

James Michael Rogers Sr.

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James Michael Rogers Sr. was born March 24, 1926, at Pendleton, Oregon, to parents Glen Edward and Anna (Kopp) Rogers. He died with his son at his side on Friday, July 5, 2013, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 87.

He was raised in Pendleton and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1944. He farmed in both Pendleton and Hermiston. On December 26, 1970, he married Grace Lorraine Thurston in Pasco, Washington. He also owned and operated the Cozy Corner Tavern in Hermiston for 10 years, worked at Marlette Homes and was a real estate agent. Jim was a member of the Catholic Church and was a member of the Elks Lodges in Pendleton (past exalted ruler) and in Hermiston. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing.

He is survived by son William "Bill" Rogers of Portland, Ore.; daughter Cheryl Ann Grafton of Tacoma, Wash.; 1 grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by wife Grace in 2010; son James M. Rogers Jr.; and three brothers, Francis, Ralph and Bill Rogers.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Private burial of cremains will be at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Oregon Affiliate Inc., 1200 N.W. Naito Parkway, Suite 220, Portland, OR 97209.

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Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

