

To Honor
Charlotte Fox Rogers
1925 - 2015

Scholar, Author, Teacher, Entertainer. Gerontologist, Genealogist, Psychologist, Artist. Historian, Musician, Interior Decoration. Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend. These are but a few of the words to describe **Charlotte Fox Rogers**, 90, who passed away peacefully on May 12, 2015 from complications of multiple strokes.

Born on a farm in Fence WI, in 1925, during the Great Depression, Charlotte Fox grew up with a desire to study and succeed. She was Valedictorian of the class of 1942 at Tuley HS in Chicago, and worked her way through college as a lathe operator and model painter. During this time, she entertained WWII troops as a USO Hostess. She attended Central YWCA College and Northwestern University, earning a BS with Honors and an MA in Psychology in 1946 and 1947. Charlotte did additional graduate work at The Johns Hopkins University, Boston University, and Stanford University, where she met her husband, Miles, a Psychologist and Statistician. At age 22, she was one of America's pioneers in psycho-gerontology, as a published researcher on the psychology of aging. In her senior years, she was fond of saying "Now I *really* know what it's all about!" From 1957 to 1961, she was one of the first psychologists to train women for natural childbirth, teaching classes at the Santa Monica, CA YWCA.

Charlotte was a member of Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honorary, the American Psychological Association, was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and held a commission in the Reserve Corps of the US Public Health Service.

Together, Charlotte and Miles, who were married in 1950, raised four children, keeping them busy with activities including 50-mile backpacks, Scouting, road trips, rockhounding, educational enrichment programs, and unicycling! She was the co-founder, costumer, publicist, and co-choreographer of Wonderwheels Unicycle Drill Team, which performed throughout North America, as both a family troupe and a community group of up to 30 riders, from 1964-1974. Wonderwheels was showcased in more than 150 parades and events, including the 1971 Calgary Stampede, and was honored to be selected to represent the United States in a solo parade at the Expo '67 World's Fair in Montreal, Canada. She was also a Founder Member of, and multi-term Historian for, the Unicycling Society of America, Inc., as well as a member of the International Unicycling Federation.

Mrs. Rogers was an artist in many media. In addition to the unicycling costumes, she designed and sewed clothing for herself and her children, including concert, prom, and wedding attire, under the guise of "Charlotte Fox of California". She used clothing scraps, felt, found objects, oils, acrylics, and stained glass to create a plethora of artwork. She dabbled in instrumental music, via the cello, saxophone, and piano, and later tried her hand at songwriting. Charlotte was a member of both the West Coast branch of The Songwriters Guild and the Organization of Women in Music. Her music was selected for performance by the United States Memorial Holocaust Museum. Musical preferences included classical, country, bluegrass, big band swing, and anything to which one could dance a foxtrot.

Since 1982, Mrs. Rogers spent extensive time researching and documenting the genealogies of both her ancestry and that of her husband. For several years, she self-published a newsletter titled *Gamsu*, copies of which may be found in Library of Congress. She helped organize Gamsu Gatherings at both the national and international level. Charlotte was a member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Philadelphia, the Bucks County (PA) Genealogical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and the Association Des Familles Gosselin (Quebec).

Other hobbies included voracious reading of biographies, doing copious amounts of crossword puzzles, prolific gardening, and interior decorating (favorite colors include lavender, turquoise, and chartreuse), and making chopped liver. Throughout the years, she and her family lived in Westchester, Carson, Cerritos, Wilshire Center/Koreatown, and Hesperia CA, as well as West Chester PA. After retirement, Charlotte and Miles travelled across the country and Canada via motorhome and would spend a month a year babysitting grandchildren in Kailua HI. The Rogers owned an 1890's miner's cabin and additional lots in the Owens Valley town of Keeler CA, for use as a gateway to recreational activities in the majestic Sierra Nevada Mtns, the Inyo Mtns, and Death Valley National Park.

Charlotte Fox Rogers is survived by four children, their spouses, and six grandchildren, who will miss her greatly.

