



Mr. Thomas J. Rogers Sr.

November 15, 1921 - January 23, 2015

Thomas J. Rogers, Sr.
Retired Lowell Firefighter
WWII Army Veteran
Loving Husband, Father, and Grandfather

LOWELL—Thomas J. Rogers, Sr. passed away on Friday morning, January 23, 2015 at Lowell General Hospital. He was 93 years old and was the loving husband of Virginia (Doyle) Rogers who survives him.

Thomas was born in Lowell on November 15, 1921, a son of the late Timothy and Mary Ellen (Scally) Rogers, who immigrated to Lowell from Ireland. Tom grew up in the Sacred Heart neighborhood and was educated at the Sacred Heart grammar school. He went on to graduate from Lowell High School with the class of 1940.

In 1942, a young Mr. Rogers enlisted in the United States Army, seeing 3 years of service, mostly in the European Theater of Operations. He was awarded the Rifleman's Badge and the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

In 1948 Tom married the love of his life, Virginia Doyle, on November 21, 1948 in the Immaculate Conception Church. Together, they celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Tom was a firefighter for the City of Lowell. He was appointed in 1955 and began his career at the Palmer Street Fire House. He later transferred to the

J.F.K. Civic Center where he finished his career, retiring in 1986 from Ladder 3. Tom thoroughly enjoyed his time with the fire department and the camaraderie of his fellow firefighters.

At home, Tom was a true family man. He lovingly cared for his wife and enjoyed spending time with his sons. He also adored his four grandchildren. Tom enjoyed working in his yard, reading and playing cards, especially 45s and solitaire. He was a lifelong Red Sox fan and was fortunate enough to enjoy 29 years of retirement with his wife and family.

Tom was a board member of the Lowell Retired Firefighters, and also held the position of secretary and trustee of the Lowell Firefighters Credit Union.

In addition to his wife Virginia, Tom is survived by his two sons, Thomas J. Rogers, Jr. and his wife Jeanne of Waltham, and Daniel J. Rogers, Sr. and his wife Donna of Lowell; three grandchildren, Kathleen Melendez and her husband Jeffrey of Wake Forest, North Carolina, Kelley A. Rogers, and Kara A. Rogers, both of Lowell. Tom was the grandfather of Daniel J. Rogers, Jr. who died on January 24, 2015. Tom also leaves two sisters, Katherine A. Gillette of Chelmsford and Margaret M. Purtell of Lowell; a brother, John J. Rogers and his wife Patricia of Harwich, MA; his brother-in-law, Daniel G. Doyle of Lowell, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Tom was predeceased by his sister Mary Rogers, brothers-in-law James Gillette, Charles Purtell, and Francis Rouine and sisters-in-law Mary Doyle and Eileen Rouine.

FUNERAL NOTICE

ROGERS—In Lowell, January 23, 2015 at Lowell General Hospital, Thomas J. Rogers, Sr., 93, beloved husband of Virginia (Doyle) Rogers.

Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL, on MONDAY, from 4 until 8 P.M. Mr. Rogers Funeral Mass will take place on TUESDAY MORNING at 10:30 at ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, 374 Stevens St. Lowell. Burial will follow in St.

Patrick's Cemetery.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 978-459-9222. www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 458-8464
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Margaret's Church
374 Stevens St.
Lowell, MA 01851

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas J. Rogers Sr.*

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“ *Thank you sir for your service to our country during WW2 with the United States Army.*

My grandfather, Charles Wesley Dean was also a Purple Heart recipient. May you rest in peace Hero.

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