



Winston "Woody" Wood, DDS

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Dr. Winston W. Wood, age 66, passed away peacefully Monday afternoon, January 15, 2007, at his residence. Born November 14, 1940, he was the son of Dr. Cornelius B. and Viola Wood of Mt. Pleasant, who are both deceased. "Woody" was the first Pediatric Dentist in this area and served the area's special needs children, along with two generations of Muskegon children. Because of illness, he retired in 2004 after 33 years, missing his dental patients and their families immensely. "Woody" honorably served his country as a Captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps from 1967 – 1969. He was very active in the following organizations at various times throughout his career in Dentistry. He was a member of the Muskegon District Dental Society, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Michigan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, International College of Dentists, Pediatric Examination Committee, Michigan Academy of Professions and Board Member of Delta Dental, was also a member of the American Dental Association's House of Delegates, a trustee of the 4th District of Michigan Dental Association, the president of the Michigan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and has served on the Advisory Council for the Dental Assisting Program at Muskegon Community College and was the Chairman of the Michigan Dental Association's Annual Session, in 1988. He also was active in several social organizations at various times, AMBUCS, Mona Lake Boat Club and Muskegon Power Squadron. "Woody" loved his 1956 Chris-Craft "Kasha", and the wonderful boating trips taken on her for the years he had her. He was blessed with a wonderful sense of humor, a boisterous laugh and a talent for telling jokes. He enjoyed singing in the choir at St. Mary's of Spring Lake, playing his guitar at various events and sat down at every piano he saw to play and sing "I Wish I Was 18 Again". If you were with "Woody" you knew you were going to be happy and laughing. SURVIVORS include Jan, wife of 19 years; 1 brother, Neil (Karen) Wood of Romeo, MI; Son, Lt. Winston D. (Susan) Wood, US Coast Guard helicopter pilot serving from



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Kodiak, AK; Daughter, Dawn (Mike) Smith of Chicago, IL; Son, Clay Wood of Spring Lake, MI; step-children, Jeanne (Jim) Tokarczyk of Muskegon, Joy Ann David of Clearwater, FL, Julie (Mark) Green of Walker, MI and Jared Porter of Muskegon; grandchildren, Megan, Adam and Melody Wood, Emma Smith, Jason and Justin Tokarczyk, Jesse, Holly and Maxwell David, Natalie and Erica Green and by 1 brother-in-law, Carl (Carol) Sorensen of Grand Haven. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 1PM Friday, January 19, 2007, at
Sytsema Funeral Home

737 Apple Avenue

231-726-5210

with the Rev. Fr. Leonard Sudlik, presiding. VISITATION with "Woody's" family will be 2-4 & 6-8PM Thursday. For a more lasting memorial you are asked to consider Dr. Woody and Jan Wood Community Pediatric Dentistry Fund through the Community Foundation of Muskegon County or Harbor Hospice. You are also invited sign the family's On-line Guest Book @ www.sytsemafh.com



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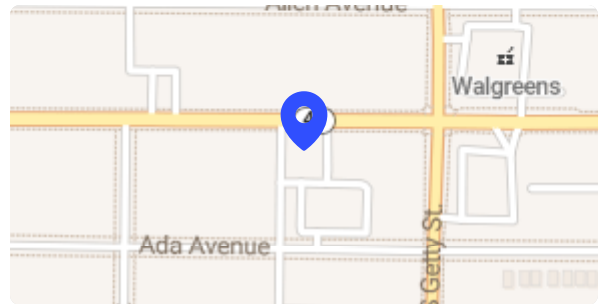
Visitation

 **Thursday**, January 18, 2007

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel**

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



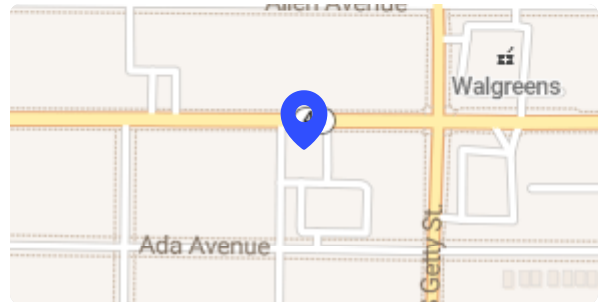
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Anonymous posted:

High School classmate##imported-begin##John Peters##imported-end##

February 20 at 7:57 AM



Anonymous posted:

Marilyn and I have fond memories of your days as an AMBUC, Woody. You brought joy and laughter to those around you. We'll miss you and keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Frank & Marilyn Buck##imported-end##

January 22 at 10:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

Classmate of Mt. Pleasant High School, Class of 1958.I have many memories of Winston and drive by the Wood homestead many times each week and always think of him when doing so.Sincere Condolences to his Family and Friends.##imported-begin##Donald R. Fuller, Sr##imported-end##

