



Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood

October 6, 1940 - April 12, 2024

Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood, age 83, passed away peacefully at his home on April 12, 2024. Dan, as he was affectionately known to all who knew him, was born on Maple Street in Lexington on October 6, 1940. Dan attended Lexington City School and Lexington High School, where he graduated in 1959, excelling in all sports, especially basketball. Dan had a life long passion for history, especially Henderson County and Tennessee history. He was always proud to say that he was a fourth generation Henderson Countian and a fifth generation Tennessean. Dan was saved and baptized as a young man at Second Baptist Church in Lexington. He was a current member of First Baptist Church, and attended the Jack Hay Sunday School Class.

In 1995, Dan was appointed as the 73rd Adjutant General of Tennessee. In the state's top military position, he commanded the Military Department of Tennessee that includes the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and the Tennessee State Guard.

Gen. Wood enlisted in the United States Army in 1961 and served a tour of duty as a Sergeant (E-5) in Vietnam. After completing his active duty tour he enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard in 1965. He completed Officer Candidate School at Tennessee Military Academy. General Wood served in various positions including the Commander of the 4/117th Infantry Battalion

and Deputy Director, Plans, Operations and Training, State Area Command before his appointment as Adjutant General.

He graduated from Cumberland University in 1986 and the Air University in 1992.

He retired from South Central Bell with 31 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Hughel and Eliza Tolley Wood, five siblings, Joe Tolley Wood, Bradley Wood and his wife Ida Mae (Pete), Vonzille Wood McClendon and her husband Jim, Dorothy Wood Jones, and Royal Wood and his wife Mary Nell, and his brother in law Wayne Renfroe. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Janis Fesmire Wood, son Stuart Wood, daughter Amy Wood Halters and son-in-love Charlie Halters, and grandchildren Trey, Caleb, and Becca Halters. He is also survived by three siblings, Barry Wood and his wife Gail, Ridonna Wood Renfroe, and David Wood, along with an extended family of nieces and nephews.

Dan was a dearly loved husband, son, father, brother, and “Pops”. And he, too, dearly loved his very large family and brought great interest and joy to gatherings his entire life.

Visitation will be Sunday 2-7, Monday 10-1, and funeral with full military honors on Monday at 1. All visitation and service will be at First Baptist Church in the MAC building. Interment will be in the Lexington Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the MAC fund at First Baptist Church (First Baptist Church | Online Giving (fbclexington.com), Tunnel to Towers Foundation (t2t.org), or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood



278th Retirees Association - April 30, 2024 at 12:26 PM

JB

“ Jamie Burke lit a candle in memory of Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood



Jamie Burke - April 16, 2024 at 02:13 PM

TW

“ Wayne Faulkner and Tonya Welch



Tonya welch - April 15, 2024 at 06:21 PM

DL

“ Met Dan at the Jackson Armory in April 1974— being both Vietnam Veterans we connected and becomes life long friends— the days in the Guard, our l8ke thoughts on this country, shared memories of serving 32 years together in the Guard, shared support of leaders in the state and country, our time together on Governor Sundquist executive staff and hours on the plone or drinking coffee around Decatur and Henderson Counties discussing and solving the world’s problems after retirement will always be some of my best moments. He was a good man, best friend one could have and I was honored to be called his friend by him. Rest in Peace brother—see you when I get there in that day. Prayers for Janice and family. I already miss him immensely



dan lindsey - April 14, 2024 at 10:25 PM

TS

“ I met Dan in the 473rd in Columbia, TN when he was a Major. He was so very kind assisting me in adjusting to my new assignment. Dan also had a great appreciation for the Enlisted Soldiers. I admired that in him. Today I learn that Dan was an Enlisted Soldier himself. He was a friend to everyone. I am proud to have known him and have served under him. May you Rest in Peace Sir... TJ Williams, Sr.

TJ Williams, Sr. - April 14, 2024 at 04:57 PM

JK

“ Dan was the best. A friend to all and sincerely carried for his soldiers. We will all miss him and his endless stories. God bless his family is our prayer,



jim and Nina Kientz - April 14, 2024 at 04:55 PM

DH

“ Dan or MG Wood was a person everyone loved. He was my platoon leader when he graduated OCS and later on in my and his career I was his Command Sergeant Major when he was commander of the 4/117 Infantry Battalion. Dan loved history especially Henderson County history and family history, a cousin we talked about our family’s history many times, mostly at Bible Grove Church on decoration day where most of our family is interred. He will be missed by many, especially me. Prayers for Janice and family!



Danny A. G. Hayes - April 14, 2024 at 11:31 AM

BO

“ Allan Fesmire and I were in grammar school, when Dan was in high school, we would go to LHS basketball games, I thought Dan was a great athlete, especially basketball. We looked up to him as he had time to talk with us, he was an example for others to follow. Last time I saw him was in fall at Kirkland Cancer Enter, I didn’t see him at first, he got up and came over to talk. Dan excelled in his life. Janice was equally a fantastic person. Shirley and I will remember the family in our prayers.

BobbyCogdell - April 14, 2024 at 11:18 AM

DH

“ Me Dan was a very good customer of mine. He came eat at the Country Side Diner a couple times a week and was a very good man. I will miss seeing him coming in. His grandson often came with him. He will definitely be missed. 🙏❤️ praying for peace and comfort for the family in the days to come



Darla Harris - April 14, 2024 at 06:42 AM

TB

“ TNG Military Retirees Lunch Bunch purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood.



TNG Military Retirees Lunch Bunch - April 14, 2024 at 12:21 AM

TB

“ TNG Military Retirees Lunch Bunch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood.

TNG Military Retirees Lunch Bunch - April 14, 2024 at 12:21 AM

RR

“ Family and friends of Dan Wood, so sorry for your loss! I went to Lexington High School with Dan. He was always a nice guy
Ruth Ann Hendrix Reeves

Ruth Reeves - April 13, 2024 at 11:05 PM

JP

“ John Pike lit a candle in memory of Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood



John Pike - April 13, 2024 at 09:57 PM

SA

“ My condolences to Janis and the family. May God grant you strength & peace during this difficult time. Love ❤️ to all.

Shirley Bell Arnold - April 13, 2024 at 08:59 PM

CS

“ Cathy Garner Sisson lit a candle in memory of Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood



Cathy Garner Sisson - April 13, 2024 at 07:33 PM

RH

“ Ricky Holmes lit a candle in memory of Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood



Ricky Holmes - April 13, 2024 at 06:34 PM

RH

I knew general Woods through the National Guard and the American Legion. He was always a very good acquaintance have been friends with his brother Mr. Barry Wood for quite a few years always thought a lot of Mr. Barry and Dan.

Ricky Holmes - April 13, 2024 at 06:36 PM

CK

“ *Charlotte Kizer lit a candle in memory of Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood*



Charlotte Kizer - April 13, 2024 at 06:09 PM

RM

MajGen Dan Wood served this nation in Vietnam. Outstanding leader, loved by all who knew him. Thank you my friend for yrs of friendship, prayers to your family. Saddened by your loss / Rex/Judy . . .

Rex & Judy McBee - April 14, 2024 at 03:30 PM

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The 278th Retirees Association sends heartfelt prayers for the family and friends of Major General (Retired) Jackie Daniel "Dan" Wood, the 73rd Adjutant General of Tennessee. Rest In Peace brother, see you on the high ground!

278th Retirees Association - April 30, 2024 at 12:19 PM