



## Harry "Rog" O Rogers II

January 4, 1949 - March 30, 2024

Harry O (Rog) Rogers II passed peacefully at home on Saturday, March 30, 2024, following a battle with cancer. He was born on January 4, 1949 in Kansas City, MO. His parents were Parker and Helen Rogers of Carthage. Harry attended Carthage schools and graduated from CHS with the great class of 1967. He later graduated from MSSU with a business degree.

In 1969 he married his high school sweetheart Cindy Steele.

He joined the family businesses of MC Jacksons and Ben Franklin. Later he helped establish Harry S Truman Council of Governments and served as Director until his retirement in 2015.

Harry's family included his wife Cindy, two sons, Sam (Allison), Chris (Tracy) both of Carthage. He has one brother Charlie (Chet) and one sister Ann Balfour (Doug). He was very proud of his four grandchildren: Aiden, Ben, Abby and Emme Rogers also of Carthage.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his son Sam.

Harry served one term as Mayor of Carthage from 1986-1990. He later served on the Planning and Zoning Board and the Kellogg Lake Committee. Harry was an Eagle Scout and served as a scout leader for several years. He helped to introduce the youth soccer program to Carthage. A lifelong member of Grace Episcopal Church, Harry served on the Vestry and on various committees. Harry was an avid fly fisherman, spending hours tying flies of all descriptions to catch all the different fish. He spent lots of hours standing in many beautiful streams all over the country, fly fishing.

There will be a memorial service held for Harry at 1:00 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Grace Episcopal Church in Carthage, Missouri. The visitation will be held directly after the service in the commons room of Grace Episcopal Church.

Instead of flowers, please contribute to memorial at Grace Episcopal Church or to MAKO Fly Fishing Club to be used for kids' activities in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Condolences may be posted online at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church  
Carthage, MO

## Visitation

APR 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church  
Carthage, MO

*The visitation will be held after the service in the commons room of Grace Episcopal Church.*

# Tribute Wall

CI

“ Harry had a very sensitive side. There were many moments on the water when I would look over my shoulder and see him kissing a fish and talking to it just before he released it back into its home water. While Carl mostly caught BIG fish, Harry caught many and never bothered to count.

Luann and I shared some great vacations with Harry and Cindy to Gulf Shores and Sanibel Island. Fly Fishing was always a shared passion we enjoyed. Pictures are always worth more than a thousand words.

Harry and I often made road trips to Mountain Home, AR to fish or attend the Spring Sowbug Fly Tying Event. Carl also joined us on one trip. For one trip I made a CD of Truck Driving Ballads and thought Harry would enjoy this particular Country Genre. This turned out to be one of Harry's least favorite music genres. Red Sovine and "Phantom 309" was NOT to his liking. I liked this fact about Harry. He was frank about what he liked and did not mince words when he didn't. He did not suffer fools or foolish thoughts.

As much as we enjoyed each other's presence, we often checked in on each other via texts or phone calls. I never called Harry in the afternoon because I did not want to disturb his afternoon naps. When we shared a room during our fishing or Sowbug trips Harry would often take early evening snoozes while reading or watching TV.

No one takes long road trips without some conversation. Harry was very devoted to Cindy and I witnessed his deep love for her during our talks and our presence. Family was a priority and Sam, Chris and their families were always his pride and joy. His Grandchildren were all precious to him and his pride in their accomplishments was so noticeable.

In closing I'd like to provide one of my quotes and another.

"Fly fishing is a lifelong challenge, to catch big fish and many. To release more than one keeps and to help others enjoy the same

*passion.”*

*“Poets talk about “spots of time,” but it is really fishermen who experience eternity compressed into a moment. No one can tell what a spot of time is until suddenly the whole world is a fish and the fish is gone.” - A River Runs Through It*

*Rest in peace my friend...*



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**Cindy** - April 03, 2024 at 10:07 AM

“ As I Remember Harry

*There are many ways I could share the times and experiences Harry and I have had through the years and this is my brief story of our times together. So with great respect and fondness I shall begin.....*

*One of my first civic encounters with Harry was when he, being Mayor of Carthage at the time, asked me to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board. I really didn't have a good excuse to not say yes, so I took it on and served a couple of years. The issues were mostly squabbles that were easily resolved by common sense and logic. Also, Harry never interfered in any way regarding our decisions. Harry was a great Mayor and served honorably with distinction and dedication to the betterment of our city. Harry gave back to the community in so many ways.*

