draft letter, he enlisted for 3 years and worked as the supply clerk for the Frankfurt Army Hospital and completed his Bachelor's degree from Germany. As a pacifist, he was grateful not to have gone to Vietnam or seen combat. His eldest daughter Lisa was born in Germany during his service in 1968. He was honorably discharged when his tour was completed.

In the early 70s he was living on a small commune in Vermont where he met his second wife, Lynn Crothers. They moved to The Farm in Tennessee, an intentional spiritual community which ended up being the largest hippie “commune” in the country, as did his ex-wife Charlotte with her second

husband, John Gabriel, and Charlotte and Richard's daughter Lisa. While living on the community, he separated from Lynn and later married his third wife, Laurie Caldwell.

In the mid-80s he moved back to the East Coast to be near his mother and family. Richard, as the artist he was, developed new and interesting tie-dye designs. He made and sold thousands of tie-dyes. In 2016, about a year after a major open-heart surgery, his daughter Lisa helped him move to CO with his tie-dye business. Unfortunately, the altitude was challenging for his heart, and he wasn't able to continue making new tie-dyes.

Richard's webpage <http://www.tie-dyes.com/> is no longer active for purchases but still shows off many of his designs.

His book, "How to Tie-Dye Stars" is on Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/How-Tie-dye-Stars-Book-Tie-Dye/dp/1452846278> .

He is survived by his children and stepchildren Teresa, Lisa, Eliza, Jason, George, Alethea, Melissa, and Onawa; sisters Jean Vautour and Gail Rogers; previous wives Charlotte and Lynn; grandchildren Ashley, Alex, Arminius, Ulandus, and Amiyae; and great-grandchildren Armoni and Amora.

Richard was preceded in death by his sister, Janet Myers; stepdaughter Michelle; and previous wife, Laurie, who remained his best friend.

Donations in his name may be sent to GiveWell's Maximum Impact fund <https://www.givewell.org/maximum-impact-fund> or the Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins, CO's "Share the Plate" fund helping local needy organizations-<https://foothillsuu.org/giving/>

The virtual service will take place over Zoom (instructions below) at 2:00 pm MST on Sunday, September 18, 2022. We hope people whose lives he has

touched all over the country will attend wearing vibrant colors for this celebration. We plan to share pictures of his art and tie-dye, favorite music and stories, and have time to socialize in small groups for those who wish to visit with each other.

The Zoom service took place on September 18, 2022 and you can find the recording on the video tab of this tribute page.

Tribute Wall



“ I knew Richard for many years from purchasing so many of my most treasured clothing from him, many I would even buy white and just send to Richard and he would create his magic. I am so deeply sorry to hear of his passing. I hope it was peaceful and he didn't suffer. I talked with Richsrd many many times on the phone and always felt he was my friend, not just my Tie-Dye Guy. I will truly miss him and his update attitude. With all my admiration and love,
Robbie Gorczyca

Roberta (robbie) Gorczycs - March 26, 2023 at 03:31 AM

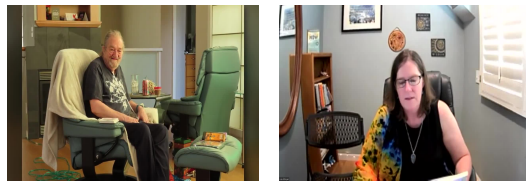


“ Richard Rogers

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



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Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - September 18, 2022 at 08:06 PM

PL

“ I had the honor of working with Richard when his daughter needed to set up some homecare for him. We had a good time watching occasional TV shows together. I learned many things about the tie dye business and other topics from him. He had some very good tie dye designs that were really nice. We discussed some of the radio shows he listened to and I enjoyed seeing the pictures he created. All mixed in during the time I was there to cook and clean and make sure he was keeping up with the things he needed to do to stay healthy. I miss helping him out and the things we did.

Patricia Livengood - September 16, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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“ I worked with Richard for a couple of months on Tai Chi Chih fundamentals. He was not totally into practicing, but seemed to enjoy moving when we were together. We stopped practicing after his heart attack. He was a gentle soul and I feel fortunate to have spent some time with him. Blessed Be Richard.

Doriane Tippet - September 15, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ My son continues to be mostly clothed in Richard's tie-dyes, and that's 19 years now! As the shirts gradually wear out, I shall miss Richard's amazingly high quality, fun clothing. I enjoy a long sleeve shirt for protection during raspberry pruning. My own memory. Richard was always polite on the phone.

Kerri South - September 14, 2022 at 05:04 PM

JV

“ Lisa, my niece, took wonderful care of my big brother. So many memories made with him! Jean Vautour

Jean Vautour - September 13, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Richard, but I know his daughter Lisa. From her selfless devotion & care for him, he was obviously a special man. He definitely raised an incredible daughter! Even if that had been his only accomplishment in life, that alone would earn him a place in the honor roll of humanity.

Linda Jones - September 10, 2022 at 09:52 AM



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Lisa Stroyan - August 27, 2022 at 03:39 PM



I love the pictures you chose, Lisa!

Jean Vautour - September 13, 2022 at 07:02 PM

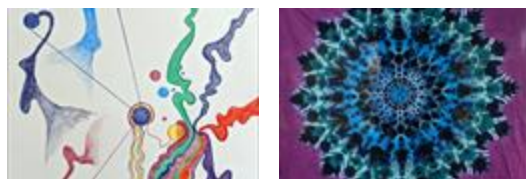


This IS great!

Kerri South - September 14, 2022 at 04:56 PM



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Lisa Stroyan - August 27, 2022 at 03:30 PM