



John W. Wood

September 25, 1937 - March 28, 2020

John passed away at his home in Broken Arrow due to a stroke he suffered in January. He was the oldest child born to Wes and Georgia Carr Wood.

He was raised in the rural area of Oak Grove outside of Eufaula, graduating from Eufaula High School in 1956. John was a US Army Veteran. He took basic training in Fort Carson, Colorado. He went to Augsburg, Germany, 24th Infantry Division, and then to South Korea, Army Security Agency. He then served in Vietnam, with the 303rd Military Intelligence Battalion. He left the Army in 1966.

In 1967 John started to work at the National Security Agency (NSA) in Fort Meade, Maryland. He worked there 39 years, retiring in 2005.

John met and married his wife Patricia in 1975 and in 2005 they moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

John was an avid reader and enjoyed bowling. John was very proud of his Creek Indian heritage.

Survivors include his wife Patricia, his brother Severs Wood and wife JoAnn of Tulsa, his two sisters Linda Wood Waters of Fort Gibson and Bobbie Sue Wood of Broken Arrow. Also his brother-in-law John Ritz and wife Linda of St. Augustine, Florida. John had numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Also surviving, his godson Andrew Ritz of Houston, Texas and a special great-niece, Mazzy Waters of Tahlequah who was such a joy to John as well as a furry friend, Sophie.

John was predeceased by his parents Wes and Georgia Wood and his sister

Patricia Montgomery.

In lieu of flowers a contribution to Wounded Warrior Project would be appreciated. PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas, 66675-8516.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Wood*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *John was such a caring partner to Pat and was always such a hard worker, helping Pat with various projects such as preparing for bake sales and teas. I will truly miss this gentle man's greetings and good wishes even when he was hurting.*

Jean Rensvold - March 31, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *John & Pat were Friends & Neighbors in Old Mill & then Severna Park, Maryland for a long time. We would sit outside our nearby Homes in Old Mill & talk, party, enjoy each others' company with other neighbors. John served his country Honorably in the Army in two wars, & then at the respected NSA in MD. John was always Friendly & Respected & Well-liked by all. Our Sympathy to our Friend Pat & their Family. He will be missed. John & Kathy Norville, Severna Park, MD*

John & Kathy Norville - March 31, 2020 at 07:48 PM

CW

“ Dear Pat,.
First we buried our Grandparents, then our parents and now your husband. Many years and many sad times too. But, please remember now the happy, fun times of the life you two shared both in Maryland and in OK. Anytime to go thru a death of a loved one is trying, but now with the virus and so many of us who cannot come there to hug, and love you is a sad time too. I send you my love and Prayers that God will bless you during this time of sadness but give you peace and hope and His unending love. May the prayers of your friends and loved ones help you through these difficult days. We have been praying for you and John and now our prayers are for you to stay well from the virus and to feel His comfort and love. Love you, Charlotte and Rich in Hilton Head Island

Charlotte Willis - March 31, 2020 at 12:27 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Wood family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of John.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 28, 2020 at 11:49 PM

PF

I first knew John Wood at NSA, where we both worked the same mission but in different disciplines. He was recognized as a good analyst. Then, when I moved to Old Mill in Millersville, Md., in 1975, John and his new wife Pat were my neighbors. The three of us became good friends and did many things together, especially antiquing.

John and Pat were such a big help to me in planning my wedding to Mike Farmer in 1980. It was John who drove me to the church for the wedding. He and Pat took beautiful photos and compiled them into a wonderful album for us to always remember that special day.

Mike and I have many great memories of times with John and Pat over the years. Mike and I will always remember John as a kind, thoughtful, quiet, soft-spoken man and a loving, protective husband.

Our deepest sympathy to Pat and her family.

*Love, hugs and prayers,
Pat and Mike Farmer
Laurel, Maryland*

Patricia Farmer - April 03, 2020 at 04:12 AM

RJ

*Dear Pat and family,
AS former neighbors and church members, at times we were able to hear news from Oklahoma after you moved. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. We walk by your beautiful home and it brings back nice memories of the two of you. You were the only rancher in the neighborhood of mostly colonial houses. WE enjoyed stopping by to chat as we walked by. During this Easter celebration we walk together with our risen Savior, Jesus, and pray for God's peace and blessings in the days to come. Take care.*

*Russ and Audrey Jurmu.
Thoughts and memories from Maryland*

Russ and Audrey Jurmu - April 06, 2020 at 04:22 PM

DR

John and I joined NSA at roughly the same time and ended up in the same organization where we both spent the next ~8 years. John was an excellent and respected analyst as well as a genuine good guy. After 1975 we worked in different organizations but stayed in touch and talked often. I am grieved to hear of his passing and send prayers and best wishes to the family.

*Dale Roberts
Clarksville, MD.*

Dale Roberts - May 11, 2020 at 07:12 PM