



## Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers

November 11, 1958 - February 2, 2019

Mrs. Catherine Rogers of High River, Alberta passed away at the South Calgary Health Campus on February 2nd, 2019 at the age of 60 years. Catherine is survived by her son Robert, daughter Samantha, mother Gail Barry, and her four brothers F.J., John, Michael, and Martin Barry. Catherine is predeceased by her husband, Bill Rogers.

Catherine was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and moved to Canada with her son, daughter, and husband to start a new life in Southern Alberta. Catherine was instrumental as CFO and VP of Western Financial Group, helping to build the company from a small local insurance brokerage office in High River into the largest brokerage business in Western Canada. At every stage of her remarkable career she excelled both as a business professional and as a friend to her many colleagues.

As a mother, Catherine was an extremely kind and caring soul. Nothing came before family, and at every opportunity Catherine was keen to take advantage of the time she could spend with her children. She was the closest thing to a surrogate mother for many in the community, and although her exceptional dedication to her career kept her busy, Catherine always made sure that the family and friends she held so dear were well looked after.

Catherine would often state that her only wish was to leave this world a better

place than when she arrived. Her lifetime of charity and selflessness is a testament of her success. Her memory lives on amongst those of us fortunate enough to have known her in life. She will be profoundly missed.

In keeping with Catherine's wishes her ashes will be taken back home to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, the Rogers family asks that you donate to the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Caroline Gould lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Caroline Gould** - February 13, 2019 at 12:13 AM

LC

“ *I am so sorry to hear this news. I greatly respected Catherine and she was an amazing lady to work with. My sincere condolences.*



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**Lisa Clayton** - February 08, 2019 at 07:39 PM

DE

“ *Debbie Ellice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Debbie Ellice** - February 08, 2019 at 03:48 PM

CG

“ *Colleen Gehrke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Colleen Gehrke** - February 08, 2019 at 02:46 PM

PM

“ Pat Minor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



Pat Minor - February 08, 2019 at 12:12 AM

MS

“ Maria Stey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



Maria Stey - February 07, 2019 at 10:21 PM

RE

“ Ray & Kathy Erickson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



Ray & Kathy Erickson - February 07, 2019 at 04:50 PM

TB

“ Tammy Ballhorn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



Tammy Ballhorn - February 07, 2019 at 02:15 PM

LR

“ Dear Robert and Samantha,

*We are so very sorry to hear the sad news. Such an intelligent, classy woman who loved you so very much. Our hearts are with you now and in the future.*

*The Rehak family*

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**Lillian Rehak** - February 07, 2019 at 12:18 AM

AW

“ Robert and Samantha, Peter and I are so sorry for your loss. Your mom made us both feel incredibly welcome when we first arrived in High River. We will always cherish and remember the barbecues we had with your family! May you always have great memories.

*Peter and Arlet*

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**Arlet Wilde** - February 06, 2019 at 11:59 PM



JS

“ Janis & Joe Stark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



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**Janis & Joe Stark** - February 06, 2019 at 03:51 PM

MP

“ *The Rogers were such a huge part of our lives. I'll miss her very very much*



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**Mary Paul** - February 06, 2019 at 12:55 AM

AW

“ *Ann Weston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Ann Weston** - February 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Tricia Bliss lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Tricia Bliss** - February 05, 2019 at 09:34 PM

JA

“ *Janet Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Janet Anderson** - February 05, 2019 at 09:01 PM

MN

“ Marilyn Brown - WFG Nanton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



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**Marilyn Brown - WFG Nanton** - February 05, 2019 at 08:20 PM

GJ

“ Sam and Rob, your mom was so kind, and I can only ever remember her with a smile on her face. She always had an open door for all of us loud, awkward high school kids, and made everyone feel welcome. I'll always remember her driving us to watch the boy's basketball tournaments, even if it was three hours away and she could only see one game. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Gabriella Jarvis** - February 05, 2019 at 03:19 PM

