



## Nancy B. Rogers

June 24, 2013

Nancy Bult Rogers, 75, of Lancaster City, died unexpectedly Saturday, June 22, 2013, while sailing and swimming in the Chesapeake Bay. Nancy was born in Albany, NY, the daughter of the late Ralph Bult and Dorothy Gardner Lewis. Nancy and her husband, Meyric “Myke” Rogers, were celebrating their 50th year together.

Nancy graduated from The Albany Academy for Girls, earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Rochester, and received a Master’s history degree at Northwestern University. For several years she taught unwed mothers in the Lancaster City Schools, after which she ran her own public relations firm, NPR Publicity, and was a member of the University Consortium at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster. Nancy was a member of the Hierophants (a local book club), the Hamilton Club, and a former member of the Lancaster Country Club.

Nancy and Myke were enthusiastic city residents, promoting the many benefits of living in Lancaster. Nancy was a passionate supporter of the arts as a Board member of the Demuth Museum. She was also a founding member of the Downtowners, and on the board of the Lancaster Township Historical Commission. She was also an active member at Saint James Episcopal Church, serving breakfast as part of the Church’s Anchorage program that helps to feed the community’s at-risk population.

Nancy was an enthusiastic and skilled gardener, a talented writer, an inventive cook, and a voracious reader. She was a compassionate friend who had an unfailingly kind and giving nature. She was affectionately known as the “soup lady”, who would be at your door with a pot of one of her uniquely special soups, and a loaf of her delicious French bread, at the first sign of a sniffle or emotional upset. Nancy was a legendary and gracious hostess, who enjoyed bringing together people of different outlooks. She loved sailing – being on the water, camping out in the family boat “SPASS,” watching the sky and the sails, and feeling close to nature.

Nancy was a loving mother to her three children who, with her husband, survive her:

Margot Ocanas, wife of David Ocanas, of Los Angeles; Libby Rogers, wife of Jocelyn Belaud, of Nantes, France; and Colin Kirk Rogers of San Francisco. She also is survived by four grandchildren: Jude, Isabella, Tess, and Oscar; and a large loving contingent of Denver stepsisters and their offspring.

Nancy’s Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013, at Saint James Episcopal Church, 119 North Duke Street, Lancaster. The family will greet friends on Sunday, June 30, 2013, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, 528 West Orange Street (corner of Orange and Pine), and at the Church on Monday, July 1 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be at the Saint James Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Nancy’s name may be directed to Saint James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602, or, in keeping with Nancy’s interest in beautifying Lancaster, flowers or trees may be planted in the city as a living memorial.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy B. Rogers*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Margot,*

*Although we have not seen or spoken for many many years, I was saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. As you will recall, we went to Wheatland Jr. High together and had the same bus stop. For some reason while on Lancaster Online it caught my eye and when I read that she had lived on Woods Avenue for many years I was able to make the connection. I was going to send you a message on Facebook but it doesn't appear that you use the site often. Again, I am very sorry for your loss.*

*Danielle Douple Chamberlain*

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**Danielle Douple Chamberlain** - July 24, 2013 at 09:57 PM



“ *I only had the opportunity to meet my aunt twice.*

*She was a wonderful person. I know she had some struggles, but what a good life had she had.*

*Margot, Libby, Colin and Myke I am sorry she left you so soon.*

*Best Love to You,*

*Cousin Fred*

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**Fred Behnken** - July 13, 2013 at 04:47 PM

JF

“ *Myke, Margot, Libby and Colin*  
*Monica just emailed me of the sad sad news of Nancy's Passing. A huge loss. In my minds eye, I can still see Nancy out back under that huge tree, with lettuce leaves in white bag, swinging water out of the leaves, a great cook and entertainer. A generous and kind neighbour for many years. I may catch up with Colin in SF during the AC.*

*Sympathy to you all*

*Kind regards*

*Jude Copland (ex Frailey)*

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**Jude Copland (ex Frailey)** - July 02, 2013 at 02:05 AM

“ Myke, Margot, Libby, and Colin,

*Tears have been flowing since Tuesday's paper printed the sad news of your wife's and mother's passing. I was a teacher, then the principal at Buchanan Elementary School, and your mother's presence within those brick walls lit up the lives of hundreds of children and scores of teachers. Behind the scenes, teachers secretly prayed to have one of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, because Nancy was known throughout the building to be present in the classrooms and within the school to assist in any way she could. She always had a smile on her face, an idea in her head, a project ready to plan and execute, as well as a set of hands (sometimes a second set if she recruited Myke, which took very little encouragement) ready to delve into any project a teacher would buy into! No one ever turned her away--she was too enthusiastic, excited, or too involved in bettering the educational experiences of our students, to send her away with a no. It was her passion to give all of our kids opportunities they might not otherwise have had. Nancy brightened the halls of Buchanan Elementary with her passion, enthusiasm, love for learning, and fondness for assisting Lancaster City's teachers, parents, and children. No one whose life she touched will ever forget her kindness, her determination, her compassion, or her gift of giving of herself to benefit the lives of those around her, especially the children. The community of Lancaster will miss your wife and mother dearly. But, in God's House, Nancy will do it all over again with the same passion and drive as she did here on Earth. Heaven will be a better place because of her presence there. We will see her again, and when we do, she'll give us a tour, and point to things and explain, "I suggested that!" "I led that group, and look how well they're doing it on their own!" "I love this place, and there's always something for me to start!" "Just like my life was when I was with you."*