*As years passed and Luann and I moved to Rogers, AR, Harry and I became dedicated fishing buddies. We shared a common bond with fly rods and flies that we tied. We would meet at Roaring River (RR) and fish then have lunch and fish again. Harry would only fish an hour or so after lunch then head back to Carthage. He would always leave while I was still wading. He never left without saying goodbye streamside. He was a truly devoted friend and I will cherish his friendship forever. We both loved the Winter Catch and Release fishing because of the solitude and absence of people.*

*Carl Daugherty joined us on many occasions to have breakfast in Cassville and then head to RR. One local trip we took with Carl was to the Big Brutus strip pit in Kansas. We met and stayed in Carl's RV.*

*This leads me to another trip/story.....*

*The Three Amigos (Harry, Carl and Jerry) take a long road trip to the San Juan River in New Mexico. This was an awesome trip for me. Harry and Carl had done this trip before, so they had prior*

*knowledge of the area and what to expect. Many fish and many stories... Carl falls in the river when he anxiously wades over to his guide that netted his big trout. I find what appeared to be a bedbug on my bed sheet only to discover that it was a #28 midge. I believe the coolest moment Harry and I had was when we were driving to meet Carl at the Winery down river from our motel. I had loaded my iPod with some classic music, so we piped up the volume to "Going Up the Country" by Canned Heat and sang all the way there. Classic Harry memory and fun time as good friends just "rock out".*

*There are many Harry moments that I will always remember. Harry was a most generous person. On many occasions when we were together or with our wives, Harry would tip over and above the expected limit. He gave unconditionally and with great generosity. One time I observed him taking the waiter aside to ask him how his family was doing. I think he may have known this man but his attention to his circumstance was remarkably thoughtful. Don't get me wrong, Harry was not a saint (and he would agree); however he did carry out many "Saintly Deeds".*

*Harry was a good Democrat, but he maintained strong friendships with Republican friends (me being one). His best childhood and adult friend was David Dally. They must have argued politics a lot without it impacting their friendship. David was a great friend of Harry's. I intentionally never strayed into political discussions with Harry. Why risk a great friendship over silly political views or issues! I believe Harry experienced grief. He lost a best friend and fishing buddy, Joe Butler in a car accident. I know Harry grieved a lot after Joe's loss. Harry often remarked that Joe was one of the best Fly Caster's he had ever seen. His loss of David was also a rough patch for him. Losing Sam to cancer was a great loss for both he and Cindy.*

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**Cindy** - April 03, 2024 at 10:05 AM

LP

“ So sorry to read of Harry’s passing. My condolences to the family. Harry was a fine person and a gentleman. Linda Pace-Duvall

**Linda Pace-Duvall** - April 03, 2024 at 09:21 AM

SH

“ My sincere thoughts and prayers for the Rogers family during this difficult time. Godspeed Harry on the next portion on your incredible journey.

**Sidney Hiatt** - April 03, 2024 at 07:25 AM

CB

“ I remember Rog from my youth and High School. He actually recruited me to sell books one summer for Southwestern out of Nashville after freshman year of college. I always respected him and offer my condolences to his family.

**Charles Beard** - April 02, 2024 at 10:55 PM

SH

“ Harry was and will forever be a Blessed man to Carthage for many years , his work , his care his thoughtfulness will always shine in my Heart , a Blessed friend ! Memories for me as he would come over to art Central on the Square as I showed and art and we would chat , he was very encouraging to me and we became forever friends !! God Bless as you are now at Peace in Angels arms ! Thank you for being a wonderful caring forever friend to me ! Sandy Higgins



**Sandy Higgins** - April 02, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JS

“ *Cindy and family. So sorry to hear of Harry's passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

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**John and Mary Jane Stevens** - April 02, 2024 at 08:12 PM

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“ *Sandy Higgins lit a candle in memory of Harry "Rog" Rogers II* ”



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**Sandy Higgins** - April 02, 2024 at 05:54 PM

LC

*To the Rogers family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Leann Cole** - April 03, 2024 at 08:52 PM

JW

“ *So sorry. Thinking of you, Cindy.* ”

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**John and Ann Wyman** - April 02, 2024 at 10:48 AM