



Wayne R. Wood

September 3, 1943 - November 26, 2023

Wayne R. Wood, 80, passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at Elizabeth Residence in Oak Creek, WI.

Sadly, the Wood family bids farewell to their “Joy Boy,” Wayne Wood. Known for his mirthful easy laugh, twinkling eyes, and ready smile, Wayne was born in Racine, WI on September 3, 1943. Growing up, Wayne was a huge fan of Superman and Davy Crockett, and at age 12, Wayne’s singing earned third prize on the Morris B. Sachs Amateur Hour television show in Chicago in 1956. He attended Rapids State Graded School, Washington Junior High School, and William Horlick High School, eventually adding classes from Spencerian Business College in Milwaukee after serving two years in the U.S. Army as a 3rd Army Field Hospital Medical Corpsman in Saigon. He was honorably discharged and worked for the Nabisco Company and Duro-Test Lighting Company sales divisions before moving to Denver, CO in 1977. Always interested in history and antiques, Wayne owned and operated his own resale and antique shop, enjoying opportunities to exchange stories with his customers. He also enjoyed jogging for a few years, returning to Wisconsin in the late 1980s to participate in Racine’s annual Lighthouse Run. A generous man, Wayne was always ready to help others, frequently offering to open a door, carry a heavy load, send birthday gifts, give a supportive hand, or lend a word of humor and encouragement. An avid lover of country music, classic films, and old time radio, Wayne could spend hours discussing ballads, movie casts, and the various features of vintage transistor radios and

stereo receivers, of which he owned many! Gentle with animals, Wayne's many pets included Sparky, Barky, Rebel, Freckles, Sammy, and numerous cats keeping him company.

Wayne is remembered by those who love and survive him: sisters Beverly (David) Groth of Burlington, WI; Audrey Miller of Racine, WI; nieces and nephews Debra (James) Wendt, Rachel (Christopher) Aoeren, Daniel Miller, Julie (Jeffrey) Hanisch, Scott (Amanda) Miller, Tracy Wood; great nieces and nephews Jennifer Wendt, Marissa Wendt, Miranda Zigler, Elisabeth (Nick) Davidovic, Katelyn Miller, Ryan Miller, Matthew Miller, Ethan Miller, Logan Miller, Daniel Wood and Veronica Villalobos. Also survived by cousins Jane Ziaja, Nancy Wolkomir, Frank Vaitkus, Jeff Wolkomir, and Larry Wolkomir. Further survived by long-time dear friends Judy Renish and Wally Anderson. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, James and Dorothy Wood; brother, James D. Wood; nephew, James D. Wood, Jr.; niece, Rebecca Zigler; infant nephew, Scott James Woolrage, and brother-in-law, Norman Miller. The family would like to give special thanks to Wayne's kind and caring support staff at Elizabeth Residence - Oak Creek, including Dana, RN Amy, Bonnie, Sheila, Louise, Sandra, and Monica.

Funeral services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6 p.m. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Thursday from 5 p.m. until time of service. Burial will be at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove on Friday at 1.p.m.

Flowers and contributions to the Alzheimers Association are both welcome.

Cemetery Details

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Committal Service

DEC 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne R. Wood*



Sturino Funeral Home - December 01, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *123 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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“ **Wayne , a Friend of a Friend (Wally Anderson) met several times while all were living in Denver. His Kindness and Smile always proceeded Him. "God Bless Wayne" , Amen.*

Bill Sheets - November 30, 2023 at 02:45 PM

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“ Wallace A. purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of Wayne R. Wood.



Wallace A. - November 30, 2023 at 05:09 AM