



## Charles D. Rogers Jr.

November 30, 1962 - April 20, 2022

Charles D. “Chuck” Rogers passed away unexpectedly on April 19, 2022. A devoted, loving, and proud father, Chuck leaves behind his daughter, Elizabeth “Liz” Rogers and son, Charles D. “David” Rogers.. Chuck grew up in Monroeville, PA, was an active band member, 1981 graduate of Gateway Senior High School and later studied at Edinboro University of PA as well as SUNY Institute of Technology – Utica earning degrees in BioMed and Electrical Engineering. In 1988, Chuck began a fulfilling, lifelong career he was very passionate about in Clinical Engineering at Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse, NY, where he also later retired in March of 2022.

Chuck was very devoted to his family, the life-long friends he grew up with in Monroeville, and always made new friends wherever he went. A lifetime fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Chuck’s kids and family would tell you that he no doubt held the record with his extensive Steelers souvenir collection. As a loving dad, committed to Liz and David, he coached Pop Warner football for several years, and was the ultimate “Cheer Dad”, never missing a cheer competition. Chuck will also be remembered for being active in lending his vast constructive skills to building sets for local high school plays. There was no mistaking the unconditional acceptance and his skill for building camaraderie among the friends and family he treasured spending time with. Chuck’s incredible sense of humor and passion for wanting everyone to be happy are among the many qualities that will be greatly missed.

Chuck was the beloved son of Jane M. Rogers and the late, Charles D. Rogers, Sr., loving brother to sisters, Lynne (John) Downs, Kathleen (Scott) Schawalder, Elizabeth (Jason) Trautman and Patricia Sharp and he leaves behind treasured nieces and nephews, Claire Schawalder, Katelyn and Megan Sharp, Jake, and Josh Trautman. Chuck also leaves behind his very special lady friend, Michelle Chapman-Gugliuzza.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, from 4:00 – 6:30 pm, immediately followed by a Funeral Service in celebration of Chuck’s life at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. Burial

will be at a later date in Pittsburgh, PA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests either monetary or wish list donations be made to Helping Hounds Dog Rescue, 7268 Caswell Street, N. Syracuse, NY 13212.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 25. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home  
3401 Vickery Rd  
Syracuse, NY 13212  
info@tjpfuneralhome.com

## Funeral Service

APR 25. 6:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Thomas J.Pirro Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles D. Rogers Jr.



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - April 25 at 10:38 AM

DN

Beautiful tribute to his life.

Dodie Nock - April 25 at 08:03 PM

AD

Absolutely beautiful ❤️

Anne Quinones- DiNardo - June 12 at 06:14 PM

NG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nicole Goodsell - May 23 at 01:09 AM

NG

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Nicole Goodsell

4 minutes ago

Chuck, I miss you terribly! I'm still trying to understand the "why," but I know that's not up to us to question. You have been such an awesome friend to me for years, we knew everything about each other. Taking and texting everyday and our talks driving to work, things will never be the same. A big hole has been left in my heart with you gone, yet I'm so happy we had that time together! I will never have another friendship

like ours. Was so proud of you and the work you did on the house, even stopping to come over and lend me your vacuum and fix mine! Always ready to lend a hand and a smile. Make breakfast, sing our favorite songs. I'll miss you forever!

Nicole Goodsell - May 23 at 12:58 AM

DB

“ I started at Upstate right around the same time as Chuck. Don't remember when or how we met, but we've known each other well over 30 years. I had a side gig many years ago tending bar at Nibsy's Pub on Tipp Hill. I only ever remember Chuck coming in there once when I was working, but it was definitely the right night. We almost never had any fights at Nibsy's - it just wasn't that kind of place (I think in my eight years there I saw maybe three fights in total). This particular night was a little different though. Two pretty decent sized guys were just about to brawl right in the middle of the floor and I was half a second from jumping over the bar to try and break it up when Chuck, who was sitting at the very next table, stood up (all 6' 8" or so of him) and said in his usual low and calm voice, "Are you sure you fellas want to do that?" And the two young men (who all of sudden looked like two scared little boys) sat right back down and didn't make another peep. My friend Chuck drank on the house the rest of the night. I can't begin to tell you how many times I've told that story to our co-workers in the years since then. I work nights now at Upstate and have for many years. Chuck and I would say good morning to each other on the bridge as he was coming in and I was leaving. Going home just isn't the same any more. I miss you Chuck. God bless you and all those who love you. Your friend, Dave

