



*Steve Woody*

**March 21, 1949 - Sept. 15, 2024**

Steve Woody, 75, of Morganton, NC, transitioned peacefully to his Heavenly home on Sunday, September 15, 2024 while surrounded by his family.

Born in Burke County, NC on March 21, 1949, he was the son of the late Frank Junior Woody and Frances Perkins Woody.

He served in the US Air Force and was a true patriot.

Steve loved his church, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, where he was a member for 46 years. He served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and was the chairman of the Mission Team to which he devoted a lot of his time. Along with his church, the South Mountain Christian Camp was very close to his heart. Steve volunteered many hours there on a variety of projects. He definitely had a servant's heart and loved his Jesus. He faithfully contributed to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital because he had a heart for the children there.

Steve was a friend to all and dearly loved his many friends and family. He especially enjoyed family gatherings, and was tremendously proud of his grandchildren, who lovingly referred to him as "Pop."

Hunting and fishing were some of his favorite hobbies, and he enjoyed all types of

automotive racing. For many years, his passion was working alongside his son, Steven, developing their own racing legacy. This included events all over the southeast, which produced hundreds of wins and a couple championships. He retired from Dana Corporation and later bought and restored his beloved 1930 Chevrolet, of which he was very proud.

Steve is survived by his wife, Wilma Baker Woody; children, Jennifer Woody West (Jason) and Christopher Steven Woody; grandchildren, Jesse West (Laura), Joseph West, Jonas West, and Julia West; brother, David Warren Woody (Janice); sister, Shelia Woody Little (Bryan); sister-in-law, Lynn McGimsey, and his canine companion, Shorty.

In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his adopted brother, Michael McGimsey

The family will receive friends from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Friday, September 20, 2024 at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Dr. David Mills and Rev. Keith Burkhart officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to [South Mountain Christian Camp, PO Box 9, Bostic, NC 28018](#) or to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105](#).

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

–Derald and nancy sweeney

I am so sorry for your loss we really enjoyed having him at College Pines. Him and his wife are such sweet soles you are in my thoughts and prayers.

–Vicky Sheppard

Steve was such a gentle loving man. He cared deeply for his family and his God. He shall be missed by many and the Wildcats send another alum to Heaven.

–Susan Fetner

Sheila and David. Sorry to read about the loss of your brother, Steve. I know that you were a close-knit family. Shayla, it's been a long time since I've seen you. I guess the last time we talked was that 1 of the E. M. S conferences in Greensboro, take care. Know that I'm thinking and praying for your family during this time of your loss.

–Wanda Stacy



Thinking of the family with much love as we hold you close at heart during these difficult times! May the light of love surround you giving you comfort, peace & understanding! Steve was a great guy with a good heart!! He will not be forgotten!

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–Steve & Joyce Jordan

Praying for all the Woody family and friends who knew Steve. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

–Norman Perkins

Joann and I moved here from Florida seven years ago. From the time we met Steve, he made us feel welcome, like we had been here all our lives. We will miss him, but only for a short time as we know we will see him again.

–Gary Hale



So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you during this difficult time.

–Roxanne Webb



So sorry for your loss. He was a good man.

–Michael and Susan Moses

Steve was a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

–Ron and Annelle Mulwee

I worked with Steve at Dana. He was a great guy and will be missed.

–Bob Melton

We are so sorry .. but we remember the last time he sat on our back porch ... July and I cut his hair and sent Wilma flowers from my garden . He and my Steve talk about old times and what great times they had growing up .. he was a sure God Loving man who loved his church family and friends . Steve loved to live life for God and it showed.. his last word to us before he left to take his love flowers “ I’m a Winner either Way”! That’s what we want to remember . Prayers for sweet Wilma and family ... her Angel will be looking down on her Diane Steve Rhodes

–Steve Diane Rhodes

My deepest sympathy to Steve's family and friends.He was a sweet, kind young man who grew into a generous, loving person . It was a real blessing to know him.

–Glenda (Preswood )Truax