



J.I. Wood

February 27, 1923 - October 4, 2018

James Ivy (J.I.) passed away at the age of 95. He was born on February 27, 1923 in Houston, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Eleanor Mathews Wood, parents Ivy Wood and Rosa Oxsheer Wood and son-in-law Lloyd Taliaferro.

He is survived by three daughters, Patricia Taliaferro, Charlotte McConnell (James), Nancy Wood (Jim Dines), seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

J.I. served in the Marine Corps during WWII and the Korean Conflict. After earning a degree in civil engineering from Georgia Tech he worked throughout West Texas and eastern New Mexico in the oil fields from 1947 to 1963.

He began his teaching career in the Huntsville Independent School District in 1964 teaching Industrial Cooperative Training and mentoring young men and women. Upon retirement from the public schools he continued a very active life as owner and operator of the Wood Farm which has been in the family since the Civil War.

He was a member of the Forrest Lodge #19 as a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and a lifelong member of Texas Teachers Association. In 2001, J.I. received a Distinguished Service Award

from Sam Houston State University.

Pallbearers are Master Sgt. H.T. Baldwin, Duane Bradley, Jack Compton, Tracey Havard, Bobby Howard, Gary Komar, Frank Romano, and Greg Wright.

The family is very grateful for the care and dedication of his caregivers: Linda Dickey, Trina Hodge, Chad Johnson, Delois Merchant, Chris Rivers, Andrew and Lexie Tolbert and Florida Willis.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Wood-Mathews Scholarship at Sam Houston State University or the Shriner's Hospital.

The family will receive friends Thursday, October 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held in the chapel of the funeral home at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 12. Graveside services will follow at Oakwood Cemetery with Masonic Honors by Forrest Lodge #19 A. F. & A. M.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
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Funeral Service

OCT **12.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *J.I. Wood*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mr. J. I. Wood was my homeroom teacher at Huntsville High School In 1967-1968. He was a wonderful teacher and leader. He helped many young men including myself in becoming men while still being gentlemen. He was a lifelong friend and will be missed. God bless ya'll and my prayers are with his family. Darrel Wells MD*

Darrel Wells - October 11, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ *Tom and Suzie King purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of J.I. Wood.*



Tom and Suzie King - October 11, 2018 at 02:18 PM

GL

“ I will forever see his smile. I will forever hear his voice. I will forever reflect upon his wit. I was a hard headed and idiotic kid with a bad temper and no interest in school. His humor and class room antics cut through all of my defenses and opened my mind to listen. Once opened, he planted seeds of wisdom and character in my mind that have grown and guided me in a much better direction than the trajectory he found me on when I enter his class. I needed to cross paths with him. I am lucky he was there. Our world needs more like him. Thanks for being there old man and thanks for having the talent to change my path. To the family, thanks for sharing him with the community. He blessed me and I think many others.

Glenn Laskie HHS 1980

Glenn Laskie - October 10, 2018 at 07:21 PM

M1

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Wood's family for their loss. I know he will be missed and remembered by many, as he had touched so many lives during his teaching career. He prepared us all for life after high school with his curriculum, integrity, wit and as a mentor. I can't say how many times I've told stories to others about a teacher named J.I. Wood, who taught a class in high school called I.C.T. and it's counterpart organizational club V.I.C.A. Just a wonderful person, who will be missed by all and memorialized in the stories we tell.

God Bless Him!

Mark Komar, H.H.S 74-76

Mark Komar, H.H.S. 1974-76 - October 10, 2018 at 12:24 PM

DC

“ *Dr. Don Christian, faculty, staff, Students at CTX purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of J.I. Wood.*



Dr. Don Christian, faculty, staff, Students at CTX - October 10, 2018 at 12:23 PM

LK

“ *Leland and Panette Kelch purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of J.I. Wood.*



Leland and Panette Kelch - October 09, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J.I. Wood.*



October 08, 2018 at 08:31 PM

KH

“ *My name is Keith Hayden. I lived in Mr. Woods apts. He was a father figure to me. I looked up to him greatly. He taught me how to do yard work. My first job was a lawn business. R.I.P JI. God bless and condolences.*

