



## Joseph "Joe" Rogers

December 4, 1942 - November 23, 2015

With the passing of Joe Rogers, our community has suffered a great loss. Joe was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather and a true friend of many. Joe Rogers was born December 4, 1942 in Big Springs, Texas. Joining the US Air Force changed his life. He was posted to Sacramento, California working in communications/technology. On a dare he took a college class. He loved it; he loved studying and became a life-long learner. Here he also found his wife-to-be, Judy, and they were married on January 28, 1966. Their children, Pete and Kassen were born there too. Joe continued his studies at Sacramento State University majoring in sociology and anthropology receiving a Master's Degree in Anthropology. In the summer of 1970 the family moved to Moses Lake where Joe began his teaching career at Big Bend Community College.

Joe Rogers had many passions. He dedicated his working life to BBCC where he taught sociology, anthropology, photography and Marriage and the Family. In 1976 he earned a MFA in print making from WSU. His artistic photographs hang in many homes. Students loved his classes and the special rapport he developed with them. Even after his retirement in 2005, students would visit telling him what a positive affect he had on their lives. He was passionate about music. He played many instruments including the banjo and the slide guitar. He has a wide collection of various stringed instruments he got around the world. He organized and managed two local bands, The Time Flyer and 17 by 90. If you wanted to learn how to play an instrument or just play music,

Joe was always ready to jam with you.

Joe volunteered for many causes. He was a founding member of Columbia Basin Allied Arts. For more than twelve years he has chaired the Moses Lake Trails and Pathways Team. He worked tirelessly to build and improve our community's biking and walking trails. He was very proud of the new Blue Heron Trail which is so popular and an asset to our town. Joe was an active guy. He climbed Mt. Rainier, ran many marathons, canoed our waterways, biked and jogged. He read voraciously, silk-screened photographs and traveled near and far. He was excited by technology and was always ready for something new whether an idea or an adventure.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; son Pete (Zeinab); daughter Kassen (Lars); three grandchildren Leif, Pelle and Baylor.

Grave side memorial will be held at Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L NE on Monday, November 30 at 2:00 P.M. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers donations will be accepted at the BBCC Foundation to honor Joe Rogers at 7662 Chanute.

# Cemetery Details

## Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **30**. 2:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wow. I just saw this. Professor Rogers was such a nice guy. Big loss to the world. He was a true intellectual.*  
*Reza B'far*

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**Reza B'Far** - June 09, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ *Mr. Rogers was my prof at BBC and being that my maiden name was also Rogers I would wait for him to call on me to role play in Marriage and family class and tell him I wanted to use my "family get out of jail card" and he would laugh. Loved him! Sorry for your family's and all of our community's loss in this great man.*

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**Sharon Zornes** - December 12, 2015 at 11:59 PM



“ *Judy,*  
*So sorry to hear about Joe's passing. My deepest sympathy to you. Always pleasant, friendly, helpful, and thoughtful. He will be greatly missed.*  
*Kyra Baerlocher*

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**Kyra** - December 07, 2015 at 02:32 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Time Flyer Band*



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**Kyra** - December 07, 2015 at 02:26 PM

DP

“ We extend our sympathy to the family of Joe Rogers. I took a photography class from Joe at Big Bend and we enjoyed discussing photography and art. We have followed his attention to events in Moses Lake and followed his commitment to the local art community. He was a quiet and modest man but his dedication to his causes was intense and genuine. It was always so nice to see Joe and Judy at events because they were such a classy couple. He will be remembered for his commitment to his community and for his love of learning. Steve and Danna Dal Porto, Quincy.

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**Danna Dal Porto** - December 04, 2015 at 02:48 PM

LM

“ I met Joe and Judy in Sacramento shortly after they married. They were still in college and had to try to make their money stretch to get through the month, especially when Pete and Kassin came along. Even way back then they both had a well developed social conscience and applied their principles to both family and community matters.

As a young woman I appreciated so much the way Joe would talk with me and actually listen to what I was saying. It was a rare experience for me and helped me improve my feelings of self-esteem and give me more confidence to face the new challenges in my life.

I never saw a family that had so much fun together and they included other people in all that fun making. They were always exploring, hiking, swimming, or just hanging out together. Joe's was a life fully lived. Joe and Judy were lucky to have found each other. Joe will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all those who's life he contributed so generously to.

My deepest sympathy to Judy, Kassin, Pete and family.

Lorraine Masten

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**Lorraine Masten** - December 03, 2015 at 03:22 PM

DA

*I was a 4th, 5th and 6th grader that lived 2 houses down from Joe and Judy Rogers in Sacramento. Joe used to take pictures of my sister and I. He would take me into his darkroom to watch him develop them. I've always remembered them both as great people from my childhood. I last saw them shortly after their first child was born. I last saw him a couple years later while I was wandering around downtown. That's when I heard they had moved to WA and he was teaching there. It's 5.21.22. I feel a loss of a piece of my childhood. Thank you Joe and Judy for those great memories.*

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**david** - May 21, 2022 at 11:17 PM

AJ

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to Joe's family. He was truly a good man. May God's comfort and peace be with you. AI, JR. Valdez and family.*



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**AI Valdez Jr.** - December 01, 2015 at 11:56 AM

LB

“ *I did not know Joe real well, but he was one of those people that I will fondly remember forever. I worked at BBCC with Joe. Whenever I saw him, he would always smile, say Hi, or stop to chat. I looked forward to running into him on campus. He was a kind, gentle soul who made the world a better place for others. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Laurie Busse** - December 01, 2015 at 11:18 AM

PT

“ *My deepest sympathy to Joe's family. He was a great educator and I took every class he taught. He made learning entertaining*

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**Pamela Tea** - November 30, 2015 at 03:28 PM

KA

“ We were sorry to learn of Joe's passing. My husband and I took a photography class from him in the 70s and really enjoyed it. Joe was a great teacher, friend and inspiration to many students and staff here at Big Bend Community College. Our sympathy goes out to the family at this time.

*Kathy and Richard Aldrich*

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**Kathy Aldrich** - November 30, 2015 at 02:33 PM

JF

“ We were so saddened to learn of Joe's passing. We first met Joe and Judy in 1970 at BBCC and enjoyed his insight, vigor, and talent for 45 years. Though we believe he is in a Far Better Place, we also know his spirit and memory live on in all the lives he touched, as well as throughout our little town of Moses Lake. Our condolences to Judy and all his family and friends. Peace and Love, Jack and JB Fletcher

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**JB Fletcher** - November 30, 2015 at 02:20 PM

SR

“ Going to miss my old teacher and fellow musician. A great man right down to the notes. I guess heaven has called another blues player back home. Being missed is such a small statement for such a larger than life man.

*~Steve Rimple*

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**Steve Rimple** - November 30, 2015 at 01:12 PM

LP

“ Dear Judy, Pete, & Kassen, I'm so sorry, for your loss. We only had a glimpse of the man. I can't image how you are feeling. Joe was an amazing, he was so kind, intelligent, thoughtful, and generous with his time and talents.

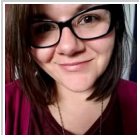
*Norm & LeAnne Parton*

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**LeAnne K. Parton** - November 30, 2015 at 12:53 PM

JT

“ Dear Judy and family: We are wishing you peace and fond memories of such a great person. He will be greatly missed and we are so thankful for the times we spent with both of you- every time we look at our wedding pictures, we think of Joe, Judy, and Nellie- our thoughts are with you at this difficult time-Rocky, Janet, Emma & Griffin Terry

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**Janet and Rocky Terry** - November 30, 2015 at 08:36 AM



“ He was one of my favorite Teachers at BBCC. I still have the books from years ago that I got in his Sociology class. Such a warm and smart man. He will be missed. My prayers are with his loved ones.



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**Jasmyne DeBeaumont** - November 29, 2015 at 08:52 PM

PH

“ Thanks, Joe, for being a great neighbor, and for making Moses Lake and Big Bend a better place. You inspired me as I watched you jog nearly daily throughout our neighborhood no matter the weather...nor time!!!



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**Pam Hare** - November 28, 2015 at 10:43 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Joe. My condolences to Judy, Kassey, and Pete. I remember a crazy Easter egg hunt at your place on Moses Lake...rolled up balloons(hmm?) on the branches of the bushes. Just mentioned Joe to my dad this morning.

Steve Wolff

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**Steven Wolff** - November 28, 2015 at 09:59 PM



“ To Judy and family; we were so sad to hear of Joe's passing away. How do you say goodbye to a man who has led his family with grace, dignity and humor for so many years. It is impossible!! Joe was a outstanding teacher, and so devoted to his students. We feel honored to have known Joe during his earthly life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Cathy and Paul Kersey

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**Cathy Kersey** - November 28, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ How well I remember the year the Wolff family arrived at BBCC--I believe it was the same year the Rogers arrived--what interesting times we had at the College in Moses Lake. I particularly remember all the great gatherings at the Shambrooks--and the wonderful photos that Joe took of our family at your home in McConnell's Flats--I believe that was the name of your neighborhood. Ah, how fast the time goes--we all send our condolences to you, Judy, Pete and Kassen--you must have lots of great memories.

