



## James "Jim" Rogers

April 12, 1942 - August 25, 2021

James Allen Rogers, Sr., age 79, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

Jim was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on April 12, 1942, the son of the late Blodwyn and John Rogers, MD. A graduate of the University of Virginia (Class of '64), he began his career at IBM in sales, and later moved into software development and executive roles at several electronic business systems companies in Washington, DC; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Richmond, Virginia. He then ran a successful independent consultancy for the paper industry. He completed his business career as the owner of an optical laboratory, which operated in the Richmond metro area for nine years.

During his retirement he was an avid golfer and pickleball player at Wachesaw Plantation in Murrells Inlet, where he also served as the president of the Property Owners' Association for four years.

Throughout his adult life, Jim loved singing barbershop music and was a twenty-year member of the Virginians, Richmond's barbershop chorus, serving as its president for multiple terms. In South Carolina he enjoyed singing with the Palmetto Vocal Project of Charleston and the Low Country Barbershop Chorus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his brother, Jack.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Ann; his two daughters, Jenny Rogers of Reston, VA, and Amy Smith (Gary) of Dayton, OH; his son, James Rogers, Jr., of Laurel, MD; and his granddaughter Macy LiXiu Smith.

Please join us at Kimbels at Wachesaw Plantation on Saturday, September 11th at 1:00 p.m. as we celebrate the life of Jim Rogers. Light refreshments and beverages will be served as we come together to remember the wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend that he was. Due to COVID restrictions, seating will be limited, so please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept 8th at [anniet333@gmail.com](mailto:anniet333@gmail.com). Masks will be required.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to <https://give.barbershop.org> or by calling 1-800-876-7464.

# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Rich And Debbie Janson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rogers*



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**Rich and Debbie Janson** - September 07, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JK

“ *One of my great regrets in life is that I didn't have the chance to get to know Jim Rogers better. My few interactions with him found him to be a happy, out going, caring individual who was more concerned with how you were doing than himself. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Jim Kurtz** - September 06, 2021 at 08:28 PM

PA

“ Jim Rogers began his career at IBM in sales, and later moved into software development and executive roles at several electronic business systems companies in Washington DC, Lancaster PA, and Richmond VA.

*I arrived in Richmond in 1983 to accept a job offer at First Commonwealth Life on Broad St, next to the Orphanage. Jim's company had a contract to provide software and “take-over” installation services for a major, Ordinary Life Company Consolidated System. The project had stalled for over a year when I arrived, and the parties were headed to Court. Against advice of my employer, I contacted Jim directly, and we determined we could work together and restart the project. Jim worked very hard, for long hours, and my team co-operated and assisted while we learned the ropes. In a year, FCL's system was up and running.*

*Eleven years later, my neighbor, Scott Milled, invited me to attend a rehearsal of the Virginians Barbershop Chorus. Soon after I added my name to the roster, Jim, one of the Chorus leaders, looked me up to once again extend a hand in friendship. He coached me through my audition, and the rest is history.*

*Jim then ran a successful optical laboratory, which operated in the Richmond metro area for nine years. My wife, JoAnn and I probably were his first and best customers. During one of my early visits, Jim was trying to get an old PC to run the program that guided a special lens grinder, to no avail. I was unaware of his IBM training when I sat down to show him some tricks to make that old PC run again! It continued to grind special lenses for him. He certainly was a good man, a true friend, and a good Bass!*

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**Paul D Archibald** - September 06, 2021 at 01:07 AM

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“ *Jim was a dear friend and I will miss him greatly. My heart goes out to his dear wife Ann, son Jimmy, and daughters Ami and Jenny.*  
*Gray Poehler*

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**Gray Poehler** - September 05, 2021 at 06:03 PM