



## Dorothy C. Rogers

March 12, 1924 - December 2, 2021

Dorothy Claire Rogers (Nicholson) 97 of Cashmere, Washington, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at Cashmere Post Acute. She was born on March 12, 1924, to Daniel and Claire Nicholson of Peshastin, Washington. She graduated from Peshastin High School in 1942, and reigned as “Princess Peshastin.”

Dorothy received her teaching degree from Central Washington College of Education (now Central Washington University) in 1946. Her legendary teaching career began the same year in Colfax, Washington. In the early 1960’s, she joined the staff at Peshastin-Dryden Elementary where she taught 4th grade. “Mrs. Rogers” retired from the classroom in 1991. She famously kept scrapbooks documenting her teaching days in the car so she could reminisce with former students when she ran into them throughout the Valley. A topic of conversation during these run-ins was sure to involve Mrs. Rogers’ innovative projects, “The Restaurant” and “Bellevue Exchange.”

On August 18, 1946, Dorothy married Lee Maurice (“Maury”) Rogers. The couple moved to Cashmere where they raised their three children Tom, Jim, and Janis. Maury and Dorothy were active members of the Cashmere United Methodist Church and supporters of local athletics.

After retirement, Grandma Dorothy was involved in her grandkids’ many

activities including dance, athletics, and theater. She enjoyed traveling to Prince Edward Island to visit relatives and accompanied brother Don to his Navy reunions throughout the country. She was a faithful shopping companion and organized yard sales that were reminiscent of a department store. She was known for her kindness, a hot thermos of coffee in hand, and her trademark smile with a twinkle in her eye.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Tom Rogers and wife Kate of Wenatchee; her son-in-law, Brett Drescher of Orondo; four grandchildren, Aaron Rogers and wife Laura; Jessica Griffin and husband Nathaniel; Kacey Roberts and husband Zach; and Allison Cooper and husband Isaac; and five great grandchildren, Zachery, Samantha, Brianna, Stasi, and Nathaniel. She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Claire Nicholson; brother, Donald Nicholson; husband, Maury Rogers; son, James Rogers; and daughter, Janis Drescher.

A service to celebrate the life of Dorothy Rogers will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at Cashmere United Methodist Church, 213 S. Division St., Cashmere, WA. Memorial contributions may be made to Cashmere United Methodist Church or Central Washington University.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC 16. 1:00 PM (PT)

Cashmere Methodist Church  
213 S Divison  
Cashmere, WA 98815

# Tribute Wall

NR

“ I, too, am one of the lucky ones to claim Dorothy Rogers as my teacher...fourth grade in Cashmere, 1952-53. Such an encouraging person with a beautiful smile for everyone. After being gone from the valley for over twenty-plus years, we ran into each frequently at the Big Y and enjoyed our visits immensely. She had saved one of my “art” projects all that time and gifted it to me, along with a hilarious story about its creation! Dorothy herself was a gift to all.  
Nancy Lehman Reece, Colville

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**Nancy Reece** - December 21, 2021 at 10:18 PM

JP

“ Aunt Dorothy will be missed by all who knew her. She always made you feel like the most important person when you were in her company, even if you hadn't seen her in years. I regret not spending more time around her, but can still remember vividly the toy fishing pole she gave me at Lake Wenatchee when I was only 3 or 4 years old. She had that kind of impactful presence. So sorry to miss the service today, the world could use a few more Aunt Dorothy's! Take care all.

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**Jason Paulsen** - December 16, 2021 at 04:00 PM

KS

“ I cared for Dorothy at Cashmere Post Acute. She gave me something to look forward to when I came to work. I will never forget the way she would hold my hand and pull my mask down to see me smile. She truly was the star resident at Cashmere. Everyone loved her. The facility will not be the same without her. I'll miss her tons!

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**Kalista Strickland** - December 13, 2021 at 06:47 PM

KR

“ She was Aunt Dorothy to me. Aunt to my late husband Lee who was actually named after her husband Maury. Every time I was with her there was a sense of cheerful interest on her part and as a family, we loved her! Wonderful memories of camping trip on the Oregon coast, visits to her home in Cashmere, and family get-togethers. Aunt Dorothy was a favorite!

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**Karen Rogers** - December 11, 2021 at 08:04 PM

SG

“ Mrs. Rogers always remembered me from 4th grade. I would run into her periodically as an adult some 40 or so years after she taught my brother and myself at PD. She always asked how I was doing and how my brother was. She was so kind to us. My heart felt prayers to her family. Just know that she now has her wings.

*Shannon Gray*

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**Shannon Gray** - December 10, 2021 at 03:16 PM

WM

“ Mrs. Rogers was one of my favorite teachers. She is one of the reasons I became a teacher. Our restaurant was "The Wishing Well" and I can still sing, "We welcome you to PD school, we're happy as can be, to have you here this time of year, our harvest for to see." If you aren't singing along, you weren't in this class. :) When I look at that year from a teacher's perspective the work she put into her craft was well beyond the job description. That time and effort built memories that we all fondly remember. I wish her family well during this difficult time and I hope it is comforting to know that she positively impacting every student who walked into her classroom.

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**Wendi Hurt Merriman** - December 10, 2021 at 01:59 PM

DC

“ Dorothy took me under her wing when I started teaching at P-D. She was so sweet and friendly and I learned so much from her! So grateful to have had her influence in my life! RIP Dear Dorothy!  
Danni Curgus (Lautensleger)

Danni Curgus - December 10, 2021 at 12:08 AM

KD

“ Karen Dull lit a candle in memory of Dorothy C. Rogers



Karen Dull - December 09, 2021 at 09:38 PM

RH

“ 4th grade at pd the exchange program with lake hills elementary school in Bellevue. My fav teacher of all time

Robert haney - December 09, 2021 at 09:08 PM

TL

“ One of the greatest teachers!!! All three of my kids went through her class! Great memories!!

the Lillis' - December 09, 2021 at 09:39 AM

TB

“ Mrs. Roger’s was my 5th grade teacher. One of my favorite memories of her class was putting on the 5th grade restaurant. I remember it was called “The Goose and the Gander”. We served ham, baked potatoes, green beans, salad, beets, and dinner rolls. We each had our roles that we were responsible for: Host/Hostess, Waiter/Waitress, Busser, Cashier, Dish Washer, Cook, Prep Cook, etc. it was so much fun! I also remember going on a field trip to the Red Lion Hotel in Wenatchee to see all of the jobs that were included in the Hotel hospitality field. Her daughter worked there and she was always so proud of her. Mrs. Rodgers, you were definitely one in a million and I was so lucky to have you as a teacher! Love and prayers to her family!

*Tim Barnes*

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**Tim Barnes** - December 09, 2021 at 12:28 AM

GB

“ My days in elementary school were happier because of this beautiful person. I ran into her with my two girls one day and she took the time to share my grade school photos and precious memories with them. My condolences to the family.

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**Glennia Brazwell** - December 08, 2021 at 04:33 PM