



William James Rodgers

September 9, 1949 - April 6, 2019

Born September 9, 1949 in Vancouver to Lenore (Self) Rodgers and Robert James Rodgers. He attended Camas schools, graduating in 1968 from Camas High School. He married Kitty O'Neil and had two sons, William and Jason Rodgers.

Bill was a volunteer for the Camas Fire Department as a fireman and EMT as well as a member of search and rescue. He also taught as a certified first aid instructor at the paper mill in Camas for many years, teaching many classes before retiring from the mill.

He enjoyed playing golf, hunting, riding the dunes, white water rafting and watching his grandson Jaxsen's sports.

Those who knew Bill know he was a man of few words. He sat with a little smile on his face watching and listening to his family and friends. Enjoying their company, always with a Pepsi in his hand. If you needed him for anything he was always there to help.

Bill fought depression most of his life. After suffering a heart attack in 2018 , which led to open heart surgery, the depression seemed to intensify. Sadly he chose a permanent solution to a temporary problem. Something we will all regret when fondly thinking of him. Bill died on April 6, 2019. He was cremated

at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Placement of his ashes and a memorial gathering to be decided later.

He is survived by his father Robert J. Rodgers of Vancouver; his son's Bill Jr. and Jason (Jennifer), his grandchildren Victoria, Hope, Olivia and Jaxsen; his sister Karen Luton Poellnitz (Chuck) of Ilwaco, WA; brother Don; his aunt Pat Self of Gresham, OR; Jaxsen's mother Lindsay and numerous nieces and nephews and many, many cousins.

Rest in peace father; son; brother; uncle; grandfather & friend. You are loved and will be missed by many.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 04:14 PM

BL

“ CHS Class of 68 will always miss you Bill.

Beth Lathrop - April 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Bill was a nice guy and always had a smile. He will be missed. Hugs and blessings to the friends and family of Bill. Classmate CHS class of 68. Linda Dusenberry Brown

Linda Brown - April 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Bill and the CHS class of '68 grew up together in our little paper factory town. We all have memories of him from childhood to graduation - and beyond. His sweet smile and spirit will remain in my heart and mind forever. My sincere condolences to his family...he leaves a legacy in all of you. Bill, my friend, Rest In Peace.

Judy Carter Barber - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Bill, we will see you on the flip side. You will be missed. You were a great guy. Prayers for your and your family.

Joe Blaschka - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Sending heartfelt hugs to all of Bill's family. He was a sweetheart and I so enjoyed his stories. He will be missed. 💕💕

Bobbi Woodman - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ RIP my friend! You will be missed! You were such a wonderful person and your smile was genuine. I am glad I got to talk to you and see you at the Class of 1968 reunion. My condolences to Bill's family and friends. 🙏💔

Linda Johnson - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My deepest sympathies are with Bill's family and friends. I am sad with you and hope you find solace in the happy memories.... I can see Bill down CHS hallway by the lockers.. smiling.

Chris Sharp Manger - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Bill while attending Camas High School. Always respectful of others, it was clear his family raised Bill well. Across the street from the Eldredge family home at 1415 N.E. 3rd Place in Camas, lived a very sweet elderly woman I affectionately knew as "Mrs Rodgers". My Dad shared with me her son was a famous 50's ballad singer, Jimmy Rodgers. So it was no surprise when I asked Bill if he was related..."yep" he said, with a smile. Looking back, most recently with the CHS 50th class reunion, I had the opportunity to shake Bill's hand and exchange best wishes. Also, a special memory was captured that evening with the recognition of the undefeated, untied 1968 Boy's Pyramid Team. Left to right: Pat Holland, John Phimister, Bill, Carl Amberg, Steve Zimmerman, Doug Johnson, Larry Bancke and Dick Scobba. The excitement the Pyramid Team brought to halftime of the Men's basketball games was uplifting. Without a doubt, it was the crowning moment for the Papermakers boys athletic program in 1968. Bill will be missed, but not forgotten. Dale Eldredge

Dale Eldredge - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My deepest condolences to Bill Jr., Jason, and all of Bill's loved ones. I considered Bill a true friend because I could always count on him for his humorous insight and honesty. Camas / Washougal, Salton Sea CA, and the CHS Class of '68 is an empty place without his wit, his beard, and his muscular motorcycle. RIP, my Brother.



Larry Bancke - April 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a good guy and will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family. R.I.P Bill, Godspeed old friend!*

Gary Vail - April 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM