



## William L. "Bill" Rogers

March 10, 1948 - June 30, 2012

Former Toppenish Mayor William(Bill ) Lige Rogers died of kidney failure Saturday, June 30, 2012 at Memorial Hospital in Yakima. Bill was born March 10, 1948 in Pasco, WA to Joe and Helen Rogers. He moved to Toppenish in 1954 at the age of 4 and lived there his entire life.

Bill graduated from Toppenish High School, Central Washington State College , an education major, and attended the Masters Program of Heritage College. Bill was very proud of the fact he was one of the youngest people in the State of Washington to get his real estate appraisers license; he did appraisals for 36 years. He was a Toppenish City Council member for 28 years, serving twice as mayor. Bill was the greatest fan of the City of Toppenish and never made a decision that he didn't believe was in the best interest of his city. His word was his bond. He served on The Toppenish School Board for 13 years and spearheaded several Toppenish School levy campaigns. Bill was a 32 year member of The Toppenish Rotary Club, serving twice as president. He loved working with the exchange student program. He was chairman of the Toppenish United Way for several years. He helped raise money to save the Toppenish swimming pool; also was a member of Toppenish Chamber of Commerce, serving as president. Bill was well known as a right wing Democrat.

Bill is survived by his wife Karen of Toppenish, son Ben and his wife Maria of Olympia, grandchildren Quinton Rogers-Burgett of Zillah, Donny Rogers, serving in the US Army in Hawaii , Nick Skinner of Olympia and Brittany

Skinner of Olympia. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Ruby Crothers of Yakima.

He was a 20 year season ticket holder of the Seattle Seahawks and a lifelong fan of The Chicago Cubs, the Seattle Mariners, U of W Huskies and the long gone Seattle Super Sonics. He was KING of the remote control, having 4 TV's in his rec room, watching them all simultaneously, knowing scores and what was happening in each game. He loved all sports and was really sad when there was a lapse of time between sports.

Of all the things Bill could be proud of, he was most proud of his son, grandsons and the fact that he wholeheartedly supported Top-Hi sports, especially wrestling.

Funeral services will be held at the United Methodist Church in Toppenish on Monday, July 9, 2012, at 2 p.m. At Bill's request, in lieu of flowers, please donate to Toppenish Rotary Club Scholarship Fund or Top-High Wildcat Wrestling Program.

Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Bill and Dell are rolling dice and lying to each other about how much they bet on the Mariners. Doesn't get any better than that!

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 9. 2:00 PM (PT)

New Harvest ( Methodist Church)  
201 N. Beech St.  
Toppenish, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ William L. "Bill" Rogers

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Karen and the family at this time. May the lord see you through. God bless you###imported-begin##Florinda Valdez & family###imported-end##

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