



Joe "Ric" Wood

January 2, 1945 - November 20, 2011

WOOD, Joe Richard "Ric"., 66, a resident of Prattville, AL, died on Sunday, November 20, 2011, with his family by his side. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 1:00 pm from Prattville Memorial Chapel with Reverend Tony Butler officiating. Burial will follow in Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial Chapel Directing. He was preceded in death by his parents, Winnie Lee Whittington Wood and Grover C. Wood; three daughters, Cassandra "Cassie" J. Munroe, Vicki Lee Wood, Rhonda J. Wood. He is survived by his wife, Kelley A. Wood; three sisters, Debbie Bennett, Angie Smithart and Kathy Stough; four grandchildren, Courtney (J.T.) Spurlock, Amanda Black, Marlee Wood, Brandon Kyle Wood, four great-grandchildren, numerous nieces nephews, extended family and friends. Mr. Wood was a retired Master Sergeant with the United States Army. He served in Vietnam from 1967 - 1968. He later served as a paratrooper instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia. He worked at Marion Military Institute in various positions including as financial aid officer for the college. While there he assisted in the establishment of the Alabama Military Hall of Honor at Marion Military Institute. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather as well as a great friend to many. In lieu of flowers the family request

memorials be made to the Alabama Military Hall of Honor at Marion Military Institute or the Autauga County Humane Society. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ I just want to say thank you to all those who have kept us in your thoughts and prayers. There is no doubt that he was a great man. I am his baby sister, and he was my hero. He had to endure so much over his life time but could still smile. That should teach us all so much. Again thank you, and I love you Ricky.

Angie Wood Smithart - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

BR

“ May the peace of Christ be with Him and his family. Once a Casper always a Casper.

bruce neva - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

RJ

“ Kelly, Joe and you left a lasting impression on me when I met you for the first time in 2010. Jerry of course knew Joe while in Vietman. They had a good time reminiscing those times together. Prayers go out to you and family and repose of his soul.

Retha and Jerry Hollis - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

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“ Many Happy Flights Brother. We have the watch for you now. Rest in Peace.
To the Wood Family I can only say that I will carry part of the burden of your grief

Doug Walton - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

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“ My prayers will be with all the Wood family. I am truly sorry for your loss and pray that you find comfort in the promises of our Lord. God bless you

J.C Harris - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

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“ Our paryers for Ric and his family will be offered to our Lord. Ric now is with so meny Airborne brothers. He and them will always be with us.
Love to All Skip and Barbie Moorhouse

Frederick (Skip) Moorhouse - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

BA

“ My thoughts and Prayers are with you Kelley. Ric was so admired by his peers in Vietnam it was my honor to find him for them years ago. God Bless you and the family.

hugs, Barbara Anne

Barbara Anne Daniels - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

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“ Ric was one of my best friends when we were instructors together in the Airborne Department. I loved him like a brother and I know he will be missed by everyone that knew him. Go in peace, Brother. Airborne.

Tony Leslie - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

AL

“ I had the honor of knowing MSG Wood while as a cadet at MMI. He went out of his way in order to for me to attend one more year. My parents only spoke Spanish and he made sure they knew what was going on at MMI. After graduation he called me while I attended Tennessee and checked up on me. A true soldier and man! I will never forget him and what he did for me and others.

Alejandro Lopez - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

SA

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you Kelley, and Joyce, we have known eachother for many years our children played together, husbands worked together.He will be missed. Im terribly sorry for your loss. Joyce if there is anything you need for the children please let me know.

With Love,

Sarita Hart

Sarita Hart - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

RH

“ We were so sad to hear that Ric had passed, just spoke of him yesterday with Sarita. We know he is at peace and reunited with his Girls. Kelley we are here for you , please if there is anything we can do for you let us know. He will be missed greatly! We love you, please dont hesitate to call.

Jennifer & Roy Hart Jr.

Roy & Jennifer Hart - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

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“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one but know that he is not suffering anymore and will finally be reunited with his three daughters.

Yvonne (Foshee) Wallace - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

TR

“ The country will say goodbye to a great American today. I was blessed to know MSG Wood as a soldier, mentor, and a friend. You had a profound impact on my life and military career. I will take today to reflect upon those memories, and our conversations over a cold beer at "The Shack"

Kelley, you and your family are in our prayers.

Troy Hall - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

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Troy and Maria Hall

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“ Kelly and family,

My prayers are with yaw! Ric was such a good man. Love to you!

Terry Laney Reid - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

KE

“ *I remember Ric when I was a kid, & will always look up to him. My prayers go out to the family.*

KEITH MIZELL - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

SC

“ *MSG Wood touched the lives of many young men and he was a role model of dedication and service. You will be missed and I sorry I never told you this face to face. Old paratroopers don't die.....he is sitting on the drop zone wondering what is taking us so long to link up with him!!!*

Scott McFarren - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM