



# Richard Wayne Rogers

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**R**ichard Wayne Rogers, Sr., 76, of Long Neck, stepped into the presence of his Savior on October 28, 2023. Wayne's passing marks the end of an era along the banks of the Indian River near Warwick, De. Mastering the River in a small wooden rowboat at an early age, he developed an intimate knowledge of its currents and tides and its response to weather patterns and lunar cycles. This served him well throughout his life on the water, fishing, crabbing, hunting, and water skiing. It seemed appropriate that a full Hunter's moon kept its vigil over the River he loved and the broken hearts of his family and a multitude of friends on the night of his Homegoing. Respected and well-loved, Wayne would spend hours on the family property at the Screenhouse at Downs Landing, where a steady stream of friends would drop by to visit. Laughter traveled lightly across the water as he regaled them with stories, told in his quiet, easy way with his dry humor and quick wit. Wayne was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving abroad from 1966-1970 on the USS Moale as a marine mechanic. He kept a promise to himself that if he ever got back to Sussex County he would never leave again. He was a third-generation custom builder and a self-taught draftsman. He took over the family business from his father and then started his own successful company, Richard Wayne Rogers and Son Construction in 1975.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, John T. and Mabel Downs Rogers; a sister, Barbara Ann Rogers; a brother, Johnny Rogers; and his beloved wife of 46 years, Gail E. Baker Rogers. He is survived by his son, Richard Wayne Rogers, Jr. and his girlfriend, Sara Wingate, his daughter, Wendy Rogers and her son, Jaxon; a sister, Linda Rogers Miller and her husband, Wayne; and a large extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins.



## Obituary

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A funeral will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 3, 2023, at Watson Funeral Home & Crematorium, 211 S. Washington St., Millsboro, DE 19966, where the viewing begins at 10:00 AM. Interment with Military Honors will be held at 2:00 PM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Wayne's memory to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign Wayne's guestbook.



# Events

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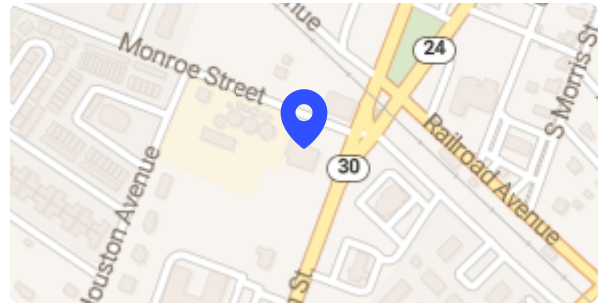
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## Viewing

**Friday**, November 3, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**Watson Funeral Home & Crematorium**  
211 Washington St, Millsboro DE 19966

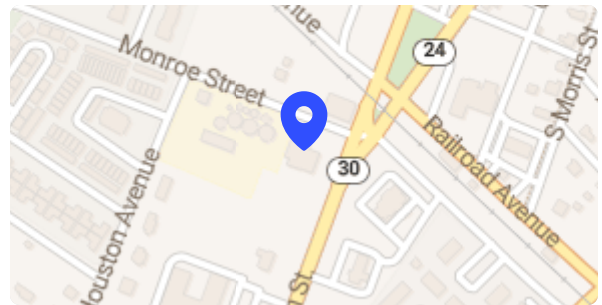


## Funeral Service

**Friday**, November 3, 2023

11:00 AM ET

**Watson Funeral Home & Crematorium**  
211 Washington St, Millsboro DE 19966

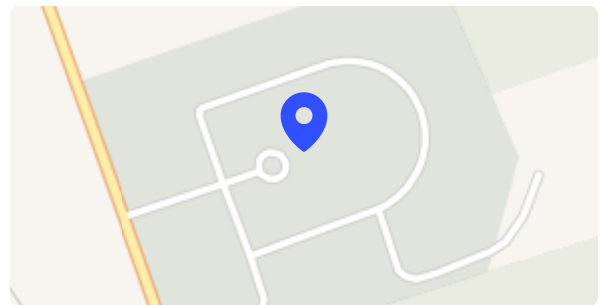


## Interment

**Friday**, November 3, 2023

2:00 PM ET

**Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**  
26669, MILLSBORO DE 19966





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**Helen Jackson** posted:

Dear Wendy, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I remember the times that Ed and your dad enjoyed playing pool. Blessings, Helen Jackson

November 3 at 6:00 AM



**Steve H. Smyk** posted:

Whenever I heard that term on WBOC-TV, "GET OUTDOORS DELMARVA", Wayne Rogers would come to mind. I've known the Rogers family almost 50 years. They are the finest, caring people. Rest in peace Wayne with Gail. The screen house won't ever be the same without you.

November 2 at 5:13 PM



**Bob Jones And Sue Keenan** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



November 2 at 12:37 PM



**Bob Jones And Sue Keenan** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rogers family.



November 2 at 12:37 PM



**Bob Jones** posted:

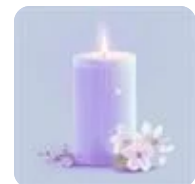
Finding clams in the mud with our bare feet, playing with the Chesapeakes confronting blue crabs and losing, water skiing with that starcraft and 70 HP outboard, or him running twin Westbend engines on alcohol mixture go-karts...he was the Tom Sawyer- McGyver of Indian River....God I am going to miss him.Bob Jones

November 2 at 12:26 PM



**Wendy Rogers** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Wendy Rogers lit a candle in memory of Richard Rogers



November 1 at 3:23 PM



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**Lavonne Street** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Lavonne Street lit a candle in memory of Richard Rogers

November 1 at 3:59 AM



**Christine Oliphant** posted:

Sending prayers to Ricky & Wendy during this difficult time. He was a great man. Thinking of you all.  
Christine & Wayne Oliphant

October 31 at 3:48 PM



**Secretary @ Indian River Vfc** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

On behalf of the Indian River Volunteer Fire Company, we hereby extend our utmost appreciation for your volunteerism and professional diligence representing us as a firefighter and officer. Your devotion and dedication to the residents of our community and fire district are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your service! God Bless and Rest in Peace.

October 31 at 10:42 AM





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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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