



Garland "Woody" L. Wood

February 21, 1930 - April 22, 2020

Garland L. Wood, 90, died peacefully April 22, 2020, at Good Samaritan Village in Grand Island, Neb. Garland "Woody" was a Korean War veteran who proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years. A private family service will be held on Monday, April 27th at 10:30 am, at All Faiths Funeral Home. Reverend Charlie Gregory will officiate. This service will be live streamed on the All Faiths facebook page. A visitation will be held on Sunday at the funeral home from 3-5 pm. Family will not be greeting friends. A private burial will take place at Fort McPherson on Tuesday.

Woody was born Feb. 21, 1930, in Hayes Center, Neb., to Virgil and Eula (Hilton) Wood. He graduated from Lexington, Neb., High School in 1948. He spent the next two years as a first-class Rural Electric Association (REA) lineman in Lexington. In 1951, he was called upon his country to serve in the Korean War but he proudly volunteered to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps as a telephone lineman for two years. He resumed his civilian occupation as a first-class REA lineman in McCook, Neb., after serving his country in the active duty Marines. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and served for two more years, obtaining the coveted rank of sergeant. In 1955, he accepted the position as a field maintenance man for Phillips 66 in Des Moines, Iowa. In that same year on Oct. 19, he married Cora Ann (Schwenk) of McCook. They raised two sons, Jerold and Clinton. Woody would spend the next 43 years as a field maintenance man for Phillips 66, Standard Oil Company, Amoco and British Petroleum. His career spanned from Des Moines to the Minnesota

cities of Worthington, Mankato and the sprawling Minneapolis area. He ended his career with British Petroleum in the latter area. He and Cora moved to Grand Island, Neb., in 1998 where he enjoyed fishing, photographing Sandhill cranes, cardinals and his grandchildren and great grandchildren, gardening and completing several woodworking projects. In the last few years, he adopted two squirrels, Coty and Rowdy, who even ate peanuts out of his hand. He woke every morning to feed them.

Other hobbies Woody enjoyed were hunting, shooting his favorite Marlin rifle and hiking with Cora in the parks around Grand Island. He was known for his smile which several nurses said made their days, kind eyes, being soft spoken and courageous.

The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Marines never left him, as friends and family will attest. In fact, his son, Clinton of Wichita, Kan., followed his footsteps and served in the Marines for four years and his great grandson, Brandon Wood, is serving as an infantryman in the Marines.

Woody was preceded in death by his father, Virgil, and his mother, Eula. He is survived by his wife Cora of 64 years, his two children, Jerold and his wife Michele of Midland, Texas, Clinton, his brother Laurel and his wife Anna Marie of Holdrege, Neb., grandchildren, Chad Wood of Aransas Pass, Texas, Amber and her husband Kenneth Priddy of Lake City, Texas, Hailley Wood of Brainerd, Minn., four great grandchildren, Brandon and his wife Dakota of Camp Pendleton, Calif., Chad Jr., and Emma Wood of Portland, Texas, Dalton Priddy of Lake City and several nieces, and nephews, friends and family too numerous to list but not forgotten.

Woody has completed his earthly duties and is now among the best and assigned to heaven's gates and streets.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Garland "Woody" L. Wood*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *My friend Woody was a gentle soul who brightened the day for all who would cross his path. My memory is forever etched with his kindness and love for others.*

Dr. Major (Ret) Michael Chipps - May 10, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *We are so privileged to have known Woody. He was such a gentleman with a strong spirit. His heart was big and he always had a smile and something nice to say. We send our heartfelt condolences to Ann and family. We know Woody will be missed.*

Paul & Anita Polansky - April 28, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ *What a wonderful person and gentleman our friend, Woody was. We loved him and glad we got to know him. Faithful servant of God, makes a Godly man.*
Mike and Annetta Milhon

Annetta Milhon - April 27, 2020 at 09:41 AM

DS

“ We first met Woody as part of a coffee group at Pumpers. He was such a perfect gentleman and seemed so genuinely happy to see us. We enjoyed our talks very much. Later on I would stop at their home to check on Woody and Ann. Ann would never let me leave without a drink and a snack of some type. Woody enjoyed watching his squirrels there and loved to talk about them. He was very proud of the Marine Corp and spoke of it often but always downplayed his role. I am proud to have known Woody and have him call me friend. Semper Fi.

Donald and Dianne Smith

Don Smith - April 27, 2020 at 09:15 AM

PM

“ I had the honor and privilege to know and care for Woody. I came to love him, Ann, sons and family. What a wonderful man, a well lived life of 90 years, an exceptionally kind, caring man. He will be missed on Earth and is now being celebrated in Heaven with Jesus. My heart goes out to his wife and loving family.

Pat McFeely - April 26, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Garland "Woody" L. Wood.



April 25, 2020 at 04:51 PM

AS

“ *Woody Definitely had a wonderful smile, I was so blessed to be able to care for him. He will be missed thoughts and prayers to Ann and family.*

Ashley - April 25, 2020 at 02:27 PM

CA

Sorry about your loss, Ann. Miss seeing you. Connie and Loren Avey

connie and Loren Avey - April 25, 2020 at 08:45 PM

SL

Clint, we are sorry for your, and your family's, loss. It is truly difficult to say goodbye to such a treasure. We hope the tremendous legacy he leaves offers you all some measure of comfort. We also pray that the Lord's grace gives you support and peace. Semper Fi...
Scott and Lisa Drewlo

Scott and Lisa - April 26, 2020 at 12:40 PM

AM

What a good and generous man Woody was. I feel so lucky that my family got to know him. We are all celebrating the life of a good man and mourning his passing with you.

Alan & Gail Mais Family

Alan Mais - April 26, 2020 at 02:01 PM

JG

I am so blessed to know Woody & Ann! I have several fond memories & will really miss him with his nice smile, soft speaking voice, & sparkling blue eyes. They always had a twinkle in them! He is with his Heavenly Father where we will see him again some day! My sympathy to all of the family! ❤️

Jan Gustafson - April 27, 2020 at 12:53 PM

JD

We now have another AWESOME ANGEL watching down on us. I will forever hear Woody's words when I worked at Good Sam. I would meet him in the hall and he would ALWAYS say, "HI, FRIEND!" We would give each other a hug and go our separate ways. When we would meet again it would be the same❤️❤️❤️. It's sad that he is passed BUT knowing I will meet up with him again and he will say once more, "HI FRIEND!" Both Woody and Ann will always hold a special place in my heart. Until we meet again THANKS FOR THE CHERISHED MEMORIES💖💖💖💖 LOVE YOU MOST, Jude Dietz

Judy Dietz - April 28, 2020 at 05:50 PM