



Jerry L. Woods

June 14, 1937 - July 2, 2021

Jerry Lynn Woods went to be with the Lord on Friday, July 2, 2021 at the age of 84, at home with his wife present. He was born June 14, 1937 in Walker County, Texas to Cleo Bishop Woods and J.B. Woods. He graduated from Huntsville High School in 1956. He attended Sam Houston State Teacher's College where he met the love of his life, Judith Ann O'Dell. They were married while in college and had 63 years together of wedded bliss.

After graduating from Sam Houston with a degree in Agriculture and a teacher's certificate, he continued working on his Master's degree, which he received in 1968. His first teaching job was in New Braunfels, Texas, which was cut short as his National Guard unit was activated during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After being discharged from military service, he returned to teaching in New Braunfels. He later taught and coached at Royal I.S.D. and Caldwell, Texas. He then moved to Huntsville and taught for 26 years until his retirement.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Judy, his sister Beth Gallagher, and three children: daughters, Dawn Woods Waidelich (Bill), Wende Woods Downe (Jimmy) and son Jon C. Woods (Deanna). He is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Julie Downe Gholami (Javad), Claire Downe Mata (Alex), Samuel Downe (Corinne), Cody Waidelich, Laura Downe, Anne Waidelich Stephenson (Philip), Sara Waidelich and fiancé David Hoagey, Diane Woods Morris, Jon-David Woods (Bella), Gabriel Woods and Rebekah Woods. Three step grandchildren: Victoria

Taylor, Nick Sowders and Matthew Sowders. Great grandchildren: Viviane, Lilah and Jane Morris, Jameson and Lucia Downe, Micah Gholami, Daniel Mata, Samantha Stephenson, Finnetta Gholami (due in November) and Rosie and Thomas Taylor. He also leaves behind brothers-in-law Brook Crawford (Cindy) and Jim Oliver.

Jerry was a devoted man of faith. He was an active member at Cook Springs Baptist Church where he grew up and found Christ. At each and every church he was a member of, he taught Bible classes and served in several capacities. He was an ordained deacon and member of the Gideons. He was a current member of Covenant Fellowship Church of Huntsville and served as a greeter.

Jerry was a builder, raised paint horses and loved his farm where he raised cattle. He loved people and his coffee buddies at Barney's in the Crabbs Prairie community. He loved telling his story of playing football in Alaska with the Hornet football team. He loved teaching his students and his "black magic" was well known at Mance Park. His bus "26" was the popular ride from school to the loading dock each day.

Jerry loved his wife, children and grandchildren and all the new babies coming in the family. Each time one was born, he would say, "This one is the most beautiful." Most of all he loved God and didn't mind sharing Jesus with anyone who would listen.

Visitation will be held Friday evening July 9 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX from 5:00 - 7:00pm and services will be held at the McAdams Chapel at 11:00am, Saturday, July 10 with a graveside to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org> and/or Covenant Fellowship Church Vision Fund, North, 606 FM 1791, Huntsville, TX 77340. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

McAdams Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Funeral Service

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McAdams Chapel
1251 FM 1696
Huntsville, TX 77320

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry L. Woods*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Hello i just want to say i am so sorry for your lost that was my buddy and a good guy sorry i just found out so late.*
Beverly Martin

Beverly Martin - August 06, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ *HHS CLASS OF 76 lit a candle in memory of
Jerry L. Woods*



HHS CLASS OF 76 - July 13, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ *Judy, condolences and prayers for the family!*

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - July 12, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *To Judy and family, i send my condolences and prayers. Jerry was
always such an outstanding man, and friend.*
Dorothy Cauthen Morrow Hammock

Dorothy Cauthen Hammock - July 10, 2021 at 05:23 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hopper lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Woods



Nancy Hopper - July 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BL

“ Jerry was a man of his word and his hand shake meant something. He loved his Lord, family, and vocation. Hundreds of former students learned his trade, watched his christian modeling, and respected him as a man that genuinely cared about building their character as well as their minds.

It has been our blessing to call Jerry our friend for many years. We selfishly miss him but know he is walking the streets of gold right now. To Judy and family, prayers to you and yours.

