

Dennis R. Wood

March 16, 1943 - January 10, 2025

Dennis R. Wood, 81, of Jonestown passed away peacefully on Friday, January 10th at Linden Village, Lebanon, after a 38-year battle with Friedreich's Ataxia. He was the husband of Linda (Gilbert) Wood.

Born in Lebanon on March 16, 1943, he was the son of Clifford and Mildred Wood. He graduated from Northern Lebanon High School in 1961. Dennis enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1964 and served for six years. In 1976, he graduated from Millersville University with a MS in Education. Denny taught 5th and 6th grade students in a split class at East Hanover Elementary School for 27 years. On July 2, 1982, he married Linda Gilbert, and last year they celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. They enjoyed traveling the country during the summer. He led a very active life.

Denny played Twilight Baseball and Soccer for 19 years. He was a player and coach for Jonestown in the Central Penn Soccer League for 13 years and served as the Secretary of the Central Penn Soccer League for five years. Dennis belonged to the American Legion Post 883 and served as commander for two years. He was a lifelong member of St. Johns UCC, Jonestown. Dennis was a deacon and an elder while serving on consistory. He was instrumental in operating the sound system for years. Dennis was a proud member of the Jonestown Male Chorus for 51 years. In 2013, he was inducted into the Northern Lebanon Athletic Hall of Fame for his commitment

and dedication in promoting high standards of athletic achievement. His hobbies included playing and watching ice hockey, playing golf, working outside, and taking care of the garden and flower beds. He also loved to travel and drive the backroads of Lebanon County.

As his health declined, he enjoyed spending time on the computer, where he spent hours putting pictures on CDs for Linda and Emily to cherish. Dennis really loved riding his scooter around Jonestown and watching westerns on TV. One of his favorite things to do was to spend time with his grandson Logan and his daughter Emily when they would visit.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter Emily wife of Jacob Casey, Orlando, FL; grandson Logan Casey, Orlando, FL; brother Larry husband of Roma Wood; sister Rochelle wife of Barry Stickler; his Aunt Pat Boltz; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Jonestown. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) at <https://www.ataxia.org/ways-to-give> or the Jonestown Outreach Pantry at www.joypantry.org/donate.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory
5 Campmeeting Road
Jonestown, PA 17038

Memorial Service

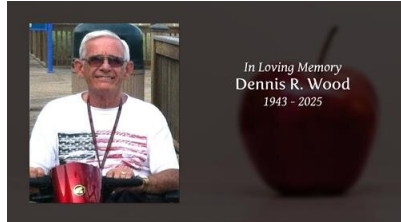
JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis R. Wood*



Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. - January 16, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DB

“ *Dear Linda n Emily, growing up in Jonestown everyone knew Denny n family. He was a good guy and I was glad to call him friend.*

Donna Breidegam - January 20, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KK

“ *Wish I could attend the service. I truly miss him we all do. And not the same with him not there and his buddy Bob a little lost with out him. He was always I can talk to. We love you Denny and best wishes to Linda also and Emily and your grandson. He has touched and served his service. I just can't believe what he has all done with his life he sure captured everything and every moment on this earth. Im glad I was one of the people to get to know this wonderful man husband and grandfather and great guy. I think about him and your family threw these times . Love Kayla Kenney*



Kayla J Kenney - January 17, 2025 at 04:38 PM

DG

“ Denny was in a lot of my educational classes at Millersville University. Fine teacher and wonderful person!!

Donna Gregas - January 15, 2025 at 12:05 PM

WS

“ Mr. Wood was my fifth and sixth grade teacher at East Hanover Elementary School longer ago than I care to remember. He was an amazing teacher and person, and was everything you'd want in the person teaching your child. He was firm yet compassionate. He challenged us while encouraging us to be our best selves. He was funny, smart, and swung a good paddle as I learned once or twice. Every day he would read to the class, and in that deep voice he had Jack London's *Call of the Wild* and *White Fang* came to life. He was my teacher over 45 years ago, but I've never forgot my time as his student and was glad I was able to keep in touch with him in his later years. He will be missed by.

Wes Smith - January 14, 2025 at 11:22 AM

JL

“ Both my sons had Denny in elementary school. He was a wonderful teacher. I also had the privilege of working with him for several years. He was always upbeat, and kind. We shared many fun times at East Hanover. He was a very respected man and will be missed by so many. I know where Denny is going. No more pain or suffering. My deepest sympathy for his family. Jini Long

Jini Long - January 13, 2025 at 04:55 PM