Nancy (Wolff) Covert

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**Nancy Covert** - November 28, 2015 at 04:55 PM

JS

“ Joe was my sociology professor. He was a great teacher, and a better person. My prayers go to Pete and the rest of the family.

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**Jeff Sperline** - November 27, 2015 at 11:41 AM

AB

“ Thinking of you and the family today, Joe. So many wonderful memories in my childhood with you, Judy, Pete and Kassen. One of my favorites is staying at the cabin and rafting the Wenatchee river with you strumming along on your guitar as we drifted. I am so grateful for your presence in my life. You made my life and this world a better place indeed, kind sir. Wishing your family peace and healing throughout the years without you. Much admiration, respect and love to you and yours always.

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**Amber Beth** - November 26, 2015 at 02:43 PM

TT

“ Goodbye Joe, I'm glad we had the opportunity to know you. You will be missed. Judy, we are so sorry for your loss.

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**Toni and Alex Timoshuk** - November 26, 2015 at 01:20 PM

 John  
Glassco

“ Joe was a true renaissance man. His wide range of interests and the many people he has touched is a testament to his wide open character and his wonderful, curious, generous spirit.

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**John Glassco** - November 26, 2015 at 11:10 AM

JP

“ We feel truly fortunate to have had Joe as a friend. I will always treasure the memory of playing guitars together. He was a unique and wonderful human being who will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and love are with Judy.

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**Jeff and Jennifer Powell** - November 26, 2015 at 09:56 AM

CM

“ Mr. Rogers was my teacher over 20 years ago. He taught with passion and made learning about sociology interesting. He also went the extra mile as an educator. He informed me of a scholarship and thought that I should apply. He even wrote a recommendation for me. I received that scholarship completed my BA and master's degrees and have been an early childhood special education teacher for 20 years. I also teach part-time at BBCC. He was a remarkable person who made a difference in the lives of others.

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**Cami McLean** - November 26, 2015 at 07:34 AM

CC

“ Judy, my deepest sympathy in the passing of your beloved husband. He was so kind, gentle, intelligent, and servant minded. Your loss is the community's loss.

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**Chris White (DCFS coworker)** - November 26, 2015 at 01:45 AM

LZ

“ *There's always someone that makes an impression on a person, that changes their life. Joe Rogers made such an impression on so many people! I'm a former student of his from Big Bend. Some of his teachings from Marriage & Family class still ring through my head. Talented teacher, soft speaker, musician, and so much more. Prayers for comfort for his family & friends. He will be missed, and thought about often!*

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**Lisa Zeilenga** - November 26, 2015 at 12:56 AM



Kathleen Kiefer

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**Kathleen Kiefer** - November 25, 2015 at 10:35 PM



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**Kathleen Kiefer** - November 25, 2015 at 10:34 PM

MH

“ *Judy, we were saddened to hear about your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Mary and John Heston*

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**Mary Heston** - November 25, 2015 at 10:23 PM

 Kris  
Emerson

“ We at Moses Lake Grocery Outlet were sadden to hear of Joe's passing. He was always willing to talk wine and his smile was a welcome sight on many occasions. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this difficult time. His presence will be missed.

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**Kris Emerson** - November 25, 2015 at 07:30 PM

DY

“ Dear Judy and Family, I had the good fortune to work with Joe at BBCC from 1995-2001. I was a young administrator and Joe kindly taught me many lessons about working collaboratively in pursuit of goals larger than ourselves. I will always think of him being on campus with his beloved dog, at times when most faculty were taking a break. He was the consumate teacher, colleague, and friend. I am sorry for your loss.

*Denise Yochum*

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**Denise Yochum** - November 25, 2015 at 05:06 PM

PH

Our condolences Judy. I got to know Joe through Soccer which he was involved in at BBCC. I used to see him off and on all over and became really good friends. It was always a pleasure just to sit and talk with him. I didn't know that he was also a musician until I saw him playing with Chuck Warren which was a pleasant surprise. We will miss him greatly. Again very sorry for your loss. The Hernandez family, Paul, Esmer, Gabriel and Celina.

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**Paul Hernandez** - November 25, 2015 at 10:21 PM

FR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Freya - November 25, 2015 at 10:14 AM

MM

*Judy, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May God's peace be with you all.*

Martha Monek - November 25, 2015 at 04:49 PM

GM

*I took one of Joe's photography classes in the '70's. A great teacher and a good friend. George Mssart, Dec. 2,2015*

Georg Massart - December 02, 2015 at 02:35 PM

AS

“ *Joe was one of the kindest and thoughtful people I knew. He always had a smile on his face. He will be truly missed.*

Ann Schempp - November 25, 2015 at 09:57 AM

LM

“ 8 files added to the album Moses Lake Parks and Recreation/Trails Planning Team



Lori Moholt-Phillips - November 24, 2015 at 07:30 PM

FG

*Judy and family, Joe was such a special person and liked by everyone. He will be missed by the entire community. We are thinking of you in your sorrow and wishing you strength in the days ahead. Fran & Boyd Grant*

Fran Grant - November 25, 2015 at 04:17 PM

BB

*Judy, Joe was one of the best teachers I ever worked with. He did so much more for our students and community than simply teach classes then disappear. I believe we are all just a little bit better in our jobs, our friendships and our lives having had the opportunity to know and work with Joe. Joe, I LOVE YOUR TRAIL! My condolences to you and your family...Bill Bonaudi...*

Bill Bonaudi - November 25, 2015 at 06:53 PM

DN

*To Judy and family, the world needs more people like Joe- He embraced the Moses Lake Community with spirit and grace like no other. I am so sorry for your loss. Debe Nuss*

Debe Nuss - November 26, 2015 at 01:52 AM

ES

*He is one truly admired, in life and now in memory.*

**Evan Sperline** - November 26, 2015 at 11:22 PM

MR

*Joe was a great friend, musician, and a community leader for all. I will miss him deeply. My condolences to Judy and the Rogers family.*

**Mike Riggs** - November 27, 2015 at 04:19 PM

LL

*Joe - friendly, kind, thoughtful, caring, polite, studious - he's still alive in my heart! Louis Logan*

**Louis Logan** - November 28, 2015 at 04:25 PM

DH

*Back in the 70's Joe would come and play guitar and banjo with my dad, sometimes I would set in even though I was just a kid. He was so much better than we were I was always impressed he would give us the time of day. Through the years whenever I would run across him he was always so unassuming and kind. He hooked us up with The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band's Circle Be Unbroken Album, a life changing experience in itself.*

**Don Hochstatter** - November 29, 2015 at 10:03 AM

BP

*Dear Judy, Pete and Kassen, Our prayers and thoughts are with you. We are sorry for your loss. Joe was always so positive, helpful and friendly. Even though we haven't lived in your neighborhood for many years; Joe always remembered us, he was glad to see us and we him. Our deepest sympathy to you all, Bud and Leslie Piper*

**Bud and Leslie Piper** - November 29, 2015 at 08:08 PM

HM

*I have many fond memories of the years Joe & I worked together at Big Bend. Not only was he a great teacher, but a great man. Judy, I hope you & your family find some comfort in many special memories of a very special person. My heart goes out to all of you. Holly Moos*

**Holly Moos** - November 29, 2015 at 09:19 PM

MO

*It was MANY moons ago that Joe was my teacher, and guide, and he will always be my friend !! You will be missed, but never forgotten and always in my heart !!*

**Michael Osborne** - November 29, 2015 at 10:28 PM



*Joe will truly be missed and never forgotten. My deepest sympathy to the family. Praying for you all!*

**Julia Gamboa** - November 30, 2015 at 10:05 AM

LD

*Dear Judy, Pete, and Kassen, Joe was the kind of person that I will always remember as a friend even as we both grew older and would rarely see each other. I remember taking Joe's Anthropology class at BBCC and liked it so much that we expanded our Anthro. classes at the high school. I will always remember Joe when on a trail, on the lake, or in one of our many parks. Joe you are in our hearts and forever in our minds. Prayers for Joe and family.*

*Larry Dennis and family*

**larry dennis** - November 30, 2015 at 01:37 PM

JM

*Joe, I just can't believe that I won't see you again, my friend. My most sincere condolences to Judy, Pete, Kassen and their families.*

*Jerry Mixon*

**Jerry Mixon** - December 01, 2015 at 02:19 PM