Bill and Lucy Larrison

Bill and Lucy Larrison - July 09, 2021 at 09:26 PM

DM

“ David McKee lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Woods



David McKee - July 09, 2021 at 07:43 PM

MC

“ Mrs. Woods, Dawn, Wende, Jon and the entire family I am so sorry for your Great loss. Mr. Woods was a huge staple in my life. Mr. & Mrs. Woods would drive me to church every Sunday morning/night, Wednesday, revival and vacation bible school for many years. For that I am very thankful. Because of that, I found the Lord and was Saved at church camp. He was my bus #26 driver for many years. I rode "the route" from beginning to end. There were many cold mornings where he would start the bus early to warm it up. Then come in to put his hand on the windshield to clear the frost. Replacing one hand with the warm one over and over. His "signature wave" was 2 thumbs UP with both hands always on the wheel of that ole bus # 26. If Mr. Woods was "in the mood" he would drive a little faster over the hump at Rose Ranch so we could POP UP at the back of the bus making us all scream with laughter!. As life went on I would see Mr. Woods at the Barney's store early in the morning in his chair at the table with his coffee friends. He always sat where he could see the door.. (his style)... I am so Thankful I got a few more talks, laughs and BIG Hugs from him... I have been Blessed to have know Mr. Woods... He made a difference in my life..

Margo Chandler - July 08, 2021 at 11:54 PM

TS

“ My prayers are with you, Jon and your family.

Timothy Staggs - July 08, 2021 at 09:28 PM

NG

“ What a great man and great teacher! My thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Woods' friends and family during this difficult time.

nancy gray-gajan - July 08, 2021 at 04:43 PM

DH

“ *Judy & Family,*

So very sorry about your loss of Jerry. I'll be praying for all of you during this difficult time. I am going to remember all the good times the 3 of us had through the years.

Donna Haney

Donna Haney - July 08, 2021 at 04:23 PM

MG

“ *Jerry was as sweet friend, I always looked forward to seeing him when I returned to town. Praising God that he is home with his Savior now!*

Morgan Goodrow - July 08, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ *Mr Woods was a great teacher and the best bus driver in HISD. He will be miss by so many. My condolences to his extended family.*
Ted Holland

Ted Holland - July 08, 2021 at 11:07 AM

MW

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayed for your family.*



Mellicent (Sikes) Wiley - July 08, 2021 at 10:23 AM

NV

“ *May The Lord be with Mr. Woods' family during this time. I remember his laughter from the hallways of HHS. God Bless You and Yours.*

Nicole Venette - July 08, 2021 at 10:14 AM

BP

“ *Rest In Peace Mr. Jerry. You will be missed.*



beverly pegoda - July 08, 2021 at 09:05 AM

SE

“ *Dear Judy and family, please know that we share in your grief. Jerry always had the biggest smile for everyone he met and so many students benefitted from his knowledge and sincere concern for them. Our sympathy to each of you. Sunny and Bob Ernst*

Sunny Ernst - July 08, 2021 at 08:56 AM

VP

“ *Many fond and fun memories of being a campus mate with Jerry and Judy at MPMS. My condolences to Judy and the Woods family.*



Vicki Prentice - July 07, 2021 at 11:12 PM

KD

“ *Katie Davison lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Woods*



Katie Davison - July 07, 2021 at 10:17 PM

FW

“ *Sending prayers and hugs to the Family, Mr. Woods was a great Teacher. Rest well Mr. Woods in Jesus arms you are safe.*



Felicia Price Williams - July 07, 2021 at 07:36 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn G Baker lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Woods*



Carolyn G Baker - July 07, 2021 at 06:55 PM

DM

“ *Praying for your family. Such fond memories of the Woods family. Mr. Woods was my bus driver growing up in Hunstville and his wife one of my teachers. He was so kind and had a great sense of humor.*

Danette Linn Merryfield - July 07, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Woods.*



July 07, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *Shellie Cross lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Woods*



Shellie Cross - July 07, 2021 at 12:45 PM



Heaven has another light in the sky now. We miss you and pray for Ms. Judy

Shellie Cross - July 07, 2021 at 12:45 PM



Such a nice man and great teacher. God bless the family.

David Henderson - July 09, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ *Marvin Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry L. Woods*



Marvin Hyvl - July 07, 2021 at 12:31 PM