



Mercedes Ann Motkowski Rogers

January 10, 1942 - September 17, 2018

After a long and difficult battle to which she calmly and courageously stood up to, Mercedes lost her fight to metastatic sarcoma of the soft tissue on September 17, 2018. She was 76 years old.

Mercedes was born on January 10, 1942 in Braddock, PA to Michael and Catherine Motkowski. Surrounded by a large family, her Polish roots and Roman Catholic faith were the foundation on which she drew her unusual strength and her loving, effervescent nature. A consummate nurturer in all facets of her life professionally and personally, she met life head on and intentionally, with humility, love, laughter and grace. Her loving sacrifices and warm sense of humor were gifts to those around her, and by which she will be always be remembered.

Mercedes enjoyed sports, with particular affinity for the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Minnesota Vikings. She was a wonderful gardener, and saw the beauty in all living things. During her life, she lived in many states and had many homes, and in every case, she left things much more beautiful than before. Mercedes made a conscious effort to have a positive impact on every life she touched. Her genuine presence and never ending encouragement will be deeply missed by all, but none more so than the family she treasured above all else.

She will be greeted into the kingdom of God by those who have preceded her; Parents Michael and Catherine Motkowski, sons, Phillip Gerard and Timothy William, and countless other beloved family and friends.

She is survived by her treasured husband of 56 years Bill, children Mark (Ann) Rogers of Savage, MN, Mary (Jim) Reiff and Michelle (Jeff) Hopkins of Salisbury, NC; brother Michael (Jeannie) Motkowski of Gainesville, GA, grandchildren Rachel and Grace Rogers, Kathlyn, Kaeli and James Reiff Jr, Angel, Cole and Gavin Hopkins, Lucas and Haley Smith, great granddaughter Aida Hopkins; brother in law Edward (Millie) Tirpak, Aunts Elizabeth Lawrence, Dolores (Vincent) Sweatlock and Stephanie Fichtner, Uncle Andrew Kolano, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Special thanks to Dr. William Eward, Dr. Jennifer Choe, Paula Lane CNP, all of the tremendous staff at Duke Cancer Center, Durham, NC the wonderful staff at CMC Northeast, Concord, NC, and Hospice House of Kannapolis, NC.

Though her final months were often difficult, her life was made infinitely less so because of the personal, professional and competent care she received by you.

Please join us to celebrate Mercedes extraordinary life on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Visitation hours will be between 2-4pm at Summersett Funeral Home, Salisbury NC.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, September 24, 2018 at 11 AM Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 375 Lumen Christie Ln, Salisbury NC. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations may be made to Duke University Sarcoma Clinic 3100 Tower Blvd., Suite 600, Box 80 Durham, NC 27707 or Sacred Heart Catholic School 385 Lumen Christie Ln, Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Rogers family. Online condolences may be left at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 23. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
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<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

PR

“ *I am with all of you in prayer for this wonderful woman. She was such a dear friend. We shared long phone conversations this last year. We met at Hill Murray and then both worked at Dunwoody. We shared many laughs and fun times. A better friend, I will never find. She will be missed by many.*

*Prayers and thoughts,
Pat Rustad*

Pat Rustad - September 26, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mercedes Ann Motkowski Rogers.*



September 24, 2018 at 08:18 AM

PK

“ There is so much to say and so many memories to share. Mert was an amazing woman who cared for everyone she knew. I believe she even cared for those she did not know. She was a very strong person and her faith in God was even stronger. Mert loved life and loved family. She always kept in touch with my dad - Uncle Joe - up until his death late last year. Her infectious laugh and my dad's always made for a great call. My dad's eyes would always light up when she called. I will miss her calls and her frequent texts. I am sure you are celebrating with family now and free of pain and suffering.
Love you, Mert!

Patti Kirby and Family

Patti Kirby - September 22, 2018 at 01:19 PM

ML

“ Marie Licata lit a candle in memory of Mercedes Ann Motkowski Rogers



Marie Licata - September 21, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mercedes Ann Motkowski Rogers.



September 21, 2018 at 08:55 AM

TK

“ Mercedes (aka Mert), was my good friend for 25 or so years! We worked together at Dunwoody College. We were both big fans of high school hockey. We made many trips for lunch to the local Subway. I think the meatball sub was our sub or choice or whatever was on special that day! :) We spent most of our time talking about our families with a little work mixed in. She talked often about the crazy hats her family wore at family gatherings...a family tradition. We both moved on from Dunwoody and only talked a couple times each year but I could always count on her to be positive and encouraging. I think she knew that my personal love language was words of encouragement and she always filled me up every time we spoke. She was an amazing friend and will be greatly missed. She is now in the arms of her heavenly father. She definitely knew and loved Jesus! God bless you my loyal friend! Todd Kreuscher

Todd R Kreuscher - September 20, 2018 at 06:35 PM

AF

“ Anne Freeman purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Mercedes Ann
Motkowski Rogers.



Anne Freeman - September 19, 2018 at 04:51 PM

BB

“ My sincere condolence for this family and especially to Michelle and
Jeff. God bless you. Beverly Basinger

Beverly Basinger - September 19, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mercedes Ann Motkowski Rogers.*



September 19, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *We will miss this incredible woman so much! She had a sense of humor almost as great as her faith and neither ever wavered! We will be feeling this loss for a long time. With love and remembrance.*

Judy and Bob Zirt - September 19, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mercedes Ann Motkowski Rogers.*



September 19, 2018 at 07:34 AM



“ *To many memories to share but the memory of Mert will always be in my mind and the love close to my heart. She is another shining star looking down on us. I will miss her.*

Barb Regan - September 18, 2018 at 07:56 PM