January 21 at 10:15 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Jan So sorry to hear about Woody. How have you been? I'm still playing pool on Tues & Thurs .I haven't been to well tho.I would like to hear from you sometime .You have my email address now. Take care and God Bless you and your family..Melissa##imported-begin##Melissa Wiable##imported-end##

January 21 at 5:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

Micki and I are so sorry to hear about Woody.He was a wonderful person and a great dentist. The world is a little better place because he was here.##imported-begin##Jeffrey S.Schmidt DDS Classmate UofD 1967##imported-end##

January 20 at 8:32 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Jan and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that we are thinking of you. I am remembering many good times and thinking of you and Woody in the sunshine, with blue Lake Michigan waters. Love you, Martha##imported-begin##Martha and Adam Colburn##imported-end##

January 20 at 7:33 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jan: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Woody. He was quite a guy! Our dental class will miss him at this coming 40th reunion.##imported-begin##Carl M. Mueller##imported-end##

January 20 at 4:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

His sense of humor will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##George Barnosky##imported-end##

January 19 at 10:08 AM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Wood, who was always such a kind, witty and charming person every time we met. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jan, Winston, Dawn, Clay and the rest of the family. With love, David & Holly##imported-begin##David & Holly Betlejewski##imported-end##

January 19 at 8:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our Delta meetings were always more fun when Woody was there. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. John R. Cook##imported-end##

January 19 at 7:00 AM



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Anonymous posted:

We are very blessed to have had our paths cross when Winston and Susan married. The times we have had together with you and Woody have left us with warm thoughts and happier. We are thankful to part of the extended family and are blessed that the values of compassion and goodness that Woody demonstrated are carried on in our Son-in-law Winston. Please know our prayers are with your family. Richard and Carol, Rochester, MI###imported-begin##Carol & Richard Emmons###imported-end##

January 19 at 6:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jan, We wish to extend condolences to you and your family in your loss of "Woody". He will be remembered as a good man who served his country, honored his family and served his community and his profession with excellence and enthusiasm. He was a fine friend. Everyone who knew him always had a good word for him.###imported-begin##Gloria and Will Fletke###imported-end##

January 19 at 6:24 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hang in there, Jan. We're here for you if you need us at all. Harriet and Bev.###imported-begin##Harriet McConnell and Beverly Schorie###imported-end##

January 19 at 5:48 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Wood family. I hope you are able to gather together in Michigan and take comfort in the celebration of the good memories left behind. Keith, Sally, Kellen and Amelia McTigue, Kodiak, AK###imported-begin##Keith and Sally McTigue, Kodiak Alaska###imported-end##

January 18 at 6:24 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My childhood would have not been the same without Dawn's dad. He was gracious enough to host many sleep overs with the girls back in elementary, middle, and high school. Dr. Wood stocked his refrigerator with all sorts of goodies and let us giggle through the night. He took us for boat rides and always made us feel welcome in his home. I thank Dr. Wood for blessing my life with his gentle nature and giving spirit. My heart goes out to the entire family. God Bless. ##imported-begin##Roberta (Epplett) Edwards##imported-end##

January 18 at 5:28 PM



Anonymous posted:

Woody, you are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Shawn and Chris ##imported-begin##Shawn and Chris Tripp ##imported-end##

January 18 at 4:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

We were very sorry to learn of Woody's passing. We are unable to get to the funeral home or funeral, as Jim had quadruple bypass surgery last month and is limited in activities. Please know we will miss him and we will keep you in our prayers. Sincerely, Eileen and Jim Nordhoff ##imported-begin##Eileen and James I. Nordhoff, D.D.S. ##imported-end##

January 18 at 3:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please accept my heartfelt condolences in the passing of Woody. I work at the Mona Lake Boating Club and I have waited on Woody and his beautiful wife for many years and I will miss his politeness and his twinkling eyes. God Bless you. Betty Hornby ##imported-begin##Betty Hornby ##imported-end##

January 18 at 3:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are very sorry to hear about the loss of Winston. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Lee, Patti, Wayne, Kevin and Jesse Rentner Wixom, MI ##imported-begin##Patricia (Wood) Rentner ##imported-end##

January 18 at 1:07 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our condolences to the family and friends of Winston. Knowing God will bring you comfort and may your memories bring you peace. Gary, Pam, Scott and Steven Wietecha##imported-begin##Pamela (Wood) Wietecha##imported-end##

January 18 at 10:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest condolences to your entire family. You our in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Matt and Jeantte DubenKodiak, AK##imported-begin##Matthew and Jeanette Duben##imported-end##

January 18 at 8:51 AM



Anonymous posted:

My condolences to "Woody's" family. I have never had the privilege of meeting Woody, but have heard so much about him. As a friend of Jan's for more years than I care to count while living in Muskegon before Woody, I know he must have been special, for Jan to have chosen him. Janet, Grapevine, TX##imported-begin##Janet Cochran##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:02 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry for your loss. He was my kids Dentist for 12 yrs. He was a good person, dentist. Our heart is with you. Our deepest prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Debbie, Travis , Jerid Bisson##imported-end##

January 17 at 8:37 PM



Anonymous posted:

We knew each other through the Muskegon Power Squadron. You were one of the "old-timers". You always had a light-hearted comment to make. It was a joy to be around you. It didn't matter that I was the new "kid" on the block. I remember doing many vessel safety checks, while you maintain a central station in your car, so we could get supplies, talk, and laugh. I will miss you! James Rahe##imported-begin##P/C James A. Rahe, AP##imported-end##

January 17 at 5:06 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My brother and I were patients of Dr. Wood's 30 years ago. He was a very gentle, kind, soft spoken man. I can still hear him asking me in his monotone voice, "Would ya like a squirt of water?" I also remember the trunk full of little toys he would let us pick from after our dental work. Dr. Wood made going to the dentist frightless and something we actually looked forward to. Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Lisa##imported-end##

January 17 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

With Sincere Sympathy ----- Mt. Pleasant High School class of 1958.##imported-begin##Jack Lampman##imported-end##

January 17 at 4:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

Woody, Sorry about your loss, it sounds like your dad was a great man and that you were fortunate to have him as a father. Best of luck to you and your family.##imported-begin##Dan Long##imported-end##

January 17 at 2:31 PM



Anonymous posted:

Woody, Susan and family. We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Father. Take comfort in knowing that he is with the Lord and will continue to be a part of your life through his spirit. If there is anything that we can do to help you through this difficult time please know that we will be here for you. Patrick and Ingrid.##imported-begin##Patrick and Ingrid Bacher##imported-end##

January 17 at 2:27 PM



Anonymous posted:

I did not know Winston that well, but I have known Clay and have been friends with him for a long time. From being around Clay and reading the obituary, Winston seemed to be a very kind and giving man, and used all the gifts God gave him to make others around him better in both health and spirit. I just wanted Clay and his family to know that I am sorry for their loss and my thoughts and prayers go out to you.##imported-begin##Tim Epplert##imported-end##

January 17 at 2:25 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My family's thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.##imported-begin##LCDR Todd Lightle##imported-end##

January 17 at 1:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Wood Family during this time of reflection and condolence. All leave something behind in this world as we transition to the next. For those left behind, we take these memories forward for the rest of our time and hopefully find comfort in our greatest time of need. Bob & Lorie Phillips Kodiak, AK##imported-begin##Robert D. Phillips, Commander U.S Coast Guard##imported-end##

January 17 at 12:58 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our heartfelt condolences for your loss. It seems like the world should stop when we lose the ones we love, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I have served with LT Winston "Woody" Wood for the last two years and the legacy of his father truly lives in him. I hope that is of some comfort as you face the days ahead celebrating Dr. Wood's life and the legacy he leaves behind in so many loved ones. Kevin Rapp LT, USCG Air Station Kodiak##imported-begin##Kevin Rapp##imported-end##

January 17 at 12:09 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jan and family, Mary and I send our condolences. Winston, "Woody" was indeed a very special person. Not many people could bring a smile to others like Woody could. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Mary and Larry##imported-begin##Dr. Larry and Mary Marcotte##imported-end##

January 17 at 12:07 PM



Anonymous posted:

With deepest sympathy to the Wood family. DR. Wood was my dentist until I was 18. He will sadly be missed by everyone.##imported-begin##Stephanie Holy##imported-end##

January 17 at 10:44 AM



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Anonymous posted:

our favorite memory of Woody...Woody and Jan took us on a boat ride around Mona Lake and through the canal to Lake Michigan. When we arrived on Lake Michigan, there was a pontoon boat quite a way from shore and clearly in trouble, so Woody went to the boat and offered his assistance. Due to the difference in boat sizes, what a sight we were towing the boat back to Mona Lake. We still laugh about the experience.##imported-begin##pete and kathy silvaggio##imported-end##

January 17 at 9:43 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jan, Jean, Joy, Julie and Jared, I was so sorry to read about Woody's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. God's peace. 'Weenie'##imported-begin##Colleen (Horvath) Cone##imported-end##

January 17 at 9:18 AM



Anonymous posted:

An incredible spunky man with a lot of heart. While we met each other only a handful of times (through his beautiful daughter, Dawn), he left a lasting impression. God bless you Mr. Wood and your service to others. To the family, my deepest condolences. May God give you the strength to not only mourn the loss of Winston but also to celebrate his life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Joelle, Chris and Joshua Geiger##imported-end##

January 16 at 11:03 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am very sad to hear of dr. Wood's passing. He was a very caring man. He was my dentist until I was 18 and was also my children's dentist until he retired. He will be greatly missed. The Sokolowski Family##imported-begin##Kelly, Elex and Ashley Sokolowski##imported-end##

January 16 at 5:46 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Winston "Woody" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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