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**Dave Beitz** - May 18 at 02:44 AM

DS

“ Chuck was one of the first people that I met at University Hospital as I transitioned from the Military to a Manager of Central Equipment Services. He held a wealth of knowledge that he was always willing to share with others. The things I learned from him I use to this day.

As I would take new staff into Clinical Engineering, I would introduce them to Chuck and say to him " Chuck this guy says he can take you", the new employee would squirm and chuck would laugh and welcome them to Upstate. A great guy who will be missed by many.

*Don Sadeckas*

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**Don Sadeckas** - April 27 at 09:02 AM

TK

“ A big man with an even bigger heart! I had the privilege of getting to know Chuck over the years and being able to call him a true friend! We shared many laughs and good times - mostly over drinks and chicken wings! He was one of the most genuine, authentic, and caring human beings I've ever known! He will surely be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Prayers and sympathy to his children and family during this very difficult time  
- Tim Kittell

Tim Kittell - April 25 at 04:38 PM

MW

“ I remember bringing Chuck on board at Upstate years ago. He was a gentle giant of a man who always had a kind hello or a hug to share. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his beloved family. ❤️

Mary Wasilewski - April 25 at 04:11 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Emp Wolf - April 24 at 08:15 PM



Chuck was a good person and you can see that in his children. His family and ours share a history and fond memories. He will be missed.

Emp Wolf - April 24 at 08:16 PM

TR

I had the pleasure of meeting Chuck at Central Catholic football games and we became fast friends. He was always kind and kept in touch throughout the years. I am so very blessed to call him my friend. Godspeed, my friend.

Tresa - April 24 at 08:43 PM

MG

“ I am so grateful for the time I had with Chuck. We had a very special friendship that I will cherish forever. We were best friends and he often called me his “rock.” He could make me laugh so easily with his effortless sense of humor. He was an excellent cook and a master smoker, making ribs, brisket and my favorite, burnt ends. We would watch Steelers games together and he didn’t mind if I talked too much throughout the games. We had our weekly Survivor nights. He always wanted to help whether it be a repair or by giving advice. He was always so kind, thoughtful, and easy to talk with. We had daily conversations about everything and anything. We were there for each other when we needed each other the most. Chuck was a true friend to the end that I will cherish forever. ❤️😊



Michelle Gugliuzza - April 24 at 05:35 PM

KS

Michelle, we never met, but I know you meant the world to Chuck. I’m glad you were an important part of his life. I hope you can make it to Pittsburgh where he wanted to be and where he belonged.

Kathleen Schawalder - April 24 at 08:49 PM

DD

My dear sister Michelle, what a beautiful tribute to your friend Chuck ❤️ You were both blessed by your friendship and I know you will miss him and his kind heart. Wishing you peace during this difficult time. My condolences to his family and friends; I am so sorry for your loss. 😭

Diane Davidson - April 24 at 09:39 PM

BT

Michelle... this is a BEAUTIFUL tribute to Chuck. We would have talks when he was here in Pittsburgh or on the phone and he would tell me how grateful he was to have you in his life. You made him very happy and as a sister that’s all you could want for your brother. Thank you for being there for Chuck and for being his rock. I know the mutual best friendship that he shared with you was definitely a special one and one he cherished as well. My prayers are with you during this time Michelle.