TC

“ Catherine was one of the hardest working, most intelligent and kindest person we had the privilege of knowing. As a mother she loved Robert and Samantha beyond the moon and back. While the children were growing up we had many wonderful times together. Trips to Canmore, Panorama and the occasional golf game. We also shared many fun filled dinner parties with lots of heart felt laughter. Catherine was truly a warm, wonderful, loving mother, wife and friend . Bruce and I are so sorry for your loss. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Robert and Samantha as well as Catherine's mother and brothers . With love,  
Terry and Bruce Churchill- Smith

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**Terry and Bruce Churchill-Smith** - February 05, 2019 at 02:06 PM

KU

“ We are so sorry for your loss.  
Your Mom was a smart, talented and lovely lady.  
We have great memories of happy Christmases with our families  
together at your home, with your Mom being the welcoming and  
wonderful hostess that she was.  
Our thoughts and love go out to you.

*Hilary and Kerry*

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**Kerry Upperton** - February 05, 2019 at 01:50 PM

EL

“ Catherine was a wonderful person. She always had a smile for us  
and made sure we had treats to make our day pass easier. She was  
a genuine friend to all of us and she will truly be missed.

*The Arrow Cab family.*

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**Eleanor** - February 05, 2019 at 01:15 PM

JC

“ Samantha and Robert I am deeply sorry to hear of your Mom's  
passing. It was a privilege and an honour to have worked with one  
of the great ones! Your Mom was an inspiration to many...men and  
women alike. She was beautiful inside and out! My thoughts and  
prayers are with you at this time.

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**Judy Culp** - February 05, 2019 at 01:20 AM

KP

“ *Kelsie Bowen Preete lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Kelsie Bowen Preete** - February 04, 2019 at 11:45 PM

NG

“ *Sam and Robert - I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Catherine made such an impact on the lives she touched. At Western, she was first an example of a strong female leader to me then later becoming a good friend. I think back to the many meetings we had where one of you would call and she would halt the meeting to take your call. It was clear to all of us how dearly she loved you both and you were her first priority. I pray for strength for each of you to get through this difficult time.  
Know that she was loved and will be greatly missed.*

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**Nancy Green** - February 04, 2019 at 11:06 PM

ST

“ *Robert and Samantha, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was an inspiration, especially to the women at Western. She was a powerhouse - a dedicated business woman, who always carried herself with such poise. When she spoke of you two her eyes always lit up and I remember several occasions when she would come rushing in to find your dad at the office to tell him something one of you had accomplished or something new you were doing. It was obvious just how proud of both of you she was. I feel fortunate that I was able to get to know her on a little more of a personal level over the past few years. Sending you both love and prayers.*



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**Stacie** - February 04, 2019 at 11:04 PM

CR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Catherine was an inspiration to many including me. She was an astute business woman who always made sure her family came first. I admired the way she handled her career and her family. She made it known that family came first. She will be dearly missed .



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**Cheryl Robinson** - February 04, 2019 at 10:24 PM

JD

“ Hello Sam & Robert & family,  
We're so sad to hear of the loss of your Mom.  
It was a privilege to know her and share the desire for you girls to have time at the 'barn' for lessons, chores, horse shows and hanging out at the barn. There was always much laughter in those days! She also had much patience with girls smelling 'fresh' from the barn - driving them home.  
Lots of love & hugs to you.  
Annie & Joyce

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**Joyce O'Neill & Annie Drinnan** - February 04, 2019 at 10:17 PM

GC

“ Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Catherine Ann Rogers



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**Glenda Cutforth** - February 04, 2019 at 10:06 PM

WB

“ Wendy Belik lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



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**Wendy Belik** - February 04, 2019 at 09:03 PM

CH

“ Carmen And Tim Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



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**Carmen and Tim Hodges** - February 04, 2019 at 08:27 PM

VA

“ Robert and Samantha...my heart breaks for you so much. But you are also so very very lucky to have had a mother that loved both of you more than you can ever imagine. She was such a special woman and I was lucky to have her in my life as well. She was my mentor, my boss, but most of all I was lucky enough to call her my friend.

