



Thomas "Tommy" Rogers

February 6, 1927 - November 9, 2019

Thomas "Tommy" Rogers, age 92 years, lifetime area resident of Cairo, N.Y. passed away on November 9, 2019.

He was born on February 6, 1927, Hoboken, N.J.

At three months of age, he and his young widowed Mother Loretta (Hatfield) Rogers moved back to Cairo to the Hatfield Brother's Farm where his Mother, and his five bachelor uncles John, Joe, Vin, Gene and Tom Hatfield would raise him.

At a mere 12 years of age, Tommy started working on cars at Canniff's Garage and it turned out to be his lifelong career.

Tommy attended Cairo Central School. While attending school, Tommy also worked as a truck driver/mechanic for Creamery Carriers in Cairo, At the tender age of 17, he was driving tractor trailers full of milk down to N.Y.C. Although he was all set to graduate with his class in June of 1945, he chose to enlist in the U.S. Armed Services at the age of 17, therefore he would be able to choose his military branch. On February 9, 1945 Tommy enlisted in The U.S. Navy, and he still was able to obtain his High School Diploma. Tommy was a part of the CB Detachment 1153, 140th Naval Construction Battalion stationed on Manus Island in the Admiralty Islands in the South Pacific. Upon his return from the service, Tommy worked as a mechanic at Peckham Industries, Andy Zimmer's Garage in Cairo, Ed's Service Center in Catskill, N.Y. and White Truck in Albany, and for Ray French's Garage in Hudson and East Windham.

On June 21st. 1951, Tommy opened Tom Rogers Garage proudly serving the Town of Cairo residents, and the Cairo-Durham Central School Bus Fleet to this day.

On November 21st. 1954, Tommy married the love of his life Hilda (Holdridge) in her family's home in South Cairo. They were able to spend 56 wonderful years together before Hilda's passing on December 30, 2010.

A dedicated Fireman, Tommy has been a member of The Cairo Hose Co. for 76 years, joining at the tender age of 16. Over the years, he has served as President, Assistant Chief of Cairo Hose Co., President of The G.C.V.F.A., served on G.C. Fire Advisory Board, as well as being a Member of The Kedemah Masonic Lodge #693 in Cairo, The V.F.W., and other organizations. He dedicated himself to his community and the fire service

A Pillar of his community, and just a good guy, you won't find many people that Tommy hasn't helped in some way over the years.

Tommy is survived by his son David (Ginny) Rogers and his beloved Twin Grandsons Cody and Dustin Rogers.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y. on Friday, November 15, 2019, from 2-4 and 5-7 P.M, and on Saturday, November 16, 2019, from 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., with Military Honors taking place at 3:30 P.M. at the funeral home. The Cairo Hose Company will hold services at the funeral home Friday evening at 6:30 P.M. and Kedemah Masonic Lodge # 693 Cairo, will hold services Friday evening at 6:45 P.M. at the funeral home

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
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Visitation

NOV 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Firematic Services

NOV 15. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Masonic Service

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NOV 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Honor Guard Services

NOV 16. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ Rhonda Hopson lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Rogers



Rhonda Hopson - November 20, 2019 at 02:26 PM

RH

My thoughts and prayers are with your family. XoXo <3

Rhonda Hopson - November 20, 2019 at 02:24 PM

BS

“ Betty (Nipper) Strother lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Rogers



Betty (Nipper) Strother - November 20, 2019 at 02:02 AM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Tommy was a great man.

Annette and Ed Wagenbaugh - November 16, 2019 at 11:06 AM

DS

“ *David, Ginny & Family,
Thinking of you all on the loss of your dear Dad & Grand Dad.
Tommy was a very special man to all our (Mower) family, not only a
schoolmate of Percy & Shirley but a dear friend to both. I know Dad
spent countless hrs with Tommy at the garage & house. Please
know you are in my thoughts .
With a hug,
Dawn (Mower) Sirizzotti*

Dawn (Mower) Sirizzotti - November 15, 2019 at 11:54 PM

PS

“ *Patty Sutter lit a candle in memory of Thomas
"Tommy" Rogers*



Patty Sutter - November 15, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Thomas "Tommy" Rogers .*



November 15, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ Howard Parmelee lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Rogers



Howard Parmelee - November 13, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ My thoughts are with you all.

susann - November 12, 2019 at 08:02 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Rogers .



November 12, 2019 at 05:53 PM



“ Betty A. (McNulty) White lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Rogers



Betty A. (McNulty) White - November 12, 2019 at 01:53 PM

DB

“ *Such a great man. Condolences to his family*



Diane Berg - November 12, 2019 at 01:20 PM

DJ

“ *What a great guy. The last time I saw Tommy was at Bill Freeman's funeral. He came in and sat next to me. Without looking at him I said " Well Tommy, I guess you're the most senior guy in Cairo now". He said " I guess you're right Jonesey". I couldn't believe he knew who I was. I'm sure he will be missed.*

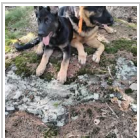
Don Jones - November 12, 2019 at 10:10 AM

DB

“ *Debora Barbato lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Rogers*



Debora Barbato - November 12, 2019 at 06:49 AM



“ *a great man who was loved by many..
condolences from Don and Renee South*



Renee South - November 11, 2019 at 03:56 PM