



Matthew "Victor" Rogers

January 22, 1979 - June 18, 2016

Surfside Beach

Matthew "Victor" Rogers

Matthew "Victor" Rogers, age 37, died on Saturday, June 18, 2016.

Victor was born in Georgetown, SC. He loved music, surfing, and going to concerts. He was preceded in death by his father, Frankie E. Rogers.

Survivors include his mother, Sylvia Rogers of Surfside Beach, SC; his brother Mark Rogers; his wife Elisabeth Johns Rogers; his son Leo "Baxley" Rogers; and his step son Jacob Johns.

A Memorial Service will be at 11AM, Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Memorial donations may be sent to Surfrider Foundation at P.O. Box 6010 San Clemente, CA 92674-6010, Guy Daniels Memorial Foundation at PO Box 14134, Surfside Beach, SC 29587 or Surf Dreams Foundation at surfdreamsfoundation.org.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Victor was one of a kind.

When we were in high school, Victor, Tommy, and I worked at Bridal Boutique in Socastee. Most of us would agree that calling Victor’s fashion style “relaxed” would still be an overstatement, so the fact that he worked in a tuxedo shop really says a lot about his personality. He was unconventional, up for anything, and accepting of everyone no matter how different they were from him. He was a chameleon, seamlessly blending in with all groups of people anywhere he went.

While working at Bridal Boutique a few weeks before senior prom, Victor overheard that my prom date had backed out on me. I was an underclassman and couldn’t go without an invite from a junior/senior and I already had a dress. Victor said, “Hey, I heard you got dumped. You can go to prom with me.” As you know, Victor had a real elegant way with words. ;)

I didn’t know this goofy guy that well then but I knew that Sylvia, who taught me in 4th grade, was good people so Victor must be also. So I said yes to prom and that turned into dating even though we were far from each other’s usual type. The first time we went out, we ate Chinese food before Victor pulled his old blue jeep, running on fumes, into the gas station. He pumped a full tank of gas and stuck his head in the unzipped window. “Hey, do you have any money for gas?” Nothing embarrassed him, not even asking a girl for gas money on a first date. Also, I learned that most of his conversations began with the word “hey.”

Victor picked me up for prom sporting a midnight blue velour jacket (as only he could!), and driving Tommy’s Bronco. He brought a step stool so I could climb my 5’2” self into the vehicle. He also gave me a dozen roses because I had told him that wristband corsages were always too big on my arm. I thought both gestures were practical and pretty thoughtful of him.

While the slice of time my family and I spent with Victor is small compared to many others (we dated just a few months and nearly 20 years ago), I share it because those moments feel timeless. Victor was one of those people you could pick right back up talking to like no time had passed, even if it was months, years, or decades. Victor then and always has been accepting of others, making us feel comfortable to be ourselves and purely loving us just as we are. Victor was everyone's friend, brother, or child in our community and far beyond. I'm certain lots of our mamas put an extra plate at the dinner table for him many times because he was simply there, wondering with his endless curiosity what was for dinner before launching into one of ten thousand funny stories--my favorite being the time he went to a Pentecostal Holiness church and the pastor had him down front and began speaking in tongues to him before demanding that he "Be healed!" Victor said the guy kept smacking him with the palm of his hand and, unsure of what else to do, Victor dropped to the ground just so the pastor would stop hitting him.

I last saw Victor in February at the CCU job fair I hosted before my maternity leave. He told me how being a father was the most amazing honor and recalled how nervous he had been when Elisabeth was pregnant, thinking she was in labor every time she burped. What sticks out to me about that day is a thought I had. All of the employers were following the sidewalk to get to the job fair, the way that most of us have been programmed to stay off of meticulously manicured grass. Victor was the only person who ignored the path, even drifting away from his coworkers, to cut across the lawn, oblivious to a need to stay off it. I remember watching him pad across the grass with the same gait (toes turned out) that he's had since he was a kid, and thinking what a VERY Victor thing to do. :) Insert clichés about marching to the beat of his own jam session. That's my last image of Victor--a happy hippie with his toes in the grass and a grin on his face. We will miss him so much.





