



Mr. Donovan J. Rogers

March 28, 1956 - May 30, 2021

Donovan J. Rogers, 65, of River St. Chateaugay, died Sunday, May 30, 2021 at his home.

Born on March 28, 1956 in Malone, NY, he was the son of Warren and N. Colleen (Quinlin) Rogers. They predeceased him.

Donovan was married to Diane Ward on October 31, 2006 in Chateaugay, NY by Marie Cook.

At the age of 9, he began his farming career on the Rogers Family Farm (Agri-Mark) in Chateaugay until he retired in 2015. Donovan had a passion for gardening, taking special pride in his garlic. He enjoyed spending time on his land on the Chateaugay river. He loved spending time with his grandchildren who held a special place in his heart. He enjoyed wrestling and attending tractor pulls. He was an avid music enthusiast, enjoying listening to both old and new music, especially Uriah Heap as well as attending concerts.

Donovan loved life and always said "No one ever says they wish they had worked more." He had the biggest heart and helped anyone and everyone he could. He had many lifetime friends that he enjoyed spending time with.

Donovan is survived by his loving wife, Diane; a daughter, Keisha of Star Lake, NY; two grandchildren, Nevaeh and Duthan Draven of Starlake, NY; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Wayne Woodward of Casper, WY; a cousin, Phyllis, LeMay of Chateaugay; nieces and nephews, Chris, Kathleen and Michael Woodward, Kari Kozak; as well as great nieces and nephews, Paige, Madelyn, Raelynn, Brooklyn and Owen.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Friday, June 4, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay.

Burial will be held in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

In honor of Donovan, the family asks that everyone wear tie dye or bright colors.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Chateaugay, NY

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 4. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Chateaugay Funeral Home
36 Church Street
Chateaugay, NY 12920
(518) 497-6781
hwilcox2@twcny.rr.com
<https://www.chateaugayfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Patrick's Church
132 W Main St
Chateaugay, NY 12920-6013
(518) 497-6673

Tribute Wall

SD

“ *Shasta Dailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donovan J. Rogers*



Shasta Dailey - May 16, 2022 at 01:44 PM

JU

“ *Thinking of you Diane.*

Dick & Julie Jarvis



Julie - June 10, 2021 at 10:07 AM

KW

“ *This is an added post . I didn't play Uriah Heep or Rush at the cemetery. Instead we played Luke Bryan "Drink A Beer" memorial song. We will miss you but you will always remain close to us. Forever Kathy and family*

Kathy Woodward - June 08, 2021 at 10:25 PM

“ Uncle Donovan Rogers was a pillar of our family. My whole life he gave me positive encouragement with the energy of a super friend and super fan. He got me into music and exposed me to a world of passionate music that included the great artists of rock & roll history. Through his influence, I gained appreciation for powerful lyrics and equally powerful music. I always enjoyed it when I got to play drums for him, whether it was one of about 8 times he came out west and saw me perform as part of his trips to visit our family or when I could set up the drums for him and rock in the living room. I wish I could have done that more for him. He talked several times about having a music festival at the farm, and we always entertained ourselves with how cool that would have been. He became the sole proprietor of the farm at the young age of approximately 27, when his mentor and prize-winning farmer, and another pillar of kindness, Stewart Swanston, passed along the business to him. We were lucky to have Donovan, a guy with a huge personality full of love, energy and enthusiasm to match. He made the trip to WYO back in 1987 for my high school graduation, with my grandmother Colleen. He stayed at our house and my parents, Kathy & Wayne loved having Donovan and Grandma Colleen visiting. That weekend I was excited to have Uncle Donovan in town to see my band and also to see the State Track Meet....He cheered loudly-above the crowd for our team, and I remember hearing his yells of encouragement as I rounded the last turn of 800 meters in the 3200 meter relay. He made me excited to play music. He understood music, especially the power of rock music more than most people, maybe even more than everybody. In the 1990s Donovan drove all the way across the country both to see our family and to see me perform with my band. It was one of the highlights of my life to have him at shows in Arizona. We (including my sister, Kathleen and Kenny Cook) also went to the amusement park in Phoenix that had a big rollercoaster, and of course we went on it... We got disoriented as it was super steep. He came out west a few more times too...So many great times to remember. Uncle Donovan came out to Colorado in 2007 & 2008 for Kari & Lee's wedding and for Mike & Stephanie's wedding. He had great fun, and again brought amazing energy to the parties.


