

## Rob Rogers

Rob Rogers, 49, went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 30, 2011, while on the job in California. Rob was born on July 12, 1962, in Deadwood, SD, to Robert and Hulda (Mehlhoff) Rogers.

Rob graduated from Lead/Deadwood High School in 1980, and then attended two years of college at Black Hills State College. While in high school, he was the basketball manager for the Golddiggers. While in school he worked at the Big D for Clem Biggs, and then began his career in the food service business right after

graduation. He was employed as a buyer for several years in the food industry in Denver, Colorado.

Rob was a very special uncle to his nephew, Brock Heckel. They loved having their daily visits on the phone, tracking all the sports news, and now in heaven they can continue this tradition together. Rob and his brother, Matt, would go to several sports events together, always having a beer and enjoying the day together. He was an avid car show enthusiast, collected Pepsi articles, and loved the history of Deadwood. One of his favorite activities was going to the Denver Flea Market with his brother Tim, where Rob would always buy "NOTHING". Rob was known by a familiar family nickname "Berta" because he spent so much time looking in the mirror when he was young. His sisters told him he should have been a girl so that is how the nickname Berta came about.

Rob was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Deadwood as well as St. Marks Catholic Church in Colorado.

Rob is survived by his parents, Robert and Hulda Rogers of Deadwood; brothers, Tim Heckel (Alicia) of Gillette and Matt Rogers of Rapid City; sisters, Jan Hargens (Gary) of Rapid City, Karen Rogers of Gillette, and Renee Bridenstine (Dan) of Lead; sister-in-law, Nancy Heckel of Texas; niece, Megan Deskins (Josh) of Casper; nephew, Josh Bridenstine (Shanna) of Sioux Falls; and 3 great-nephews.

Rob was preceded in death by his brother, Gerald Heckel, and nephew, Brock Heckel

Memorials are suggested to benefit the Days of 76 Museum or a city park bench in Deadwood. Donations and condolences can be sent in Rob's name to Kinkade Funeral Chapel at 1235 Junction Ave., Sturgis, SD 57785, or online at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



## *In Loving Memory Of*



***Rob Rogers***

***1962 ~ 2011***

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch  
in the church hall immediately following the funeral mass.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



***Miss Me – But Let Me Go***

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free.*

*Miss me a little – but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the Love that we once shared  
Miss Me – But let Me Go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone  
It's all a part of the Master's plan  
And a step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss Me – But Let Me Go*

*In Loving Memory Of*

***Robert Paul Rogers, Jr.***

***Born***

July 12, 1962  
Deadwood, South Dakota

***Died***

September 30, 2011  
Corona, California

***Mass of Christian Burial***

Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.  
St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
Deadwood, South Dakota

***Celebrant***

Father Kerry Prendiville

***Organist***

Julie Laurenti

***Singers***

Gary Hargens                      Melodee Nelson

***Musical Selections***

"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"All I Ask Of You"  
"Song Of Farewell"

***Pallbearers***

Steve Westbrook ~ Greg Nelson ~ James Rogers  
John Rogers ~ Gerald Rogers ~ Bill Pearson

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Tom Fredrickson

***Inurnment***

At A Later Date  
Oak Ridge Cemetery