Keith Hayden - October 08, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of J.I. Wood.*



October 08, 2018 at 07:24 AM



“ *He was a teacher that really cared for his students. He had nicknames for most of us.he had no trouble keeping our attention. Yardsticks of the world can now let there guard down. He taught life. I have thought of him all through my career. He was simply the best. I will never forget him.*

Hal Phillips - October 07, 2018 at 08:53 AM



*H.D. Phillips aka "Heavy Duty"., How's it going?
Many fond memories of ICT, Mr Wood was one of a kind, as I remarked to his family at the memorial, he was a force of nature. HA!
Not enough room here to share all that I learned from him.
Fair winds my friend
Tracey "Trace Baby" Havard*

Trace Havard - October 19, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ *Elaine Hyman Allen lit a candle in memory of J.I. Wood*



elaine Hyman allen - October 06, 2018 at 05:24 PM

CB

“ Carolyn G Baker lit a candle in memory of J.I. Wood



Carolyn G Baker - October 06, 2018 at 11:33 AM

DJ

“ Pat - Prayers to you and your family during this time of loss. I know your heart is empty but fill it with sweet memories of your dad and lean on the Lord for His comfort.

Dana Jordy - October 06, 2018 at 10:15 AM

KM

“ I am Karen Morley. J.I. taught at the high school with my husband, Jim Morley. I worked at Gulf States Utilities (now Entergy) and J.I. would always come into the office to pay his bill and ask (loudly) "How's that man you're shacking up with?" He really was a nice guy.

Karen Morley - October 06, 2018 at 06:53 AM

GW

“ Such a wonderful man who will be missed greatly. Prayers for his family and those that loved him as much as I did.



Grace Wakefield - October 05, 2018 at 11:42 PM

JM

“ Janet Gokey McGehee lit a candle in memory of J.I. Wood



Janet Gokey McGehee - October 05, 2018 at 08:41 PM

JM

such a great guy and fun teacher..RIP and prayers to the family

Janet Gokey McGehee - October 05, 2018 at 08:42 PM

DP

“ Please know that your family is in my prayers. Your dad was a special person. Donna Robinson Paschall HHS'74



Donna Paschall - October 05, 2018 at 05:55 PM

HJ

“ Prayers of comfort and strength for the family and friends of Mr. Wood. He was an awesome gentlemen with a welcoming smile at all times.



H Jones - October 05, 2018 at 03:21 PM

EF

“ *Ellisor Family sent a virtual gift in memory of J.I. Wood*



Ellisor family - October 05, 2018 at 02:48 PM

MC

“ *What a GREAT, GREAT man & mentor !!!!!!!*

Mark T Chalker - October 05, 2018 at 12:38 PM

DR

Such a sweet man, will definitely miss him

Dawn Rachal - October 05, 2018 at 01:27 PM

GR

A great man and a very special friend.

Glen Reader

Glen Reader - October 05, 2018 at 10:30 PM

MH

The world has lost a great man. Smart, kind, and funny J.I. will be missed by many. Love and heartfelt sympathy to Wood family.

Mary Helen Toney Haney - October 08, 2018 at 10:43 AM

B'

Teacher, advisor, mentor and friend...I have been blessed that for five decades J.I. has been all of these things to me. Thank you, J.I., for giving so much of yourself to your students, your community and your country. I will miss our long discussions about politics, history and ranching, and will be forever grateful to you for sharing your time, energy, knowledge, wit and sense of humor, not only with me, but with all those who had the good fortune to have crossed paths with you. You taught me things about life that I did not even know I needed to know, and I am forever grateful. You will be missed, my friend.

Bobby Howard---Class of '70

Bobby Howard, Class of '70 - October 11, 2018 at 01:00 PM

GK

Having Mr. Wood was like getting to take a master class in preparation for adulthood and career. I learned from him how to set expectations and to strive to be the best version of myself. I am so fortunate to have had him as a mentor, teacher and friend. He will be missed.

With deepest sympathy to his family and friends,

Gary Komar, Class of 1972

Gary Komar - October 12, 2018 at 02:03 PM