



Jo Ann Wood

November 24, 1937 - August 23, 2016

Jo Ann Blanke Wood passed away on Tuesday 8-23-16 after several years of struggling with her illness. She was 78 years old. Jo Ann maintained her sense of humor and continued to make deep and meaningful connections with people throughout all the years of dealing with Parkinson's Disease. Nurses and caregivers that spent time with Jo Ann consistently remarked on how much they loved and appreciated spending time with her.

Jo Ann retired from Grady Memorial Hospital after 30 years of hard work as a Registered Nurse. She returned to work after her husband Dr. Phillip Kent Wood passed away in 1977 and worked all the way through to retirement age while raising four children by herself in Delaware County, Ohio. She took pride in her work and made many friends in the nursing field. She was remembered as a great nurse and an extremely generous and kind woman at Grady. Jo Ann was smart and savvy and people she encountered in life always walked away with fond memories of her.

Jo Ann will be laid to rest next to her husband Dr. Phillip Kent Wood as she wanted. In her last communications to her children her husband was always on her mind and she looked forward to seeing him again in Heaven. We as her children know that her years of suffering are now behind her and she will be resting comfortably with our Dad now.

Jo Ann is survived by her two sons Michael Joseph Wood and Patrick Kent Wood as well as her two daughters Katherine Elizabeth Wood and Barbara Anne Wood. She was the Grandmother of five children: Nicholas Wood and Samuel Wood of St. Louis Missouri, Jacob and Michael Gartland of Dublin Ohio, and Joseph Wood of Columbus Ohio. She spoiled all of these boys as babies and each of them have fond memories of good times with their Grandma. Jo Ann is also survived by her brother in law Dr. Frederick Wood and his wife Gail Wood as well as her sibling Barbara Booth. Jo Ann was very close to her father Joseph Samuel Blanke who passed many years back. She will be able to see him again and this will bring her peace.

Jo Ann touched a lot of lives with her wit and great sense of humor. Many people will think of her with a smile for years to come.

Jo Ann enjoyed visiting with the nuns from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Grove City Ohio. In lieu of flowers donations can be made there to the Church and School.

Visitation will be held from 9:00am-10:00am on Saturday, August 27, at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 HIGH ST., WORTHINGTON, OHIO 43085, with a graveside service to follow immediately after at Walnut Grove Cemetery. Condolences to the family may be left at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

5561 Milton Ave.
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-5033

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Ann Wood*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *The staff at Rutherford Funeral Homes did an amazing job. Joseph Hayes is a special person and has a true gift for helping people during an uncomfortable time. I am thankful he was there in charge telling me what to do. The service was really beautiful and I am very grateful for every single person that was there this morning to honor my mom. Rest in peace forever mom I love you* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Barbara Wood - August 27, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ *Sorry for your families loss Barbara.*

Jeff Billingham - August 27, 2016 at 05:09 PM



Thank you Jeff ❤️

Barbara Wood - August 27, 2016 at 06:02 PM

BD

“ I was just a kid but remember my cousin when she must have been in high school. Visiting Uncle Joe and Aunt Bea on the 4th of July for a picnic in the back yard was a treat. Judy, my wife, remembers Joann in 1969 as warm, friendly and happy. Judy was new to the family and Joann made her feel welcomed. Joann spoke very proudly of her young family. At that time there were three children with talk of another. That would be you Barbara! She also loved a good joke and was quick to share one. One of her favorites was one with the punch line, "Oh, wood eye". A wonderful sense of humor. Joann will always be remembered with a smile.

Bart and Judy Dugan

Bart and Judy Dugan - August 27, 2016 at 02:27 PM

BW

That is terrific ! Thank you for sharing that ❤️😊

Barbara Wood - August 27, 2016 at 06:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Wood.*



August 26, 2016 at 09:41 AM

DS

“ I don't even know where to start. Jo Ann was in my mind perfection. Saying she had a big heart and compassion for people either through her profession or personally is falling short. She welcomed me into her family and took the time to sit in the front room at Bale Kenyon since I was 17 years old and talked to me without judgement regardless of the subject matter. She was the true epitome of a selfless person. She helped me in so many ways that even though I haven't seen her in years there was never a time that went by that I did not think of her or her family. I still drive by the old house from time to time and recall the first time I went there or picking up Mike from Blacksburg and bringing him home or mowing the lawn with the old red riding mower and wondering how to traverse the front ditch. I could go on and on. I am truly sorry for your loss and I am grateful that I had the privilege to know your Mother.

Dan Salvato - August 25, 2016 at 10:27 PM

BW

“ Dan she never stopped talking about you. Thank you for sharing this it is beautiful and I'm happy she got to be honored by you ❤️

Barbara Wood - August 26, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Wood.



August 25, 2016 at 07:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Wood.



August 25, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *My mom made friends with everybody. She made people feel comfortable and would make everyone laugh. She was my go to person for everything. I always had to check in and see what my mom thought and what my mom's opinion was. She had a horrible illness that lasted way too many years. Her speech was affected. It was hard not being able to communicate with her anymore. I still replay in my mind different things she said and did over the years. I still wish I could tell her stories and hear her thoughts. When she went into hospice I called to speak to the office and the nurses at the nursing home to explain what was happening...the girl that answered the phone said "Awe! That's my candy girl!" when she heard of this...my mom was still making connections and still stirring hearts all the way up until the end. I am happy she is with my dad now and I hope she feels our love for her.* 🥹🥹❤️

Barbara Wood - August 25, 2016 at 06:31 PM



“ *I never met a man more smitten than when Phil met JoAnn. What a wonderful couple, truly in love. I was fortunate to have Phil as a groomsman at my wedding. So sad when my Phi Gamma Delta brother died so young but grateful they are now together.*

Dick Thomas, class of 56'

Dick Thomas - August 25, 2016 at 04:27 PM

BW

Thank you for writing this. What a beautiful memory ❤️

Barbara Wood - August 25, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Wood.*



August 25, 2016 at 09:22 AM

MN

“ *Pat, Colleen and family,
So sorry to hear of your mom/grandmothers passing. Our thoughts
and prayers are with all of you at this time.
Love, Chuck and Maureen*

Maureen and Chuck Neal - August 25, 2016 at 04:12 AM

MN

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So sorry to hear of your mom/grandmothers passing. Our thoughts
and prayers are with all of you at this time.
Love, Chuck and Maureen*

Maureen and Chuck Neal - August 25, 2016 at 04:11 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Wood.*



August 24, 2016 at 10:46 PM