*--God Bless you, Nancy! You were any angel before you even arrived in Heaven, and "our" world was a better place because we knew you.*

*--With gratitude, praise, memories and love for a very special "angel*

*on earth," your wife and mother. She will be missed by so many. I feel so blessed to have known her. With sincere sympathy and love to you, and praise, love, and sincere thanks to Nancy,  
Mrs. Debra Leese, retired Buchanan Elementary School Principal*

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**Debra Leese** - July 01, 2013 at 06:54 AM

“ Myke, Margot, Libby, and Colin,

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*many. I feel so blessed to have known her. With sincere sympathy and love to you, and praise, love, and sincere thanks to Nancy, Mrs. Debra Leese, Retired Buchanan Elementary Principal*

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**Debra Leese** - July 01, 2013 at 12:10 AM

KD

“ *Dear Myke,  
Reed and I were so surprised and saddened to hear of Nancy's passing - she was a lovely lady, and it was a great pleasure to have had her in our lives. I still remember when I first met you when you lived at Olde Hickory and I used to baby sit for you, so many years ago, as well as the lovely holiday parties you so kindly invited me to at your home. We send our heartfelt sympathy and prayers at this time, and she will be missed greatly. May her memory be Eternal. With Love and Sorrow, Kathi Kermes-Dixon and Reed Dixon*

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**kathi kermes dixon** - June 30, 2013 at 05:27 PM

EH

“ *Dear Myke and Family,*

*My thoughts are with you all at this time. Nancy was such a loving and kind spirit and had a way of making anyone feel special in her presence. Nancy always had a kind word for me during some of my more difficult times. That meant so much to me. How lucky I feel to have known Nancy.*

*It was so lovely to meet and see your family when your children were all here to celebrate your 50 year anniversary. How nice that you were all together then.*

*You are such a special family.*

*Much love to you all,*

*Elizabeth*

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**Elizabeth Hine** - June 30, 2013 at 02:04 PM

VW

“ Dear Rogers Family and my dear colleague and friend Margot, I send my deepest condolences as you all celebrate the life of such an amazing, loving woman. You are in my thoughts in this solemn time. Sending you all a big hug from LA.

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**Valerie Watson** - June 28, 2013 at 07:48 PM

JL

“ Myke,

*How tragically surprising. My heart and thoughts are so strongly with you at this time of love, loss and reflection. I can't thank you and Nancy enough for being so there for Carole in her long, hard journey ending just a month ago. To a very fine, fun and adventurous lady. Peace to you my friend. Jeff L.*

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**Jeff LeFevre** - June 28, 2013 at 02:47 PM

KF

“ Dear Rogers Family,

*My heart breaks for you and at the same time rejoices for all of us who were lucky enough to know Nancy. What an AWESOME woman and spirit she is. We love Nancy. We love you all, and we send our heartfelt prayers and offer any help we can at this time. God bless you.*

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**Karen West & family** - June 26, 2013 at 12:49 PM

AT

“ Myke, You, your kids and grand kids are in my thoughts and prayers. I was heartbroken to hear of the loss of the Love of your life. I only met Nancy a few times but I instantly saw the love you two shared and the closeness that existed between you two. All your friends and I are here to help you get through this difficult time. I will see you Sunday. Call me any time at 717-951-1822. Your friend Arty.

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**Arty Thomas** - June 25, 2013 at 10:20 PM

DK

“ Clint and I are saddened by Nancy's passing. She will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Myke and family.

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**Donna Kemp** - June 25, 2013 at 03:20 PM

DE

“ Dear Myke, Margot, Libby and Colin,

*Harvey and I were deeply saddened to learn of Nancy's death. Nancy was a friend of many talents and great warmth.*

*We fondly remember your visit to us here on the Vineyard a number of years ago. Years beyond that we remember our children enjoying Margot and Libby through dance, etc.*

*Our deepest sympathy to you all. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days ahead.*

*Sincerely,*

*Debbie Everett*

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**Debbie Everett** - June 25, 2013 at 03:08 PM

CS

“ Myke, I'm so very sorry to learn of your wife's passing. Even though I didn't know her, it's obvious she was a wonderful, intelligent, and giving woman with a heart of gold. My sincerest sympathy to you and your family. Hope to still you at St. James' breakfast offerings after things clam down for you. My prayers are with you and the family.

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**Carol Sears** - June 25, 2013 at 01:52 PM

JU

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Rogers family. I have fond childhood memories of being welcome in the Woods Ave home and playing in the backyard I always enjoyed running into Nancy and Myke at the Fulton. I am very sorry for your loss.

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**Joanna Underhill** - June 25, 2013 at 01:08 PM

CP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Coni Tryon Pell & Bryan Pell** - June 25, 2013 at 10:57 AM

OB

“ Owen and I are so saddened by Nancy's passing. She will be missed by all; a beautiful woman with a gracious heart. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Myke and family.

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**Owen and Molly Blevins** - June 25, 2013 at 06:42 AM

JS

“ Myke - I am so sorry about Nancy. Blessings to you and your family.

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**Judy Sandt** - June 24, 2013 at 03:32 PM