



## David W. Rogers

August 1, 2018

DAVID WILES ROGERS, son of Edith Wiles Rogers and Vincent Lawrence Rogers, and dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Rundquist, was born in New York City on January 22, 1928 three weeks after his mother arrived from Jamaica. At first the family lived on 111th Street near Central Park, later moving to Dawson Street in the Bronx. David was followed by five siblings: Harry, Vincent, Betty, John, and Frank.

Attending the local schools, late, as his mom home-schooled the children, Dave was soon identified as gifted. He subsequently attended Stuyvesant High School, graduating near the top of his class. After a period in the US Army during the Korean conflict, he earned an ME in electrical engineering from City College of New York.

Dave's professional life included co-ownership of a laundromat in East New York and his subsequent career in electrical engineering, including his own electronics business, BR Power (named for Buck Rogers!). Dave contributed to the design of the Nautilus submarine and the Cassini Space Explorer. His time at Jet Propulsion Laboratories in California opened the door to life-long friendships with other engineers. At home, Dave's bedtime reading was often in Mathematics Society publications; he often said, "I'm all about amps and volts."

Dave is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, an artist and psychoanalytic art psychotherapist; his son Mark and stepdaughter Danielle by a previous marriage. Dave was a wonderful step-dad to Laura Porter Cohen and Irwin

Cohen, stepson Arthur “Scott” Porter, Karl Porter, Edward Porter, as well as eight grandchildren. He was especially close to Gideon, Seth, and Ethan Porter, sons of Scott. Daughters-in-law Marcy, Kristin, and Jennifer Porter—all will remember Dave with love. Dave’s quiet, strong spirit, his wry humor, and his sheer humanity will be cherished by all of us.

Dave was a devoted member of St Mark’s Episcopal Church. Services will be held at St Mark’s at 11:00 am on Saturday (All to meet at church: 118 Chadwick Road, Teaneck), August 4 with a viewing from 5:00–8:00 pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Villa Marie Claire Hospice, Saddle River NJ or the David Rogers Memorial Day Laborers Fund at St Mark’s Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Private

268 Kinderkamack Road  
Oradell, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 836-0202  
[info@volkleber.com](mailto:info@volkleber.com)  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
118 Chadwick Rd.  
Teaneck, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ *David W. Rogers*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *David W. Rogers*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *David W. Rogers*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *David was such a wonderful person. I truly enjoyed seeing him at St.Marks on Sunday mornings with his lovely wife. He was always such a gentleman and so very helpful. During my Diaconal internship at St Marks he would encourage my participation and give me feedback on my sermons and delivery. It was my pleasure to visit him in the hospital and bring communion to him at home. May he rest in peace in God's loving arms.*

*Virginia Jenkins Whatley*

**Virginia Jenkins Whatley** - August 15, 2018 at 09:00 PM