

DR. LEMUEL AND MRS. GLORIA ROGERS

LIFESPAN CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHO WAS DR. LEMUEL ROGERS?

Lemuel Rogers was born on August 12, 1933 in Norristown, Pennsylvania, residing there throughout his college years where he attended Penn State and Lincoln University as a pre-med student.

Rogers did not graduate from either college but went on to serve as a Private in the Artillery Division of the Army, stationed in Japan. After being discharged, Rogers was accepted to Franklin and Marshall college where, in 1959, he earned a BS in Biology and was recommended by the pre-med faculty to attend Howard University Medical School.

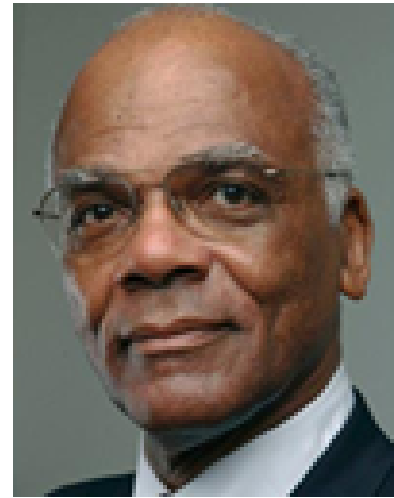
Rogers received his medical degree from Howard University Medical School in 1963, five years after marrying his wife Gloria who he credits for his success in medical school, all while providing for their three children. He accepted an internship with the National Institute of Health in Watertown, Massachusetts and then completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Philadelphia General Hospital. After a brief stint in opening his own OB\GYN practice in Philadelphia, Dr. Rogers and his family relocated to Rochester, NY where he partnered with Dr. James Roberson to open their own medical building and joint practice.

Dr. Rogers and Dr. Roberson were two of the first African American doctors in Rochester to start their own practice.

Dr. Rogers retired in 1998 after delivering approximately 5,000 babies through his affiliations with both Highland and Saint Mary Hospitals. He was always active in his community, serving as an active member of the National Medical Association and on the Board of Rochester Blue Cross\Blue Shield. His wife, Mrs. Gloria Rogers, was also actively involved in the Rochester Community as a teacher and counselor in the Rochester City School District for 30 years. They both were dedicated members of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church and avid advocates for awareness about Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Dr. Rogers and his wife Gloria sponsored the African American Health Symposium through their partnership with the Finger Lakes Region Alzheimer's Association. In 2015, four years after Gloria passed away, the symposium was renamed the Dr. Lemuel and Gloria Rogers African American Alzheimer Health Symposium. The symposium had it's 10th event last year.

Later in life, Gloria developed dementia and Dr. Rogers was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Dr. Lemuel Rogers and Mrs. Gloria Rogers' advocacy for health education in the Rochester Black community lives on today through the symposium named in their honor. The symposium aims to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias among the Black community and inform the community about the resources available.



Born: August 12, 1933
Died: August 9th, 2015



Born: July 10th, 1936
Died: November 4th, 2011