Beth Rogers Trautman - April 24 at 09:48 PM

RB

Michelle, My husband Frank and I are friends of Chuck from Pittsburgh. We just want to send our sympathies to you. Sending you hugs.💔

Robin&Frank Buckstein - April 25 at 08:56 AM

ME

“ Chuck D - a great guy. I had the pleasure of working in the Clinical Engineering department with him. I was the secretary and every year I did a Clinical Engineering Christmas party with games and gag gifts. The photo I have posted is in 2013. Chuck liked to sit with his phone. This Christmas I made a special book so Chuck could still have his phone, but it was in the hollowed out space in the dictionary! What fun, what laughs. Chuck, you were one of a kind. You made us laugh. You made us proud. So glad to have known you.



Mira Earls - April 23 at 06:46 PM

LD

*He was a wonderful Brother and Friend to all!*

Lynne Downs - April 23 at 08:53 PM

LS

*Always a smile in his face...he will be greatly missed*

Linda Sablofski - April 24 at 06:48 AM

DE

“ I had the pleasure of working with Chuck for 6 years, and he was a wonderful guy with a beautiful soul. He taught me quite a bit about Clinical Engineering, much of which I've carried with me over the years. He loved making people happy, laugh, smile, etc. A clear example of this was just a few weeks ago at his retirement party when he was asked to do the robot. Most people would say "absolutely not" when asked to dance in front of friends and colleagues. But not Chuck, he got that Chuck grin on his face and did his thing. The world lost a treasure, no doubt.



Dave Eck - April 23 at 06:12 PM

CP

*That's awesome! Thank you for sharing!*

Christine Palma - April 23 at 07:17 PM

LD

*That's Chuck- he loved doing the robot!*

Lynne Downs - April 23 at 08:55 PM

**BT**

*He did the robot at my wedding. Everyone formed a circle around him. Great memories of him.*

**Beth Rogers Trautman** - April 23 at 10:22 PM

**DB**

*I had the opportunity to jump into a new career 12 years ago as I joined the Clinical Engineering Department at Upstate. Everyone helped me come up to speed but Chuck was my Oracle, the all knowing. He was patient, intelligent and most of all caring and generous. He taught me more than I could ever have hoped for. He loved his kids and I'm glad he found a special friend. His friendship and his boisterous laugh will be missed. Love ya "Big" Chuck!!*

**Dick Bilharz** - April 25 at 01:10 PM



“*There are many memories as he was always the life of the party. One that I will always cherish was when he and my BFF Chris came to visit me in my apartment in Halfmoon NY when we were all still single and he couldn't stand totally upright in the apartment esp. the shower as the walls sloped in due to it being an attic apartment and the ceilings were low. He was always one to make a joke even when it was about him. He had such an awesome sense of humor. His kids were his pride and joy and I am positive that's where David got his insane sense of humor. RIP Chuck - you are and always will be unforgettable! Love Doris (and Pete), Melissa and Danielle ❤️*

**Doris Spitzer** - April 23 at 03:16 PM

**CP**

*Doris, that was hilarious. I loved the time we spent together, we had so much fun at your wedding then when the kids were little and our get togethers. It's crazy, 50 years of friendship. Love you so*

**Christine Palma** - April 23 at 07:20 PM

**SK**

*Chuck was a Boy Scout in my Troop in Monroeville, PA. He had a good spirit and valued member of the Troop. We canoed together in northern Ontario where I learned had the right stuff. Your campfire is out, friend, but your memory lives on.*

**Stephen Kale** - April 23 at 09:00 PM

**BT**

*Thank you for memory. He was a pro at "Grey Squirrel" but we were most proud of his work towards earning the Eagle Scout.*

**Beth Rogers Trautman** - April 23 at 10:29 PM

SB

“ From PA to San Diego, San Diego to Syracuse. San Diego Charger to honorary NY Jet.

*Chuck will be missed! Condolences to the family.*



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**sue bartlett** - April 23 at 01:05 PM