



Architect: Bette Peek Rogers

**A SERVICE OF WITNESS
TO THE RESURRECTION**

CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF

Bette P. Rogers

January 10, 1928 - July 11, 2010

and

John B Rogers

July 23, 1922 - July 12, 2010

MEMORIAL SERVICE
JOHN AND BETTE ROGERS

on

The Fifty-Ninth Anniversary of their Wedding
July 21, 2010 at 10:00 am

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

PRAYER OF ADORATION

* HYMN (inside back cover of Hymnal) *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Psalm 23

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Old Rugged Cross

arr. by Bill Wolaver

REMEMBRANCES

Rich von Lührte

J. Scot, Robert M. and Richard R. Rogers

* HYMN 40 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

John 14: 1-6

Romans 8: 37-39

Corinthians 13: 1-4 & 11-13

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

* HYMN 526 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

* CHARGE

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Bound for Greater Things* Ken Medema
*We are bound for greater things, bound to walk the higher road,
Drawn by dreams, and led by visions, we will know the grace of God
We will leave the past behind, we will fly with eagles wings.
We will run the race before us; we are bound for greater things.*

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

* *Please stand if you are able to do so.*

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Pastor	Bill Huron, Reader
The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, Associate Pastor	Jane Ripper, Organist
Kathie Simpson, Reader	Char Latta, Soloist
Alissa Bucher, Reader	Ken Zimmerman, Soloist



The simple flowers chosen for today honor Bette and John. The three sons are wearing Lily of the Valley, a subtle little flower Bette selected for their wedding 59 years ago today. Yellow roses have been a lifelong family treat for Bette in recognition of her Texas heritage. Shasta daisies, a favorite of Bette's, became a passion for John as he replaced a whole swath of his front yard for them and enjoyed them with neighbors every summer.



Memorial gifts in memory of John and Bette may be made to:

The Denver Architectural Foundation
CAL Project
2100 Downing Street, Denver, Colorado 80205

or

Memorial Endowment Fund of Wellshire Presbyterian Church
2999 South Colorado Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80222

In Memory of Bette P. and John B Rogers

July 21, 2010

Bette Peek Rogers died on July 11, 2010 and John B Rogers, her husband of 59 years, died fourteen hours later on the morning of July 12. John and Bette both passed away peacefully in their home on South St. Paul in Denver.

Bette Peek Rogers was born in Galveston, Texas on January 10, 1928. She grew up in Hitchcock and then Belton where she attended high school and lived with her beloved grandmother, Ethel Mitchell Peek. She graduated valedictorian in 1945, and matriculated at the University of Texas in Austin that fall. At UT Bette pursued a degree in Architecture, one of only two women in her class.

John B Rogers was born in Crete, Nebraska on July 23, 1922. During his childhood his family moved often: Texas, Colorado, Minnesota, finally settling in Manhattan, Kansas. He graduated from high school in 1940, and enrolled in Kansas State University that fall, selecting Architectural Engineering and starting ROTC. In the spring of 1943, John was called into the Army Reserves. John shipped out to Europe at the end of 1944 as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. He saw combat with the 89th Division, ultimately rising to the rank of Captain. Notably, he learned to ski in Austria at the end of the war. John returned to complete his degree at KSU and moved to Colorado where he worked for a few years until deciding to return to school to further his design education. In 1949 John enrolled in the University of Texas School of Architecture and there he met Bette Peek.

John and Bette married on July 21, 1951 in Belton, Texas and moved to start their life together in Denver. Each worked as Architects in various firms before John opened his own practice in 1956, coincident with the beginning of their family. John's practice grew, as did John and Bette's family; by 1962 they had three sons and John's practice had expanded and become Rogers Nagel Architects.

John and Bette moved to 2052 South Fillmore in the summer of 1962, a home that would serve their family for the next 33 years. They were devoted parents of their three boys. They supported and encouraged their interests, whether in sports or art. They traveled frequently and summered in their cabin near Idaho Springs. Bette was president of the University Park PTA and she was a constant participant at Wellshire Presbyterian Church, where she served as both Deacon and Elder and a perpetual volunteer. In 1982 Bette designed Wellshire's Memorial Garden, where she and John are interred together today. John's practice grew as RNL, and he received innumerable professional awards, including Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, Colorado Architect of the Year, the Silver Medal by the Western Mountain Region of the AIA and a Lifetime Achievement Award by the AIA in 2006. John was the first Kansas State University Alumni Fellow from the College of Architecture.

In the summer of 1995, they moved into their new self-designed home on St. Paul Street, a home that would see the addition of 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild, John's graduation to Principal Emeritus at RNL, his leadership of the Denver Architectural Foundation, and Bette's continued gift of time and insight to her multi-generational family, to PEO, and her church. During these years they traveled regularly to visit family throughout the states and on many adventures overseas, to both Asia and Europe. They loved their home and filled it with friends and family for every occasion. It is a remarkable life that they lived together, and fitting that they finished together.

Bette and John are survived by three sons and their families, J. Scot Rogers and Kathie Simpson of Denver, Robert M. Rogers and Alissa Bucher of New York, and Richard R. Rogers and Bill Huron of Denver, and 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Bette's brother Ben survives her, and John's siblings Susy, Bob, Carolyn, Don and Donna survive him.



John & Bette Rogers and their family

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