*Take everything she has taught you and be proud to have called her mom. God bless*

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**Veronica Anderson** - February 04, 2019 at 08:25 PM

TH

“ *Tim And Carmen Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Tim and Carmen Hodges** - February 04, 2019 at 08:25 PM

PO

“ *Robert and Samantha, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I had the pleasure of working with her at Western Financial Group. She was a wonderful, caring person and she was so proud of you both. I will remember her as a strong, hard working lady who made a huge difference in the Corpoate World and in the lives of those that were fortunate enough to know her. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, may your wonderful memories help you through this difficult time.*

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**Pat Orritt** - February 04, 2019 at 08:14 PM

ZT

“ *Zach Tannas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Zach Tannas** - February 04, 2019 at 08:10 PM

TA

“ *Tammy Arch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



Tammy Arch - February 04, 2019 at 08:07 PM



“ *Sue Christensen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



Sue Christensen - February 04, 2019 at 07:44 PM

MC

“ *Mary Lou Charles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



Mary Lou Charles - February 04, 2019 at 06:57 PM

MS

“ *Mary Smid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



Mary Smid - February 04, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *Linda Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**Linda Holmes** - February 04, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ *Robert and Sam, I was so terribly sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I spent time with her on Bowen Island almost two years ago. As we shared our daughters' passion for the equestrian world, I felt an immediate bond with your Mom. She was kind, thoughtful, considerate and a compassionate, classy woman. A mother's love for her son is always special and she would always get teary when she spoke of you Robert. My regret is that we lost touch but she will always be in my heart.*

*Debbie Hardwick, Kelowna, B.C.*

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**Debbie Hardwick** - February 04, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ *JUDY ELLIOTT lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*



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**JUDY ELLIOTT** - February 04, 2019 at 01:13 PM

DA

“ Robert and Samantha, I remember with absolute clarity my first trip to High River in 1998 when your Mom took me around town, with the goal to introduce me to my future home! You have all been part of our lives for over 20 years (hard to believe that long...).

Your mom was such a fantastic person - first and foremost a mom to both of you but then a fantastic leader, role model, colleague and friend to so many.

We are here for you each day moving forward. Much love, Donna & Ron Abramson

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**Donna Abramson** - February 04, 2019 at 12:41 PM

SR

Thank you Donna

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**Samantha Rogers** - February 04, 2019 at 07:05 PM

JU

“ Joanne Urquhart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



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**Joanne Urquhart** - February 04, 2019 at 12:22 PM

LS

“ Liane Sabourin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers



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**Liane Sabourin** - February 04, 2019 at 11:50 AM

D&

“*Doug/Bernice Bennett & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*”



**Doug/Bernice Bennett & Family** - February 04, 2019 at 11:05 AM

LR

“*Lisa Roy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*”



**Lisa Roy** - February 04, 2019 at 10:22 AM

D&

“*Deacon Larry & Thérèse lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*”



**Deacon Larry & Thérèse** - February 04, 2019 at 09:17 AM

DD

“*Donna Downey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ann Rogers*”



**Donna Downey** - February 04, 2019 at 12:44 AM

JM

“ My deepest condolences to you Samantha and Robert. Your mom was such a fine woman, who I greatly admired.

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**Jim Morgan** - February 03, 2019 at 09:35 PM

AH

“ Samantha and Robert I am so sad to hear of your mom's passing. She hired me in 2004 and was a life changing, inspiring mentor and friend to me. She spoke of you both every day with joy, pride, and the caring concern of a mom who obviously loved her kids. She was a leader and a strong corporate female role model; smart and tough as nails but did not hesitate to show compassion for, and genuine interest in, others. I hope you find strength in pride for who she was and her many gifts, and peace in the fact that she loved you so very much. Peace be with her and all of you.

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**Ann Holmes** - February 03, 2019 at 04:58 PM

SR

Thank you so much ❤️

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**Samantha Rogers** - February 04, 2019 at 07:08 PM

DG

“ Samantha and Robert I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a wonderful person and I will always cherish the memories we created together, New Years eves in Canmore, our annual Christmas Carol outing and lots of long visits. She was a great friend and I will miss her immensely.  
Darlene and Ray Gehrke.

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**Darlene Gehrke** - February 03, 2019 at 04:06 PM