He rode with me when we drove over the Rocky Mountains cranking tunes and enjoying life. I remember telling him that on the infamous Trail Ridge Road, we drove above 12,000 feet in the air to get over the mountains....The air was thin. I pointed out to him that above treeline that the air gets thin...He flashed concern, and I said not to worry, because we would be heading back down the mountain soon. He gave me more encouragement to my music than anybody else. He was (as he said: my biggest fan). The truth is I was always his biggest FAN. UNCLE DONOVAN: I am going to miss you dearly for the rest of my life. Thank you for your laughter, happiness, smiles, love of music, appreciation of my drumming and support of my music, and for being such an amazing person in our family. I am happy and proud that you were loved by so many people in CHATEAUGAY and the surrounding communities. Fly on....FLY ON. OH, and our times in Montreal together....PRICELESS. I had the coolest uncle in the world.

Chris Woodward - June 08, 2021 at 09:40 PM

MW

“*Today I said goodbye to my Uncle Donovan. As I reflect on my time spent with Don I can say his smile and laugh were infectious. He was eternally optimistic no matter what challenges life presented. I am grateful for all of my memories from tractor rides when I was young to drinking beers and listening to live music at the Little Bear Saloon in Evergreen in 2018. The pain and sadness we feel now can only be created by the blessing Don was to each of us. Uncle Don, may you find peace and comfort in our love for you and may we someday join you on the stairway to heaven. Sincerely, your loving nephew Michael Woodward.*

Michael Woodward - June 06, 2021 at 12:33 AM

 Carole
Bracy

“ Donovan,

*There is not enough words to express all the heart felt, cool, adventurous memories of such an amazing soul. You have been a free spirit from the start and are free now. You have always had the most carefree personality with a laugh as loud as the loyalty of your friendship. Your inspiration on my life has given me strength and a will to shine onto others the positivity of what a difference a farmer can make on life. I will truly miss you my everlasting friend. Fly high and let your spirit shine on!
Forever in my heart.*



*Your friend,
Carole
Bracy*

Carole Bracy - June 05, 2021 at 11:33 PM

JS

“ Neighbor for many many years , always positive and happy . Sad to say good bye to a good guy

john sampica - June 05, 2021 at 10:16 AM

PP

“ One of the first people i meet when i moved to chateaugay he was a great guy and we remained friends even after i moved back to Kentucky

Paula Patterson - June 05, 2021 at 12:12 AM

LK

“ It's sure was fun having you visit during our daughter's birthday. You really helped make the day special. You really knew how to make us all smile. We'll all miss you so much.

Lee Kozak - June 04, 2021 at 11:43 PM

DA

“ Soooooo many fond memories of Donovan from riding around in his always HUGE cars (to fit more people), bonfires and corn roasts and just hanging out at the farm listening to music. He was always, always so positive, kind and generous to all and made you feel you were the most important person in that moment. My heart and prayers of comfort, peace and strength go out to Diane, his family and his many many friends. Rest easy now friend.



Daphne Abbott - June 04, 2021 at 04:05 PM

TD

“ Here was the man that we always looked forward to seeing on our visits to Chateaugay. He always had a joke or kind words for us each time we saw him. Don had a huge influence on our musical lives and interests. The first time we became aware of, and listened to some of our favorite bands were because of Don. Bands that we still love to listen to today as adults, such as: Kiss, Rush, and Deep Purple.

Don, we will miss you!

Tim and Chris Dashnaw

Tim Dashnaw - June 04, 2021 at 10:29 AM

CW

Uncle Don and you guys, Chris & Tim, also had a profound music influence on me. It was an honor to see you guys at Don's services.

Chris Woodward - June 06, 2021 at 03:20 PM

WP

“ Wendy Patnode lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donovan J. Rogers



Wendy Patnode - June 04, 2021 at 05:14 AM

Barry Loffler

“ From riding the school bus in elementary school to his last day with us Donovan had a way of bringing out the bright side of things. His good nature and carefree way has been an inspiration to so many people.
Rest in peace my friend.

Barry Loffler - June 03, 2021 at 08:36 PM

AG

“ He was the greatest man alive loved everyone he was like a father to me taught me to bail hay and to never give up on my dreams was always there when times were the hardest breaks my heart to see u leave fly high angel your work is done here I will miss you more then you'll every know.



