



Donald "Buddy" Rogers

February 25, 1954 - March 5, 2025

“Buddy is dead.” That’s all he wanted written in honor of him, but those words just aren’t enough to sum up his life.

Buddy passed away on March 5 at Cooley Dickinson Hospital after complications from an intense battle with cancer. He was born in Northampton to Ralph Rogers and Jean (Brooks) Alward on February 25, 1954. He attended Smith Vocational and retired from the Northampton DPW due to an injury and then became the best stay at home dad.

He loved his slower paced island style way of life. Going on many cruises with his wife and friends. He created a tiki bar at home, complete with many variations of flamingos. He was always ready with a cold beer, laugh and a story.

Buddy loved camping with his family and being a “girl dad” to his three daughters. His love for his wife, family and friends was fierce and we are happy to have experienced a love like that.

Buddy leaves behind his parents Ralph Rogers and Jean Alward, wife of 38 years, Debbie (Jones) Rogers, dog Lucy, daughters, Jamie Dufresne (David), Jessica Liimatainen (Eric), Shawna Rogers (John), grandsons, Corbin and Dylan Liimatainen and sister Bev Montague (Dan). He was predeceased by his stepfather Edgar Alward.

Buddy’s actions spoke louder than words ever could, so in spirit there will be a Celebration of Life at JJ’s Tavern in Florence on March 15th, 2025, from 12PM – 3 PM. DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME OF NORTHAMPTON has been

entrusted with his services.

Please consider donations in Buddy's name to the Cancer Connection 41
Locust St., Northampton, MA 01060.

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit
Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

JJ'S Tavern
99 Main St.
Florence, MA 01062

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald "Buddy" Rogers.*



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“ *To Debbie, Shawna, Jean and family, Buddy was not only our neighbor but a friend. His skills in fixing small engines in lawn mowers was incredible. To this day I still use a small lawnmower that Buddy repaired/tuned up and it runs incredibly after many many years. I told everyone who wanted an extra mower to go to Buddy. He always had a wave when I drove by. May all his great stories, his adventures and his memory live with all his family and friends. Buddy, I will smile and think of you every time I mow my bottom lawn and know you are smiling back.*

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