



Elmer Donovan Wood, Jr.

February 5, 1930 - March 5, 2014

Elmer Donovan Wood Jr., 84 of El Campo passed away on March 5, 2014. He was born on February 5, 1930 in Montgomery, Alabama to the late Rev. Elmer Donovan Wood Sr. and Eliza Timmons Wood.

He was a teacher at El Campo ISD for 38 years, a U.S Army National Guard Veteran, an elder at First Presbyterian Church and a member of Garden of Memories Cemetery board of directors, Retired Teachers of Texas, Texas State Teacher Organization, and the American Legion Post 251.

Survivors include his wife Clydene DeFoor Wood of El Campo, daughter Debra Hamman and husband René of El Campo; grandson Blake Donovan Hamman of Attleboro, Mass.; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Margaret and Norman Treude of Kerrville; 9 nieces and 6 nephews; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Sally Canfield, Joanna Anthony, and Kate Timmins; and brother Richard H. Wood.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 pm to 6 pm Friday, March 7, 2014 at Triska Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Chuck Kimball officiating.

Pallbearers will be Willard Bergstrom, Peter Photos, Scott Treude, Leon Macha, Larry Russell, and Gerald Grogan.

Memorial donations in memory of Elmer Wood may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the donor's choice.

Condolences for the family may be left online at www.triskafuneralhome.com

Triska Funeral Home El Campo, Texas 979-543-3681

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Mr. Wood was a wonderful teacher and I am very fortunate to have been his student. He was soft-spoken, patient and always a gentleman. His smile lit up the room! No doubt, his presence on this earth will be greatly missed. Lifting his family in prayer for enduring peace as they press on without him.*

*Jeanne Cerny Elder
Houston, TX*

Jeanne Cerny Elder - Houston, TX - Former student - April 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Clydene, we give thanks for the life of your husband Elmer. May your heart be filled with many fond memories. We pray that God will bless you and comfort you in the days to come.*

*With UDC love,
Norma Thronburg, Chaplain
Mary West Chapter 26, UDC
Waco, TX*

Norma Thronburg - Waco, TX - United Daughters of the Confeder - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Such a sweet, sweet man. In my memories of school, he is one of the best! He was a gift to teaching. I wish there were more teachers like him today! RIP Mr Wood!!! My sincere sympathies to your family.*

Toni Praytor Hanson - Sugar Land, TX - former student - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ It was a chance in a lifetime to meet Mr. Buddy and his family through the unfortunate circumstances that occurred here in Clarendon County SC in 1899. He was a genuine, pleasant man and I felt as if I knew him and his family forever. I will miss seeing him at the finish line in DC during National Police Week where I'm honored to be riding for Thomas Samuel Tobias but I know he will be there with us.

Pete Surette Jr. / Palmetto Patriots (SC) Bicycle Team

Pete Surette Jr - Manning, SC - Family Friend - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I was saddened to read about the passing of one of my best teachers, who taught me seventh grade math many years ago. And I wish all the best during this difficult time to another very fine teacher--Clydene Wood--who taught me at Southside Elementary in the second grade. Thank you. Peace and blessings for all in the future on earth and in the hereafter.

Gary Preuss - Austin, TX - Student of Elmer and Clydene - March 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Mrs. Wood and family,
I was a student of Mr. Wood and have great memories of him. He was always so nice, had a great sense of humor, and told some of the best stories. I know you will miss him. He was a fine man.

Wanda Nall Hart - Silsbee, TX - friend - March 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Mr Wood was a wonderful man, and I was very fortunate to be one of his students, as well as a student of Mrs Wood. He was the kind of teacher that one remembers for a lifetime. He and my Dad remained friends for so many years, and even tho there was great distance between them, Dad spoke fondly and frequently about 'Buddy' and always looked forward to their phone conversations. May you rest in peace Mr Wood....and thanks for being such a tremendous inspiration to my family. With heartfelt sympathy.....*

Melodie Kondrat Morrissey - Oxford, MI - Former student - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *I have many fond memories of my Uncle Buddy over the years. When I was a little kid we shot BB guns, played darts, etc. He was kind, intelligent, funny, and really good with kids (especially this one). Even as an adult, whenever I passed through the El Campo area, I tried to stop in for a quick visit. He and Clydene always made me feel welcome and at home. I'll miss him, but I'll see him again soon enough.*

John Michael Timmins - Ft. Wainwright, AK - nephew - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Clydene, I was so sorry to hear of Buddy's death. I didn't hear in time to attend the funeral. You and he were both very special to me.*

Mary Hartzog - Richmond, TX - friend and co-worker - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Bill and I are saddened to hear of Buddy's death. Bill has so much affection for him and considered him a very good friend.

