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Adele L. Rogers; Presidential Citizens Medal Recipient

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Adele Langston Rogers, 89, the first female recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal, died May 27 at her home in Bethesda, Md.

The widow of William P. Rogers, who was secretary of state under President Nixon, she accompanied her husband on official visits to 75 nations. Nixon awarded her the medal in 1973.

She was a native of Haddon Heights, N.J., and was educated at Cornell and Stanford universities, earning a law degree and later serving as a Cornell trustee.

Rogers became a devoted volunteer at schools in New York and Washington and was on the board of the National School Volunteer Program. She was president of the PTA at Sidwell Friends School in Washington and a branch of the Boys Clubs of America.

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