



## Frank E. Rogers

January 5, 1923 - October 31, 2008

Frank E. "Bud" Rogers, 85, of Southington, widower of Shirley Krick Rogers, died Friday, October 31, 2008 at the Southington Care Center. Bud was the sixth generation owner of Rogers' Orchards, a Southington family farm that dates back to 1809.

Active in the business from childhood through the present , Bud's love for the land and his incredible work ethic inspired the seventh and eighth generations, now active in the business.

Bud graduated in 1942 from the Loomis School, Windsor, CT and earned his degree in Business Administration from Uconn in 1946. He married his college sweetheart, Shirley Jean Krick, in 1947 and they returned to the farm in 1948. As much as he loved his work, Bud cherished his time with family and friends at their home in Southington, on their boat in Deep River, or at their villa in Longboat Key, Florida. Bud was active in the Connecticut Pomological Society, where he served as President, the Southington Lions' Club, the First Congregational Church, and the Oak Hill Cemetery Association board.

Bud was a devoted husband and a loving and caring father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was predeceased by his wife Shirley and his sister Carol. He is survived by a daughter Patricia Lumry, and her husband, Rufus, of Bellevue, Washington; a son John Rogers, and his wife Nancy, of

Southington; a sister, Ruth Janet Hague and her husband Dr. John Hague, of DeLand, Florida. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday November 5, 2008 2 PM at First Congregational Church of Southington, 37 Main Street, Southington, CT 06489. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours are Tuesday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Southington Care Center, 45 Meriden Ave., Southington, CT 06489 or to the First Congregational Church of Southington. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Bud was my very first boss and would communicate recognition of a job well done with a quiet, winking sort of respect more precious than any praise. My father and all of our family who worked at Rogers over the course of more than 50 years admired his even keel, sense of fairness and appreciation of the science of fruit farming. I will always remember being allowed to tag along to Pomological Society meetings as a child and getting treated like an adult from the time I started sorting fruit at Rogers as a 13-year-old. Good-bye, Bud -- and know you are remembered.

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**Sarah Hall** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear loved ones,  
"Everything that happens in this world happens at that time God chooses." No one knew this better than Bud. In each day, there was a time for work and a time for play. Each season of the year brought with it problems to be solved and occasions to be celebrated. We were fortunate to enjoy Thanksgiving with Bud and Shirley for more than twenty years, and it was wonderful to be with family who treated everyday as a gift and who gave themselves so passionately to the ebb and flow that marks our passage from birth to death and to life eternal. A final word. The Rogers accepted me and made me feel that I was truly a member of the family. For that, I am profoundly grateful. Much love to all, John

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**John Hague** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ To all the members of the Rogers family,  
Dear Ones,  
My brother Bud will be greatly missed by all of us. He was a man with a plan. He knew how to "root" with fruit. Tirelessly, he gave much of his life to the orchards; and in later years enjoyed his boat and winters at Long Boat Key. We will remember his gin game, bacon and egg breakfasts, blueberry muffins, and the beautiful roses he cultivated at his villa. We looked forward to their Thanksgiving visit. Bud would come with rutabagas cooked and seasoned to perfection. We will be thinking of them in the weeks and months ahead. He was one great brother in so many ways. Sorry not to be with all of you. Much love, Ruth Janet

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**Ruth Janet Hague** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ John, Pat...We were saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a fine man. I learned a lot of things from him over the year's of working at the Orchard. I will never forget the two of us dropping a fully loaded bee hive one spring while moving them in the orchard. He stayed very cool and calm throughout the ordeal. God Bless You All, and Your Families....Don

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**Don and Cathy Smedberg** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Pat and Rufus-

*It's hard to imagine the struggle of a year where both parents leave this earth to be with Jesus. We share in your grief, and also celebrate the home-going of this good man.*

*We continue to pray for the strength, peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit to be ever-present and close during these days.*

*Love you so much.*

*John and Dianne*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Father of mercies And the God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our affliction*

*So that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance,*

*So also our comfort is abundant through Christ.*

*2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

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**John and Dianne Mays** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *sorry about for the loss of your father. my dad worked for him for many years. He always said that your father was a good man. god bless you all*

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**gayle crocker bassett** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Our family has known and admired Bud for over 55 years and His "incredible work ethic" served as an inspiration for several of us that worked for him. We will always recall fond memories from knowing this special Man.

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**Larry Hall** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Pat and John, Lew & I are sad and grieving with you at the loss of your wonderful father. You have now received his TORCH passed onto you as the new standard bearers for the upcoming generations. Our prayer: "The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will GUARD your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Much love, Judy & Lew

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**Judy Blakeney** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Uncle Bud was a very special person. We have so many wonderful childhood memories of visiting every summer at the farm. Through many family celebrations and trips we also savoured the chance to spend time with him in recent years. One of my favorite memories revolved around a restaurant choice I made during a trip to London. The restaurant turned out to be horrible, and Uncle Bud teased me so much about this that it became one of our "standing jokes" for years after that trip. He was a wonderful listener and was always eager to hear all of our news. We will miss him very much. Lots of Love from Michael also, Carolyn Hague, one of his nieces

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**Carolyn Hague** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM