



Gary V. "Woody" Wood

December 19, 1954 - May 27, 2024

Gary V. "Woody" Wood, age 69 of Kankakee passed away Monday, May 27, 2024 at his home. He was born December 19, 1954 in Kankakee, the son of Archibald and Nadine (Pool) Wood. Gary married Nanette Bouchard on April 29, 1978 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Gary was an operating engineer.

Gary a parishioner of St. James Catholic Church in Irwin.

Gary never met a person he couldn't talk to and loved to share stories about his family and life and making people laugh was always his goal. Dinner after 5:30pm was "utterly ridiculous" and so was only one bowl of ice cream for dessert. Gary worked hard as a union Laborer for Local 751 and highly skilled Operating Engineer for Local 150. He had the ability to operate many different types of road construction equipment with precision. Gary was a volunteer Limestone Firefighter and later continued helping the department at the annual chicken barbecue. His retirement days were full of camping, golf cart rides with the dog Reba, and country music. Traveling to Hawaii was his favorite winter destination. A prayer he tried to live by was:

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

Surviving is his wife, Nanette of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Jillian (Michael) Jackubowski of Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan (Stacy) Wood of Bonfield, five grandchildren, Andrew, Gwenyth, and Cole Jackubowski, Lucas and Leila Wood; one sister and brother-in-law,

Connie (Pete) Dato of Reddick; two brothers, Larry Wood of Pembroke and Dave Wood of Flint, TX; two sisters-in-law, Jean Blanchette and Bonnie Gilbertson, both of Bradley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jason Wood; one grandson, Zachary Wood; his stepfather, William Burnside who raised Gary; three brothers-in-law, Anthony Blanchette, Gordon Gilbertson, Kim Bouchard; one sister-in-law, Pam Wood.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee. Funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024 at St. James Catholic Church, Irwin. Burial will follow immediately at St. James Catholic Cemetery, Irwin.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Irwin, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

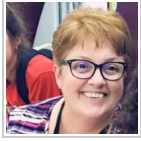
Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAY 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle
4372 Main Street
Irwin, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Nanette, I just learned of Gary's passing. I am so sorry to hear that he has left us for his real home in heaven. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family as you grieve for him. May our Lord wrap His loving arms around all of you and give you peace during your time of sorrow.*
Love, Doug & Donna Denault

Donna Howell-Denault - June 03, 2024 at 03:37 PM

CS

“ *So sorry for the families loss, will miss seeing him at the campground. I would always stop and chat when he was sitting outside.*

Connie Suprenant - May 31, 2024 at 09:17 PM

MC

“ *Sincere condolences.*
Sue and Pat Foley
Michele and Matt Cannon

Michele Cannon - May 31, 2024 at 06:47 PM

AS

“ *We love you guys. Gary was one of a kind. We loved his stories and his smile. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you all.*

Ashley Stevenson - May 30, 2024 at 10:57 AM

SD

“ So sorry to hear of Gary’s passing, I will miss him at the reunion where he always like picking on me. Our deepest condolences to Nanette and family our prayers are with all of you.

Sharon Dorta - May 29, 2024 at 03:37 PM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss Connie prayers for you and your family.



Gloria Graham - May 29, 2024 at 07:32 AM

JP

“ So sad to hear of Gary’s passing! Our deepest sympathies to the family of Gary. Gary worked for my father at Kenny’s Korner gas station when Woody was in his 20’s. I really enjoyed Woody!! He was such a great and funny guy. RIP WOODY!! You definitely touched mine and my family’s heart!! You will be missed !!

Jon Posing - May 28, 2024 at 07:07 PM

GM

“ I always had fun at breakfast listening to my good friend, Gary. Gary would amuse us with stories and keep us laughing. I will miss my buddy.

Gary T Mitchell - May 28, 2024 at 04:05 PM