Sara Sellers Wise - June 21, 2016 at 11:09 AM

DG

“ *Love and prayers for you, Sylvia and Mark, and extended family.*

Dayle Grimsley - June 21, 2016 at 01:15 AM

GV

“ *To the Rogers family, we are praying for you and the loss of Victor. My brothers and I had the privilege of growing up with him at the beach and share a lot of fond memories of him at church and at school. We are all at a loss for words and know he will be missed. Victor had such a big heart and was such a light to the world and the people who knew him. Take care and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Delton, Graham and Ross Vereen

Graham Vereen - June 20, 2016 at 11:38 PM

KH

“ *The earthly life of a great man and friend has been lost. It brings great sadness to my heart as Victor was one to always help, laugh with you and make you laugh. I will miss you here on earth but will see you one day again. I pray for Victor's family to find peace and comfort that one day we will all meet again. May god be with his family in this time. See you again in heaven brother!*

Kirk Hanna - June 20, 2016 at 09:54 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew "Victor" Rogers.*



June 20, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ *Dear Aunt Sylvia and Mark, I know that this must be an unbearable time for you. Know that many people are sending love and prayers to you and the family as you struggle to move thru this journey. Praying that you are given strength from the heavens and earth as you give remembrance to the spirit and life of Victor. Thinking of you.*

Rodney Rogers and Tim Haselman

Rodney Rogers - June 20, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time! May God give you all peace, and know that Victor will be watching down on you all as an angel in Heaven! God bless!!!*

Erin Mitchell McDermott - June 20, 2016 at 12:56 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of your Victor. Our prayers are with you.*

Donnie & Mary Lou Snyder

Mary Lou Snyder - June 20, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Matthew "Victor" Rogers.*



June 20, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*

Brian L Canady - June 20, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your boys my sweet Elisabeth! May God heal your ailing hearts and give you peace, knowing Victor is in the most glorious place awaiting you. Hugs my friend!*



Ana - June 20, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. David & Ana Graham.*

David Graham - June 20, 2016 at 08:21 AM



“ *Can't find the words to say that make sense in this time of grief. Just know we share your pain of loss. May God wrap His as arms around the family and friends trying to accept this abrupt passage. Bring love to all who suffer. In Jesus name, Amen*



Kate & Tommy Sellers - June 20, 2016 at 07:30 AM

FA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Felix & Nita Ayres - June 20, 2016 at 05:56 AM

PO

“ *pam olivier purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Matthew "Victor" Rogers.*



pam olivier - June 19, 2016 at 10:44 PM

SA

“ *Victor loved his boys so very much, he delighted in sharing photos and stories of them. I hope they will carry with them that knowledge forever. He was a good friend and a great co-worker, someone I relied on in so many ways. He will be missed . I hope he has found his peace.*



sarasowell@yahoo.com - June 19, 2016 at 09:50 PM

DO

“ *Dottie lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Victor" Rogers*



Dottie - June 19, 2016 at 03:40 PM

DS

Our prayers & sympathy to Elisabeth, Mrs. Rogers, the boys & the rest of the family. He was a great person who lost his way but now has found peace. He will be missed!

Dottie Skokowski - June 19, 2016 at 03:44 PM

SK

“ *Stacey Konradt lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Victor" Rogers*



Stacey Konradt - June 19, 2016 at 03:00 PM

SK

Lots of love and prayers go out to Elisabeth, the boys and the rest of the family. He was a great boss and I will miss talking to him about music and books.

Stacey Konradt - June 19, 2016 at 03:02 PM

MP

“ *Cousin, you were taken too soon. To my family, I am here. We will get through this together. Much love.*

megan ellen mehaffy pearce - June 19, 2016 at 12:53 PM

JD

“ *So sorry to learn of your loss. Will hold you all in my heart and prayers at this difficult time.*
Jo Dupre

Jo Dupre - June 19, 2016 at 12:35 PM