



Benjamin A. Wood

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Benjamin A. Wood, 63, of Decatur, died Sunday, July 25, 2010 in St. John's Hospital, Springfield.

Ben was born December 2, 1946, in Springfield, the son of Leroy and Irene Watkins Wood. He graduated from Clinton Community High School in the class of 1965. Ben worked at the former Firestone Tire Company in Decatur for almost 26 years and was a member of St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church. He married Connie Schroll on June 8, 1968.

Surviving is his wife, Connie of Decatur; sons: Mark Stacy Wood of Forsyth and Kevin Jen Wood of Decatur; daughter, Julie Wood of Bloomington; grandchildren: Rachel and Ryan Wood of Forsyth; brothers: Gilbert Sharon Wood and Gary Barb Wood of Decatur; sister, Shirley Wood of Erin, TN; brothers-in-law: Gary Jill Schroll of Decatur, Rick Brenda Schroll of Savage, MN, and Ron Sandy Schroll of Concord, NC; sister-in-law, Mary Lou Bob Glenn of Decatur; mother-in-law, Teresa Schroll of Decatur; several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, Gene Schroll.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 am, Thursday, July 29, 2010 in St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church, Rev. James Palakudy celebrant. Visitation will be Wednesday, July 28, 2010 from 5 to 7 pm in the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, vigil prayer service will be at 4:30 pm. Burial will be in Boiling Springs Cemetery.

Memorial gifts are suggested to: St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church or St. Teresa High School Booster Club.

Ben loved his family and the friends he made at the Y and Forsyth McDonald's.

The family of Benjamin A. Wood is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe St. Decatur, IL 62526.



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JE

Jeseca Estell posted:

Julie and Family, I am very sorry for your loss. My family and I have known all of you for more than 30 years and have always thought highly of your family. Mr. Wood was very dear to me. I have memories as a little girl that everytime I would stay the night with Julie, Mr. Wood would take us to McDonalds and bring us home with new coloring books and crayons. I will always cherish the memories of Mr. Wood, what a good man he was. He has been an inspiration to me in my life seeing what a wonderful Christian life he led. There is no doubt he is now enjoying eternity in paradise, where we shall all see him again someday. Decatur, IL US

July 29 at 7:00 PM

KD

Karen Davis posted:

Connie, so very sorry for your loss. Decatur, IL US

July 29 at 7:00 PM

MB

Michael Limacher/Thomas Bryson posted:

To Julie Wood and Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Please know that your Dad is in a much better place now and is resting peacefully. I know it's very hard to deal with the loss of family member. Julie if you need anything, please let us know! Bloomington, IL US

July 28 at 7:00 PM

DB

Deacon Denny & Kathy Baker posted:

Kevin and family, please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you. Decatur, IL US

July 27 at 7:00 PM

JK

John And Kristi Kravanek posted:

Mark – We're so sorry for your loss and wish we could be there in person. May you find God's love and peace during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Decatur, IL US

July 27 at 7:00 PM



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RH

Ryan Hayden posted:

Kevin/Jen & Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my prayers during this time. Kevin and Jen, if you need anything don't hesitate to let me know. Love, Ryan Decatur, IL US

July 26 at 7:00 PM

JK

Jayne & Jim Kilgarriff posted:

Connie and family, We were saddened by the news of Ben's passing. May the memories of his life and the love that he shared bring peace to you at this difficult time. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Clinton, IL US

July 26 at 7:00 PM

BB

Betty Bollhorst posted:

Connie and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Ben was a very good friend to Ken Bollhorst, that passed in Jan. 2010. Always like to talk at the "Y" and had drinks at the table. They discuss the world problems. Decatur, IL US

July 26 at 7:00 PM

SC

Sheri Cordts posted:

To the Wood family, So sorry for your loss of a father, friend, spouse, coach, grandpa, great provider, and all the many hats Ben wore. Sending lots of love and many prayers out to you all. May you all be comforted in the days ahead. Sending God's peace to be with you now. Much love from , Barbara, Fred, and Sheri Cordts. Bloomington, IL US

July 26 at 7:00 PM

BA

Brien And Jo Ann Guy posted:

To the entire Wood family: We haven't known Ben for very long, but he seemed like such a nice man, always smiling. I know that he was very proud of his family, and his grandchildren, Rachel and Ryan. Stacy, Mark's wife, is our goddaughter. We love having Mark as a family member also. I know the heartache you feel now, I have lost both my parents very early also. Remember all the good times, and keep your Dad in your heart forever. Never let the kids forget their grandpa and how much he loved them. St. Peter, IL US

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SK

Sj. Kim Kimberly posted:

connie & family ~may i extend condolences on behalf of marylynn and i to you and your family. we first met when i went through RCIA class in 1998. i enjoyed so much speaking with you and ben before mass each sunday morning or saturday evenings depending. despite the many physical problems that plagued ben, his smile warmed my heart and reminded me that i had nothing to complain about!!! G_d bless you all during your time of sorrow and lift you up in His tender mercies. decatur, IL US

July 26 at 7:00 PM

TS

Tom & Robyn Spry posted:

To Kevin, and the entire Wood family, we extend our most sincere condolences for your loss. May the Grace of God comfort you in your time of need. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mt. Zion, IL US

July 25 at 7:00 PM

DW

David & Jackie Wilhour posted:

To Connie and Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. St. Teresa lost one of their best football fans! Every game I ever attended, Ben was always sitting in the same place, game after game. And every time I talked with Ben, he was so proud to tell me about Mark, Kevin and Julie's accomplishments. May God bless! Decatur, IL US

July 25 at 7:00 PM

AM

Angela Myers posted:

Shocked and saddened by Ben's passing, Connie. You have my concern and prayers. Decatur, IL US

July 25 at 7:00 PM

AR

Alan Rider posted:

Ben always said YES when asked to help at St Thomas, and, forever was smiling. He was so proud of his family. I am honored to have known Ben. My thoughts and prayers are with Ben and his family.... Mt. Auburn, IL US

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RT

Renee Turyna posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Wood Family. We were stunned when Mark called Sunday a.m. We are deeply saddened by the news and are thinking of you all. Julie, I am happy to hear that you have been a great support for your mom. Kevin, I am sure Jen is taking good care of you. Your dad was always so nice. He loved a good story and liked to laugh and was always smiling. I always remember him working on various projects outside the house yes, this was 20 years ago or so. His other favorite pastime was sitting in his living room chair while Mrs. Wood cooked dinner. He used this time to catch up with his children about their day, activities and friends. He loved to meet his children's friends and was always very welcoming. We will miss him as will St. Teresa Football. Go Bulldogs! ! With love, the Turyna Team – Brian, Renee, Jonathan, Patrick, and Nicholas Sugar Grove, IL US

July 25 at 7:00 PM

CH

Chuck & Mary Jane Hippler posted:

Connie and family, We are so saddened to learn of Ben's death. Take comfort in the fact that the family he fathered is his greatest legacy. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Monticello, IL US

July 25 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Benjamin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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