



## Mr. William "Woody" Woods

March 4, 1965 - September 24, 2021

Mr. William "Woody" Strother Woods, 56, of Martin, GA passed away on Friday, September 24, 2021, at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, GA.

Mr. Woods was born in Atlanta, GA on March 4, 1965, son of John Williams Woods of Cleveland, GA and the late Elizabeth Oliver Hammond. He was a restaurant manager having worked for Sonic Drive-In and was a United States Marine veteran. Mr. Woods was an active member of the Royston First United Methodist Church where he served in the Men's Ministry, Children's Ministry and was the sound operator. He was also a member of the Georgia Athletics Coaches Association.

Survivors include his wife, Heather Barnes Woods; sons, Blake Woods of Gray, GA, Robert Daniel Woods and Cole Harper Woods both of the home; daughters, Ashley Ziska of Omaha, NE, Bailey Shain of Gray, GA, Caitlyn Woods of Twiggs County, GA, Elizabeth Grace Woods and Lelia Adele Woods both of the home; parents, John and Polly Woods of Cleveland, GA, and Dod Hammond of Hawkinsville, GA; brothers, Frank Woods of Denver, CO and John Holland of Tallahassee, FL; sisters, Elizabeth Randolph of Lula, GA and Judi Stuart of Burlington, NC; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr. Woods will be held in the Royston First United

Methodist Church Gym at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2021, with Rev. Matt Parker and Rev. Chris Watson officiating.

The family will receive friends in the Royston First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall immediately following the service on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers; memorials may be made to the Paul Anderson Youth Home at P.O. Box 525 Vidalia, GA 30475 or [www.payh.org](http://www.payh.org).

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM.

Royston First United Methodist Church Gym  
Royston, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill, you remain as man of integrity. You are strong, loving, and fun to be around. Love ya!* ”

k - April 14, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ *I owe this man my ability to walk again after a fatal accident I was in as a teenager!!! He took a 30 day leave to come home and push me thru my therapy, making me so mad, i worked harder and regained full use of my right knee again!!! When it was all over, he left for Cuba. He was always a truly genuine and caring man. Hard to find these days. So sad he's gone so soon..... I loved u Billy!!!!!!* ”

Patricia Ferris - March 10, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Leslie Swanson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods* ”



Leslie Swanson - October 01, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Missy Whitsel lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods* ”



Missy Whitsel - September 30, 2021 at 03:23 PM

KA

“ *Bill was ALWAYS an encouraging coach for my daughter Abbey, not to mention a great friend and fun guy to be around! We will miss him terribly!! May God bless 🙏❤️*



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**Kim Arnett** - September 30, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *Yvonne Brock lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods*



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**Yvonne Brock** - September 29, 2021 at 06:36 PM

LF

“ *Langston Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods*



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**Langston Family** - September 29, 2021 at 06:02 PM

MM

“ *I met Woody many years ago when he was interested in Sonic. He was a bundle of energy and certainly had passion. He will be missed by many and looking down from above. RIP.*

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**Michael Madsen** - September 28, 2021 at 10:42 PM

MM

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**Michael Madsen** - September 28, 2021 at 10:43 PM

SL

“ *Stephanie Steiner Lamphere lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods*



**Stephanie Steiner Lamphere** - September 28, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Rosie Sopo lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods*



**Rosie Sopo** - September 28, 2021 at 07:21 PM

AH

“ *Adrienne Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods*



**Adrienne Hernandez** - September 28, 2021 at 05:15 PM

MB

“ *Mary Ann Brothers lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods*



Mary Ann Brothers - September 28, 2021 at 03:51 PM

SE

“ *God bless you all Nikki. Continuing to pray for you and your family.* 🕊️🙏❤️



Sandy Evans - September 28, 2021 at 02:25 PM

TB

“ *Toshia And Lance Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods*



Toshia and Lance Bell - September 28, 2021 at 12:20 PM

 Paula Worth

“ *Paula Worth lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods*



Paula Worth - September 27, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ I met DJ Woody back in 2005 when I was looking for a local DJ to work an on lot event at the Sonic I was managing at the time. We hit it off immediately. After hanging out a couple of times Woody told me he wanted something more stable for a career as he was recently married and had two little ones at home whom he loved very much. I shared the vision I had for Sonic and he wanted to be part of that. The rest they say is history. Woody has been a huge part of our lives ever since. Together we matured a lot over the years and the best thing that happened to both of us was that we were saved and became brothers in Christ on top of working partners. Woody has never met a stranger, anybody that has spent 5 minutes with him would not forget him because he would take a sincere interest in you. I could go on and on about how great of a man Woody was but mostly I would say was selfless, driven, competitive, loving, fierce, humble, and stubborn as all get out. If it tells you anything when we did a values exercise the top three values he had chosen that were most important to him was 1- FAITH, 2-FAMILY, 3- ETHICAL. He loved Heather and the kids so so much. When Woody wasn't working, he was with his family. He loved talking about the kids and their accomplishments in sports, school and church. He was so very proud of them. Scripture talks about life being a race and all of us are running this race. Woody is across the finish line and even though I'm upset that Gods timing doesn't make sense to me I have to remember that He is much bigger than I am. Woody would want us to stay grounded in our Faith and he would want to be sure his family is taken care of. That is something I know we can do. We love you Woods family and are here for you always!!!



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Steven Bates - September 27, 2021 at 07:50 PM

GA

“ I have known Billy for many years. As a youth he was a part of our family.. It is difficult to think he has left us, he was always such a vibrant and kind gentleman.  
We visited through the years several times in person, and more by telephone. In every conversation I learned of his devotion to and always he shared w me of each child's activity. Because he was a really fine athlete I wondered if his children were in track or runner's like their dad: I learned they were.  
Billy's picture hangs on our wall as it has for many year's representing his big overall win at the VIDALIA Onion Run long ago.

Glenda Anderson - September 27, 2021 at 05:12 PM

GA

I did not finish so this is still Glenda. I learned of his devotion to Heather which was in the 8th line.  
Each time I pass that picture I am reminded of his passion for running and more importantly his love for Jesus. We shall miss you son but what Joy it brings to know we shall see u again!

Glenda Anderson - September 27, 2021 at 05:30 PM

PK

“ Phyllis King lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Woody" Woods



Phyllis King - September 27, 2021 at 05:05 PM