

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Zachary Yong Rogers

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Zachary Yong Rogers

Spouse: Yuka Sasada Rogers

DOB: May 20, 1986

Blessing Date: February 17, 2013

Ascension: November 4, 2024

Seonghwa Ceremony: December 7, 2024 11:00 AM at 3600 New York Ave. NE Washington, DC 20002

Livestream: us06web.zoom.us/j/87142510324?pwd=9DOT7ETkPm8UJIaKBeBz9GFJSsWueW.1

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Zachary Yong Rogers, a beloved son, brother, husband, and cherished friend to so many, passed away on November 4, 2024. Born in Seattle, Washington and raised in Kodiak, Alaska, Zachary embodied resilience, determination, and an unwavering zest for life.

As a youth, Zachary grew up spending time around US Coast Guard ships and helicopters on the Kodiak Coast Guard base. At age 10, he also went to Uruguay, South America and Swaziland, Africa, on missions with his family.

At the age of 17, Zachary faced his first great battle when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. With courage and strength, he overcame the disease, emerging as an inspiring example of perseverance. He pursued his dreams with passion, attending the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Naval Architecture in 2015. Along the way, he married the love of his life, Yuka Sasada, in 2013, beginning a beautiful journey together.

Zachary's childhood dream was to join the U.S. Coast Guard, a goal he steadfastly pursued. After starting his career in Seattle, his journey took him and Yuka to Maryland in 2020, where his dream became a reality. His dedication and commitment were hallmarks of his character.

In the years that followed, Zachary faced a second, unexpected challenge when he was diagnosed with leukemia. Throughout countless doctor appointments and hospital stays, he never wavered in his positivity. He brought light to those around him, sharing his humor, kindness, and love for good food, even in the toughest times.

Zachary was deeply loved by his family and close friends, who stood by him with unwavering support. His strength, optimism, and love for life touched everyone he met. Though his passing leaves an immense void, his legacy of courage, love, and joy will forever be remembered.

Now free from illness, Zachary leaves behind a legacy of love and inspiration. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

If you would like to share your special photos or stories with him, please click below to post on his Kudoboard.

www.kudoboard.com/boards/1G0NkMLL

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December 8th, 2024



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A beloved son, brother, husband, and genuine friend to so many, Zachary Yong Rogers, passed on November 4th, 2024. After being diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma as a young man of 18, he fought hard and won, overcoming many battles inside and out. He went on to college, got married to the beautiful Yuka Sasada in 2013, and then graduated two years later from the University of Michigan with a degree in Naval Architecture. Raised in Kodiak, Alaska, he was on a mission to achieve his childhood dream of joining the U.S. Coast Guard. After working in Seattle and then moving across the country to Maryland in 2020, that dream finally became an exciting reality. Not long afterward, Zachary was suddenly diagnosed with Leukemia. There were many doctor appointments and hospital stays the last few years in his fight to beat cancer for the second time. He kept his head held high in positivity, serving everyone around him, cracking jokes, and sharing his love for good food. His whole family and close friends supported him immensely. We miss him dearly, but now that he can be finally free of illness, there is only love.

We would greatly appreciate the support to cover extra medical expenses, funeral costs, and final preparations. We plan to hold a Celebration of Life for Zachary tentatively on December 8th in Maryland, to send him off together. If you would like to share your special photos or stories with him, please click below to post on his Kudoboard.

<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/1GONkMLL>

We are incredibly thankful for all your support in this time. Thank you!

-The Rogers Family

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November 18th, 2024 by Karilee Aoki, Organizer

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Zach was an amazing person and we want to keep his love and memory in our hearts and minds. Please post any pictures, video, or audio of him here. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

... From Jeremy Rogers



This was in Kodiak I remember taking this photo in East elementary school. Going to miss my brother Zach.

... From Jeremy Rogers



This was the Day I discovered Jamaican jerk chicken, nothing has been the same since.

... From Jeremy Rogers



Words can't express how inspired I am by you Zachary! You are an amazing brother. We traveled the world together, but to meet back up in Seattle for a while was special. I still have all the tried and true recipes you gave me. Thank you for loving up your nieces and nephews every chance you got. Your positivity even in the face of challenging situations is something I want to practice too. God bless you everyday.