We send love and prayers to you Clydene, to Debra, and to the family. Our hearts are with you and sorry we can't be there in person, but we're with you in spirit.

Bill and Gloria Dowden

Gloria Poole Dowden - Shreveport, LA - Longtime friends - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I remember riding my bike as a child and stopping to talk to Mr Wood. What a great man always fun to talk to. Rest in peace Mr Wood.

Jayme Rocha - Bay City, TX - Friend - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mr. Wood was my 7th grade math teacher. He was very nice and I can still remember some of his class room stories. He will be missed.

K Bernard Holmes - Lake Jackson, TX - student - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy to you. Mr. Wood was a wonderful man and an exceptional teacher. God only makes a few men like Mr. Wood. He had a heart as big as Texas for his students and I have many fond memories of him. He has been a big influence in mine as well as many others lives. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

*Simone Cerny Sanders
Former Student*

Simone Cerny Sanders - wharton, TX - former student - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ So sad for the loss of your husband and father. He was a very special man, teacher and friend to many. His smile and wit will be missed by all. Always enjoyed the conversations we had at the golf course and clubhouse. Our prayers are with you. Jack and Faye Poskey

Faye & Jack Poskey - El Campo, TX - Friend - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Thinking of you and your family. Always loved getting together and sharing stories!!! He will missed very much.

Paul Timmons - Dacula, GA - Cousin - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Wood passing. He was my favorite math teacher in school, and he taught us neighborhood kids some important life lessons after school as well. I'll always remember him with a smile on his face and a cool story to tell. God bless you and your family during this time, and thanks for being a blessing in my life.

Heath Bush

Heath Bush - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Mrs. Wood, Debbie and Family, my deepest sympathy and condolences to you. I was fortunate to have Mr. Wood and Mrs. Wood as teachers and they were 2 of my favorites!! They were both very kind and caring and always acknowledged and remembered you whenever they saw you in town. Mr. Wood always had a smile on his face. May God give you the strength to get through the tough days ahead.

Sylvia Garcia Falcon - El Campo, TX - former student - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. I heard about Mr. Wood's passing, and I felt a deep sadness. I shall miss my friend and co-worker. Buddy was my mentor when I began teaching at the Middle School. He showed me the ropes. He is tops in my book. May his soul be at peace in heaven. God bless.

My deepest sympathy and condolences to his grieving family.

*Sincerely and with the utmost respect,
Bart Arredondo*

Bart Arredondo - El Campo, TX - friend & coworker - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ It is a sad day indeed! My heart just sank when I heard the news! Buddy Woods was my favorite math teacher! I learned so much from him. He will most assuredly be missed by many! Clydene I'm without words for the hurt you must feel after so many wonderful years with such a great man! Our lives have been better because of him! We love you and are praying a special prayer for you and the family!

Wayne King - El campo , TX - A family friend - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ He was one of my favorite teachers! I can't imagine a world without Mr Wood. The world is a better place because he was here!

Teresa Berglund - Austin, TX - Former student. - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Mr. Wood was the best teacher I ever had and I truly mean that. I remember him as being extremely kind. I had him in Jr. High. My condolences to his family.

Bernice Meinardus Turner - Groves, TX - Former Student - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ This is the "Buddy" we will always remember.
Love, Pat and Nancy

Pat and Nancy - Austin, TX - cousins - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Mrs. Wood, Debbie and family,

Mr. Wood will be missed by many. I cherish the visit we had not long ago. I have always looked up to him with respect. He was a fine man. I have great memories of him as a teacher at Northside and at First Presbyterian Church. Sorry for the loss. He is now at rest. The Lord has blessed me with Mr. Wood being part of my life.

God bless you at this time of sorrow.

Bobby Little

Bobby Little - El Campo, TX - former student - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ You have our sincere sympathy. Mr. Wood was a wonderful man. He was the epitome of the teaching profession and always kind and patient. He will be missed by this community.

Robert and Georgan Hendricks - El Campo, TX - former student; friend of Debra - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ I was so sad to hear of Mr. Wood's passing. He was a wonderful teacher and human being. He was my teacher in Jr, High, and one of my Dad's best golfing buddies. He will be sorely missed. May God bless your family with quick healing.

LESLIE JENNINGS ENLOE - WHARTON, TX - Ex-Student - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I want to extend my sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Wood, he was one of my former teachers and he also worked and taught school with my father and his daughter, Debra & I worked together at Northside Elem. for many years. I will keep you all in my prayers and God bless you all!

Sincerely,
Phyllis Washington Schooler.

