

William "Yogi" Richard Rogers 83 years old

Born February 24, 1936 in Cadiz, KY

Died April 2, 2019 in Bremerton, WA

Cremation services are being handled by Tuell-McKee Funeral and Cremation Services of Bremerton.

William Richard Rogers was born to Thomas and Tiny Davis Rogers in Trigg County, KY.

William was a Korean War Veteran and served his country while in the US Army from 1953 to 1956.

William was nicknamed "Yogi" after his love for baseball in his early years. Yogi left Trigg County in 1957 while working on mule trains hauling logs, which eventually led him to Aberdeen, Washington where he met, married and became a family with Donna Lea Rogers and her two children – Kenneth Emery and Barbara Jean. Two years later Sarah Jane and Carrie Lynn were born.

Yogi was a 59 year member of IBEW Local 77. Yogi did contract work throughout his power line career with Henkels and McCoy, Hawkeye Construction, Clark County PUD, and PG&E, among others. He worked on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Power Plant at Grand Coulee Dam and the towers at Bonneville Dam, along with many an ice storm in the Pacific Northwest. Yogi learned his trade "on the job" before Apprentice School was introduced. He is known as one of the last of the original power pole climbers of his time. There aren't many places across the nation that you don't see the handy work of his electrical lineman skills. He would always remember the year and point out the lines that he worked on while on cross country trips from Bremerton to Kentucky for family reunions.

Yogi was preceded in death by his parents; his two brothers - Thomas Jr and James Dudley; his sisters – MaryAnn Anderson and Henrietta P'pool. Also, his special companion - Nancy O'toole. He is survived by his children and son-in-law – Dennis, Sarah Jane, and Carrie Lynn, along with Kenneth Emery and Barbara Jean. He leaves behind 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and several wonderful friends.

Yogi was a beloved father, loyal friend, avid Mariner's fan, and loved to read and be the neighborhood watchman.

Services are yet to be determined.

Donations can be made on his behalf to the American Cancer Society.





