



## J. Aaron Rogers

July 14, 1967 - February 12, 2024

James Aaron Rogers of Bloomington, IN, has passed away at the age of 56.

Born at the Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, Aaron spent his childhood in the San Francisco Bay Area of California before the family returned to their Indianapolis roots. He attended Southport High School and later received a bachelors degree in microbiology from Indiana University. He went on to make his career with Cook Pharmica and then Baxter Pharmaceuticals.

Aaron loved being outdoors. He enjoyed camping across the US and instilled that same passion for traveling in his children. He could reliably be found hunting morel mushrooms in the spring, carving pumpkins in the fall, and building large campfires at every opportunity. For many years he enjoyed attending the Kentucky Derby and sharing the infield at Churchill Downs with friends. Fourth of July weekends spent in Mackinaw City, Michigan, were incomplete without his excessive fireworks displays. These were joyous occasions.

Addiction, however, is an overwhelmingly cruel, manipulative, and isolating disease. Aaron was an alcoholic, and his many years of alcohol abuse took an enormous toll on his body and spirit. That, combined with other health issues, ultimately lead to his demise.

His family wish it known that in recent years Aaron was at his best with the help of the IU Health Addiction Treatment & Recovery Center. They extend their heartfelt gratitude to the ATRC team, and hope others who are struggling with addiction will seek help and find healing.

Aaron is survived by his parents, Mark Rogers and Marilyn Rogers Brunoehler of Indianapolis, IN; his brother Brian (Bobbie) Rogers of Mays, IN; his children Kara (Riley) Jones of Kailua, HI and Josh Rogers of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; and finally his granddaughter Charlotte Jones - born last August - who he met at Christmas.

A memorial service to celebrate Aaron's life will be held Saturday, February 17th at the Allen Funeral Home (4155 S Old SR37, Bloomington IN 47401). Family hour will begin at 2pm, a public service will be held at 3pm, and visitation will follow until 5pm.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 17. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

WH

“ Aaron was a true professional and would go beyond "the call of duty" when engaging clients. It was always a pleasure working with him. His knowledge of the industry impressed colleagues and clients. Will be missed! - Wayne Hemingway

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**W. Hemingway** - February 19, 2024 at 03:53 PM

NP

“ Nate Pease purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of J. Aaron Rogers.



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**Nate Pease** - February 16, 2024 at 03:48 PM

NP

“ Nate Pease planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Aaron Rogers.

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**Nate Pease** - February 16, 2024 at 03:48 PM

EW

“ Elonye Wilkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Aaron Rogers.

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**Elonye Wilkins** - February 16, 2024 at 02:44 PM

EW

“ *Elonye Wilkins purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of J. Aaron Rogers.*



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**Elonye Wilkins** - February 16, 2024 at 02:44 PM

ES

“ *First, I send love and condolences to the family. I know this is a tough time. I met Aaron in 1999 when I started at Cook Imaging (Baxter) and we quickly "hit it off". We both had similar interests like music, Michigan travel, food, being outside, etc. Oh and fireworks! We would go on shopping sprees together when the firework shops set up. We would also try to schedule attending the same trade shows for work each year so we could try some restaurants in different cities. I took Aaron to many IU basketball games over the years as he was an avid fan and I knew how much he enjoyed them. Some years were definitely better than others, but fun nonetheless. Later on, I moved to a different company, but we remained friends and kept hanging out. I had him out to our lake house several times for swimming and boating, which again Aaron absolutely loved. The smile on his face said it all. I never did make it to the horse track with him, but I know that was another favorite event for him every year. One of my absolute favorite things about Aaron was that he would always ask the waiter, "what is your name", I'm Aaron! He always made a point to get to know people. I lost touch with Aaron about 5 years ago which I will always regret. We lost you too soon man. I know that you are at peace now. Enjoy hanging out with all those rockers in heaven pal. You will be greatly missed. - Erik Stelle*

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**Erik Stelle** - February 16, 2024 at 10:43 AM

LM

“ Laura, David, Susan and Mary purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of J. Aaron Rogers.



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**Laura, David, Susan and Mary** - February 15, 2024 at 04:24 PM

CS

“ I worked with Aaron at Cook over 20 years ago I will always remember his smile. His smile was a little mischievous but at the same time so sincere. A smile that said so much and included everyone in the room. Life tends to take us on different paths but leaves lasting memories. Thinking of his family at this time and hoping they find peace, comfort and love in all the memories.

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**Cindy Sherfield** - February 15, 2024 at 06:38 AM

CS

“ Cindy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Aaron Rogers.

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**Cindy S.** - February 15, 2024 at 06:02 AM

TK

“ Trisha Kruszynski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Aaron Rogers.

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**Trisha Kruszynski** - February 14, 2024 at 07:24 PM

TK

“ Trisha Kruszynski purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of J. Aaron Rogers.



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**Trisha Kruszynski** - February 14, 2024 at 07:24 PM

MR

“ Meghan (Brunoehler) Reynolds purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of J. Aaron Rogers.



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**Meghan (Brunoehler) Reynolds** - February 14, 2024 at 05:02 PM

YF

“ Your Simtra (formerly Baxter) friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Aaron Rogers.

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**Your Simtra (formerly Baxter) friends** - February 14, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of J. Aaron Rogers.



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February 14, 2024 at 03:19 PM

DM

“ Donetta M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Aaron Rogers.

Donetta M. - February 14, 2024 at 01:35 PM

HD

“ Herbie, Angie, Morgan, Mickela DeBoer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of J. Aaron Rogers.



Herbie, Angie, Morgan, Mickela DeBoer - February 14, 2024 at 01:35 PM

CH

“ Aaron was such a great guy! He always was full of energy and very witty! Many wonderful memories!

Clark and Cindy Hinds - February 14, 2024 at 11:58 AM

CH

“ Clark Cindy and Briana Hinds purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of J. Aaron Rogers.



Clark Cindy and Briana Hinds - February 14, 2024 at 11:53 AM

RM

“ Robyn M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Aaron Rogers.

Robyn M. - February 14, 2024 at 10:44 AM

SA

“ Susan Alloway lit a candle in memory of J. Rogers



Susan Alloway - February 14, 2024 at 10:01 AM

MR

Thank you, Susan. This is special.

Marilyn Rogers - February 15, 2024 at 07:04 PM

MG

“ Michael G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Aaron Rogers.

Michael G. - February 14, 2024 at 09:52 AM

PF

“ Phil Brunoehler Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Aaron Rogers.

Phil Brunoehler Family - February 14, 2024 at 09:45 AM

PF

“ Phil Brunoehler Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of J. Aaron Rogers.



Phil Brunoehler Family - February 14, 2024 at 09:45 AM

KR

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. He was a caring and kind man who was a wonderful co-worker.*

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**Kris** - February 14, 2024 at 07:38 AM

HD

“ *Aaron you will be missed alot. We had alot of fun times at the campground up in Mackinaw City. Also at the Kentucky Derby. You are a great friend. We will never forget you buddy. We have had alot of laughs and good conversations over the years at the campground. We want to send our condolences to Kara and Josh and your family. You guys are in our prayers during this difficult time. You were taken from us to soon buddy. You taught me the love for fireworks and I will never forget it. We will do our show this year in your honor. Rest easy buddy. We love you and will miss you alot*

*Herbie, Angie, Morgan, Mickela DeBoer*

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**Herbie DeBoer** - February 13, 2024 at 08:35 PM