



John (JW) Rogers

October 11, 2020

John William (JW) Rogers began his beautiful journey into heaven to join many of his departed family and friends on October 7, 2020 just four days after celebrating his 90th birthday with wife, daughter, and two grandchildren. JW's sweet soul and caring heart paired perfectly with his contagious smile and laugh making for a fulfilling and accomplished life.

JW was born October 3, 1930 to Henderson Hal and Zola Brown Rogers in Rowan County. His one brother, Norman Rogers, precedes him in death. After graduating from Richfield High School, he joined the U.S. Navy where he served for four years receiving medals of Honor for commendable conduct and excellence in service.

Following the Navy, JW returned to Stanly County and wed Barbara Yokley Rogers on June 23, 1957. They celebrated 63 years of marriage and was blessed with one daughter, Leigh Rogers Kandzari. Perhaps one of his greatest joys was the blessing of his two grandchildren, Stokes and Will Kandzari who both attend college in Colorado.

JW was employed for forty years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and was a life long member of New Mount Tabor Methodist Church where he served on multiple boards including Church Superintendent. In addition, he was a member of the Richfield Civitan Club for many years holding multiple positions including District Governor.

After Leigh's graduation from UNC-Chapel Hill, JW became an avid Carolina sports fan

and was a member of the Ram's Club for over 10 years. His Tarheel passion even went so far that his beloved friend, Becky Cooper Morris installed a "Carolina Blue" barstool in her former restaurant dedicated to him. JW religiously helped Becky open her grill with his great friend, Roger Huneycutt most weekday mornings at 4:30am where they could sit for hours sipping coffee and chatting with community buddies. Amongst some of JW's other hobbies was his passion for antiques, and he has been regarded as one of the state's most knowledgeable collectors of early North Carolina pottery.

The Rogers' Family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the amazingly wonderful staff at Trinity Place and also acknowledge their forever gratefulness to the Spurgeon Brooks Family for their lifelong love and care. JW's bountiful passion for life will never go unmissed, and his unimaginable persistence for a life abundant will live on many generations to follow.

A private, graveside service will be held Monday, October 19, 2020 at New Mount Tabor Church and will be officiated by Reverend James Allred and Reverend Leslee Wray.

Comments



“ Words are inadequate to describe the character, lifelong integrity and joy JW shared with everyone. Our family was truly blessed to share many great times with Barbara , JW & Leigh.

Bill Mullinix, Jr. - October 13, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Sorry to read of j's passing. Time passes too fast. Barbara, take care.

Doug clayton - October 13, 2020 at 06:57 AM



“ Leigh Ann and Family, it's Tracy Parnell Whitley. Back in the 70's, we were in Sunday School together at New Mt. Tabor Methodist Church. I am saddened to hear about your dad's passing. You and your family will be in my prayers. Praying for God's peace, comfort and strength....Love in Christ, Tracy and. Harold Whitley

Tracy Parnell Whitley - October 12, 2020 at 04:34 PM