

Jack Rogers

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LT. COL. JACK L. ROGERS

Lt. Col. Jack L. Rogers, 69, of Asheville, U. S. Army retired veteran, died Monday, February 5, 2001, at Brentwood Nursing Facility following an extended illness.

A native of Hinton, he was the son of the late E. K. "Toots" Rogers Jr. and Vera O'Connor Rogers.

While in high school Jack excelled in baseball and basketball, selected on all-state teams. He also excelled in playing baseball and the trumpet throughout his college years at Wake Forest University, where he graduated in 1953 with a B.A. in business administration.

After his graduation Jack enlisted in the U. S. Army and was assigned to Army counter intelligence. His distinguished military career include: Chief, German Investigation and Surveillance Branch, Berlin, Germany 1955-58; Agent in Charge, Ft. Benning, GA., 1960-62; Agent in Charge Kiel Field Office, Kiel, Germany, 1962-65; Intelligence Advisor J-2, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, Saigon 1965-66; Chief, Counter Intelligence and Security, Division, NATO, Germany, 1969-72; Commander, 2nd MI Battalion, Vietnam, 1972-73; Chief, Operational Management Division, Baltimore, MD., 1973-74; Director, Region 32, Dept. of Defense, Chicago, 1974-76; Chief, 66th. Military Intelligence Group, Munich, Germany, 1976-79. His decorations and medals include the National Defense Service Medal (1st. OLC), Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal (2nd. OLC), Vietnam Service Medal, Good

Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Staff Service Medal 1st. Class, Vietnam Air Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Air Medal. During his second tour in Vietnam he made over 25 flights over hostile territory. Jack now joins our many fallen men and women war veterans. He served his country well and will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Surviving are a brother, Dr. E. Kent Rogers III of Asheville; a sister, Mary Lu Crawford of Vero Beach, Fla.; a beloved aunt, Drusilla O'Connor, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 7th. at Williams Funeral Service with the Rev. Dr. Douglas Fairbanks officiating. Interment followed at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, V.A. Regional Office, 251 N. Main St., Room 115, Winston-Salem, NC 27102.

Arrangements by Williams Funeral Service.