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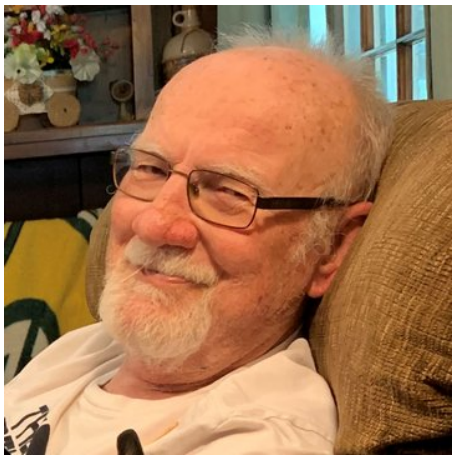

Thomas Frank Rogers

Dec. 1, 1942 - Jan. 13, 2024

Thomas Frank Rogers, 81, slipped away peacefully Saturday, January 13, 2024.

Tom was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin on December 1, 1942 and was the son of the late Estelene Murphy Rogers and Elmer Floyd Rogers.

Tom moved to Morganton, NC in 1963 to establish Carolina Shoe Company alongside his father. Tom wore many kinds of hats during his career at Carolina Shoe but loved his position as Lead Human Resources Representative. After Carolina Shoe was sold, Tom worked at the Employment Security Commission, where he continued his love of helping other in their career. He worked for the Employment Security Commission before he chose to retire.

Don't let his tall presence fool you, he could be stern when needed but was best known for the way he touched the lived of many through his work and compassionate nature. Tom had a profound impact on those around him. His selflessness, kindness, and unwavering support for others are admirable qualities that have a lasting legacy. He loved spending time with his family, gathering around the grill for brats, hunting deer with his friend, Jim, and target shooting at the gun range.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sue D. Rogers; daughters, Tina Rogers Lutz (Eric) and Patricia Rogers Acuff; step-son, Adam Taylor; grandsons, Joseph Acuff (Haley)

Patricia Rogers Acuff; step son, Adam Taylor; grandsons, Joseph Acuff (Haley), Thomas Austin Pewitt, Raymond Taylor, and Hunter Taylor; granddaughter, Lauren Acuff; sister, Kathy Matthews (Ed); and nephews, Tommy Matthews and Eddie Matthews.

There are no services planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (www.pcf.org) to help irradicate this horrible disease that afflicted him and his father.

A special thank you goes out to his two friends that came and checked on him weekly, Jim Powell and Grady Rose.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

This morning Tom was on my mind, I went to check online to see if he was still living n found his obituary. Very sad to hear it has been over a year. I was very fond of Mr Rogers. I first met him when I was 18yrs old he gave me a job at Carolina shoe and later he helped me while he was working at the Employment Security Commission. Such a sweet and caring person. May God continue to comfort his family.

–Marsha Gillen Logan



Blue Candle Praying for you all during this time, Love you all Sue, Raymond, and Hunter. ~April Price~

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Praying for y'all during this time! Love y'all Sue, Raymond, and Hunter -The Harris Family

–Heidi Harris



Tom you will be missed everyday and while you're in heaven tell daddy (buddy) we miss and love him very much



–Lekisha Harris



Prayers for your family

–Judy Wood



THANK YOU TOM MISS YOU FROM THE CAROLINA SHOE DAYS. R.I.P.

–RUSTY

Tom was a good Man and Friend. Worked with him for 28 years. He will be missed.

–Rick Caroway