Love, your Big sis KK

... From Karilee Aoki



It was a joy to spend time with you and Yuka during your time to Seattle. I was deeply inspired by your strength and selflessness, always thinking of others even in difficult times. Your kind and bright spirit will be dearly missed.

... From Hide & Mande Motoi



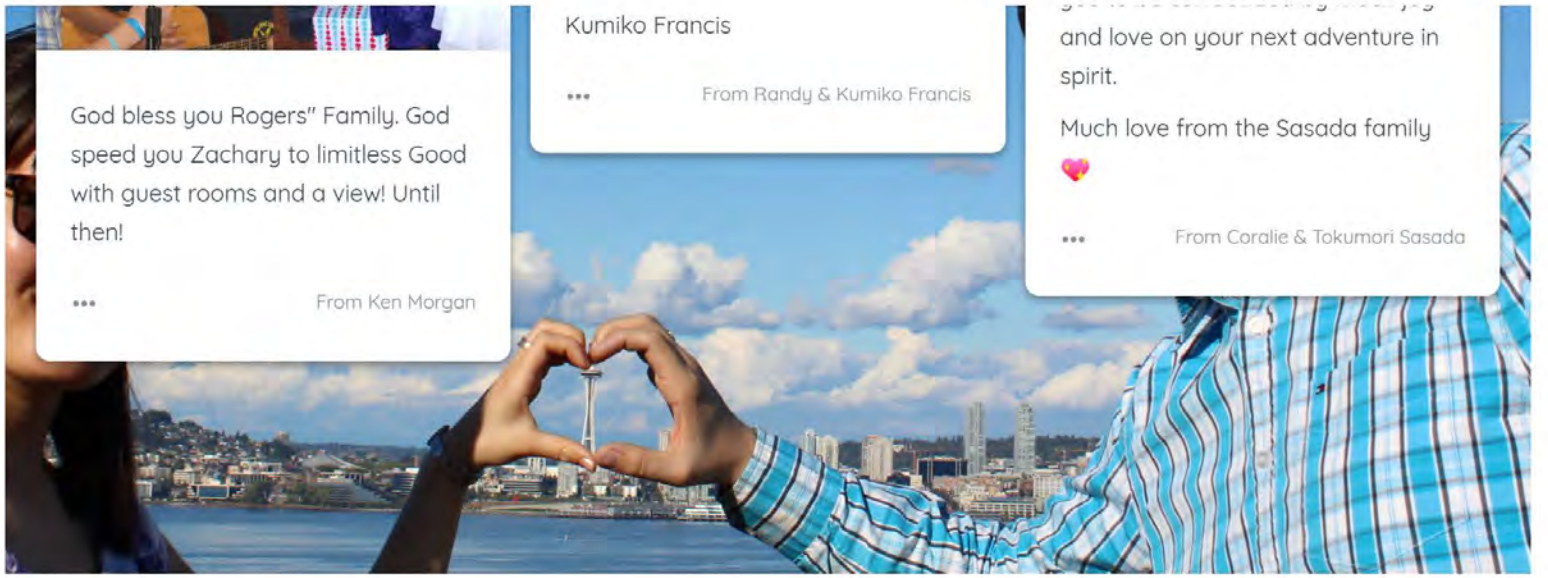
Thank you Zachary for being a wonderful brother-in-law. We connected with you since our first meeting. We have always appreciated your kind, caring and calm personality with your warm smile. We got to travel together in Japan from the Golden Temple in Kyoto to the beautiful nature of Nagano (on this photo), and in Singapore where you came to visit us with Yuka to experience the Asian culture and taste delicious food while spending quality time together. Thank you for inspiring us with your bright and positive mindset.

The kids enjoyed spending time with you at Disneyland in Tokyo, fishing in Nagano, playing board games, and they will miss their Minecraft game time with their uncle.

We will miss you dearly and we wish you to be surrounded by much love



Zachary is an embodiment of bright, shining love and concern for all those around him. A constant learner and giver. May he live on in all our memories and actions we learn from him and his relationship with the love of his life Yuka. We extend all our love to the whole family, Randy &



God bless you Rogers" Family. God speed you Zachary to limitless Good with guest rooms and a view! Until then!

... From Ken Morgan

Kumiko Francis

... From Randy & Kumiko Francis

and love on your next adventure in spirit.

Much love from the Sasada family



... From Coralie & Tokumori Sasada