Phyllis Williams Schooler - Richmond, TX - friend - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ My condolences to the family. Mr Wood was the best teacher ever. I had hi a couple yrs .And he truly cared for his students and us learning..May he rest in peace.

Nora Valdez - El Campo, TX - friend - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ He was such a sweet and funny man. Best math teacher I ever had! My sincere condolences to Clydene and her family.

Linda Kay hall ward - Victoria, TX - Cousin - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mr. Wood was always one of my favorite teachers. My condolences to his family.

dan conner - rockport, TX - former student - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ We are so shocked and sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. Wood. Mr. Wood was a fine man and will certainly be missed. Our condolences to the entire Wood family. Ma God bless you all during this time.

Irma Rocha - El campo, TX - Friend - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *When I was in school, Mr. Wood was more than just a teacher. He was a friendly face that I looked forward to seeing each day. He always had a smile for his students as well as words of encouragement. I myself am an educator and have been for twenty-nine years. I am currently at Sealy High School. Thank you Mr. Wood for your kind and sincere ways. My condolences to his family. I know beyond a shadow of doubt he will be sadly missed.*

Gary Morton - Sealy, TX - Former student - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *FRANKIE & CAROLYN CERNOCH WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE LOSS OF YOUR HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER AND A DEAR FRIEND. FRANKIE ADMIRER HIM AND HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND THE FAMILY WITH STRENGTH AND COMFORT.*

FRANKIE & CAROLYN CERNOCH - EL CAMPO, TX - FRIEND - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *I'm sorry he looked so young and in good health such a lost for such a handsom man I know he will be missed*

Tara Boyle - Graham, TX - Friend - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Mr. Wood was such a great inspiration to me. It is true how a teacher effects the lives of so many. They will never know how one act of kindness, one word of encouragement or one caring touch can brighten a student's day. He encouraged me to never give up. I love math because of him. He left a lasting impression on my life as a student with his daily jokes and it continues with me as an adult. My goal as an educator is to be as relevant and committed to making a difference in young lives as he was on mine. He built relationships and knew everyone of his students personally. My thoughts and prayers are extended to his family during this time. May God's peace, grace and loving-kindness surround you.

Rachel Salazar - Richmond, TX - previous student - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I am do sorry for your loss. Mr. Wood was one of my teachers. He was to nice and kind.

Chris Saenz - El Campo, TX - Student/Debbie's friend - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My deepest condolences to the Family...He was A Wonderful Teacher. ..

Rose Ann Mansios Cordova - San Antonio, TX - A Former Student - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Debra, I am praying for the family for peace and understanding. Trust in God and lean not to your own understanding, acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.
Your Classmate...Robert

Robert Anderson - El Campo, TX - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry to hear about your Dad, Husband and Grand father's passing. I pray God will give you the comfort, you need to feel His love.I know you all will miss him may God bless you and your family..Darlene

Darlene Pendleton - El Campo , TX - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I was sorry to hear that Mr. Wood passed away. What a great person he was.

He was a friend to all students and he always knew you when you saw him.

Condolences to his family; he will be missed.

Martin Strarup - El Campo, TX - Friend-Student - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Blake-So sorry for you and your family's loss.
You're in my thoughts during this difficult time.

Penny Wyatt - Middleborough, MA - Friend - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ A true Gentleman! Always had time to stop, say Hi and chat. One of my favorite teachers. Mr. Wood you will be missed! God Bless.

Darryl Socha - EC - former student & friend - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ You will be missed, Buddy.

Peter Photos - Attleboro, MA - Friend - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ We were very sad to hear the sad news. You will be in our thoughts & prayers Linda & Ken Kram

Linda Kram - El Campo, TX - Friends Knew him as a teacher - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ My sincerest condolences to all the Wood family. Mr. Wood was a very nice and friendly person, always had a smile and something to say. He will truly be missed.

*My sympathy,
Patsy Junot*

Patsy Junot - El Campo, TX - Friend - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We're so sorry to hear of Mr. Wood's passing. He was a teachers of ours and he and Clydene were good friends of my mother, Zella Hansen. He's remembered as a fun teacher--maybe he wouldn't want to be remembered that way! I'm sure he will be missed.

James & Jeanne Hansen Sralla - El Campo, TX - Former students - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dearest Blake and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this sad time. I'm hoping that the memories you have will get you through and comfort you.

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

*My sincerest condolences,
Monica Schott*

Monica Schott - Red Hook, NY - Friend - March 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Mr. Wood will be greatly missed! He was always smiling. I will miss his little visit at my desk to say hello. Our condolences to the family.*

Paul & Kristie Rodriguez Family - El Campo, TX - Friend - March 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM