

Floyd Dale Rogers

April 25, 1943 - March 30, 2023

Dale Rogers was born in Whittier, California to Lorene Lois and Homer Rogers on Easter Sunday, April 25, 1943. He graduated from Parkway High School in St Louis County in 1961. During the Vietnam War, Dale was drafted and sent to Heidelberg where he was assigned to the 503rd Transportation Company. It was there in Heidelberg, Germany where he met Barbara, who was in her second year of traveling around the world.

After returning to St. Louis, Dale went on to earn a BA from the University of Missouri at St. Louis. He worked as a precision machinist for McDonnell Douglas where he crafted the housing of the "window" in one of the first capsule space shots (which we saw displayed at the Smithsonian Museum in DC.)

When Dale and his wife moved from St. Louis to Ocala, Florida in 1973, he accepted a teaching position at Howard Middle School. His wife became an elementary art teacher at Madison Street and Anthony Elementary Schools. She eventually transferred to Vanguard High while Dale was recruited for Forest High to teach History and spearhead a new drop-out prevention program, SEA-Cats.

Dale was an avid drag racer with his 1969 Vitamin C Orange 383 Road Runner which he bought new off the showroom floor. His lifelong dream of

winning at a National Hot Rod Association event came to fruition in 2006 when he won his first "Wally" trophy (an extremely prestigious award named after Wally Parks, founder of NHRA) at the Cajun Nationals in New Orleans. He did it again, winning a 2nd Wally in 2007 at the Gatornationals in Gainesville. In 2006, Dale also set the official national record in C/S class at a speed of 120.77 MPH with an elapsed time of 11.04 seconds in the ¼ mile.

Dale was showcased in the national magazine, Mopar Action, in an article entitled " Old Man and the C," which referred to the C Class in NHRA that his Road Runner competed in.

Dale is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Barbara Murray Rogers and their two daughters Amy Lorene and Kristin Stephanie.

He is preceded in death by his mother Lorene Lois.

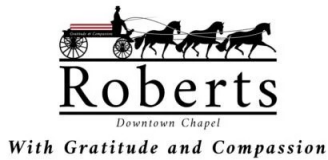
A Celebration of Dale's life and early 80th Birthday Party will be held at Roberts Funeral Home on Saturday, April 8th at 4 PM with friends and family.

Barbara, Amy and Kristin wish to extend their love and gratitude to all.

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Floyd Dale Rogers*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - April 08, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Floyd Dale Rogers*



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NM

Wonderful pictures of a good man! He adored his family!

Nancy C MacDonald - April 11, 2023 at 02:23 PM

KB

“ As tears stream down my face. I guess it's Love I feel.
Dale was my teacher in 7th grade. We became friends also . I didn't have a father, but I had Mr Rogers.
He was the man I could only dream of being.
I loved cars and so did he. He hooked me on drag racing and Chrysler cars . I never realized he was only 20 years older than me .
LOL I guess that mustache. He will be in my Heart until we meet at that golden dragstrip in Heaven.. God's love unto Barbara and the girls. And all the hearts he touched.

Kenneth Brown - September 05, 2023 at 09:06 PM

HA

“ I was very sorry to learn of Dale's passing and wanted you to know that I share in your loss of my good long time friend of more than 60 years. In memory of all the good times we had together.

Hal or Harold Kossman

hal - April 10, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Floyd Dale Rogers.



April 07, 2023 at 07:59 PM

TB

“ Now Dale will continue his famous soup specials with the soup nazi in heaven.

the Burns' - April 07, 2023 at 05:24 PM

AM

“ 9 files added to the album Young Dale



Amy - April 07, 2023 at 09:30 AM

LO

A fine American man. Served his country in US Army, including overseas posts. Family man of real devotion to his five-star and intelligent wife, Barbara Murray Rogers. Proud father to Amy and Kristin, for whom his love knew no bounds. Muscle car enthusiast, especially of Chrysler Corp's golden age. Baseball aficionado, especially the Cardinals.

Gourmet in the purest sense of the term, much to the good fortune of those lucky enough to break bread with him. Possessor of a formidable mind and skillful Trivia competitor. Loyal to his friends, even when that friend may have stood alone, having been ghosted by fake "friends.". Motor cycle vivant of the first magnitude, a pastime shared joyfully with his incredible Barbara. He was well informed and with sharp political acumen. He was American through and through, taking special pride in the Native Americans who formed a goodly portion of his genetic heritage. He and Barbara were both social, and countless parties were held in their beautiful home, and often utilized the lush, tropical pool side area. And the love and sacrifice and expense for the love of Man's Best Friend, the Dog, is in itself the substance of many heart-warming stories.

My life was made richer by being Dale's friend. I realize now, at last, that I am best when taken in small doses, and that my popularity increases in direct proportion to my distance from those totalling my popularity. But not with Dale. He knew me, and liked me anyway.

Rest in Eternal Peace, Jolly Roger 🚩 🏴‍☠️

Lindley Orr - April 08, 2023 at 01:35 AM

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“ Dale was a kind, social, and intelligent man, who loved his wife Barbara Murray Rogers, his two exceptional daughters, Amy and Kristin. He was faithful to his friends, even when it was not to his advantage. He was incapable of deceit or hypocrisy. It was one of my greatest blessings to have known Dale, and the family to which he was totally devoted.

Lindley Orr - April 06, 2023 at 04:25 PM