Amanda Gonyo - June 03, 2021 at 10:09 AM

RJ

“ It's Uriah HEEP.

RJB - June 03, 2021 at 03:07 AM

RJ

RIP

RJB - June 03, 2021 at 09:26 PM

LK

Even though I haven't seen you in a long time, I'll never forget the times we did share together. I'll always remember your laughter, your love of music and that free spirit of yours. I had always hoped we would get together soon. RIP, Don. You will be missed.

Lynn Kelly - June 07, 2021 at 12:16 PM

KW

“*My brother and my friend. I can't begin to tell you how much I will miss you. All the times in Wyoming and home will be close to my heart forever. You and I were so looking forward to this summer. I will be playing the music for you. Our mother always made sour cream raisin pie when we were young. I always loved making it for you and Wayne. I didn't get to tell you thank you for all our phone calls but you knew how important those calls were to both of us. You are in God's hands now. Your sister Kathy*

Kathy Woodward - June 02, 2021 at 09:05 PM

MM

My deepest condolences Diane, Kathy, Wayne and Family. Love cousin Marilyn

Marilyn Mueller - June 02, 2021 at 10:02 PM

DW

I haven't seen you in years, Donovan, but will always remember our great times together. You were a great school years friend - I hope to see you again in His kingdom.

*Your friend,
Dwayne*

Dwayne - June 03, 2021 at 07:31 PM

SF

*My deepest sympathy to you all. I'll never forget we made from Casper to Denver. We didn't get very far, when we had to pull over. Your sister and I talk about that trip. I'm so glad I got to meet you.
R.I.P. Don.*

Sally Fox

Sally Fox - June 05, 2021 at 06:47 AM

RF

“ Rick LaFave and Carla Filion purchased the Crossing Over Lid Decoration for the family of Mr. Donovan J. Rogers.



Rick LaFave and Carla Filion - June 02, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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Kari Kozak - June 02, 2021 at 06:45 PM

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Kari Kozak - June 02, 2021 at 05:58 PM

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The year was 2007

Kari Kozak - June 02, 2021 at 06:06 PM

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Kari Kozak - June 02, 2021 at 05:57 PM

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Kari Kozak - June 02, 2021 at 05:56 PM

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Kari Kozak - June 02, 2021 at 05:53 PM

WW

“ To Donovan Rogers from his brother-in-law Wayne Woodward:

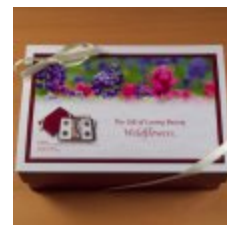
Don and I considered ourselves brothers - the one I never had and the one he never had.

Don was the most positive person I ever knew. Through all the hard work and problems at the farm and all the trials and tribulations of his health problems he was always positive, looking forward to better days. I had called him a week or so before his death and he told me he was looking forward to seeing Kathy and I in July. He said he was starting to feel better so that we could do things together. At our visit last summer we spent a lot of time watching music videos. He knew a lot about music. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention he introduced me to the Trailer Park Boys show. I'd also like to pay tribute to Randy Dwyer who was Don's best friend and stood by him through thick and thin. A heartfelt thank you to you Randy. I'll miss you terribly Donovan.

Wayne Woodward - June 02, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Donovan J. Rogers.*



June 02, 2021 at 05:05 PM

KK

“ *Kari Kozak lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donovan J. Rogers*



Kari Kozak - June 02, 2021 at 04:20 PM

KK

“ Uncle Don had such a charismatic personality and contagious laugh! Everyone that met him always remembered him for that. He was also kind and generous. He made trips out to Wyoming and Colorado over the years for graduations and weddings even though as a farmer it was hard to get away. As a child I would visit his farm proudly wearing my green farm boots. He loved all animals especially the barn cats that came running to eat when he called to them. He instilled this love and compassion of animals in me. The Woodward (Kathy Rogers) and Kozak (Kari Woodward) family will miss him dearly. Diane is in our prayers, and we will help her in any way she needs as she grieves for Don too. We love you Don and hope while you are in heaven you are pain free, visiting with loved ones, and enjoying all your rock and roll!

Kari Kozak - June 02, 2021 at 04:14 PM