



Alva Ray Wood

November 13, 1946 - July 7, 2022

Alva Ray Wood was born on November 13, 1946, in Salem, Missouri to Franklin and Pauline (Weber). He grew up on the Current River near Timber, Missouri.

Ray enlisted into the United States Army on January 6, 1966 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge on December 29, 1967. During his time in the military he earned the National Defense Medal and Sharpshooter Rifle Award.

Ray was united in marriage to the love of his life, Penny Welch on January 27, 1976 at the home of Virgil Parker in Salem, Missouri. Ray and Penny shared forty-six years of laughter and memories. They were blessed with three children: Matthew, Jonathan, and Stephanie.

Ray was a hard worker and worked hard to provide for his family. His strong work ethic showed in his passion for logging and operating "A.R. Wood Logging". Ray truly enjoyed timbering logs and working in the sawmill.

Ray liked the outdoors and appreciated everything nature had to offer. He loved spending time with Penny at the cabin and enjoyed the Gasconade River. Ray was an avid fisherman and loved to share the bounty of his catch with his family and friends. Ray's greatest joy in life was making memories

with his family. His grandchildren were the sparkle in his eyes, and he cherished being around them.

Ray departed this life on July 7, 2022 in Vienna, Missouri at the age of seventy-five years. He leaves behind, his loving wife Penny Wood of Bunker, MO; daughter: Stephanie Hamilton and husband James of Ironton, MO, grandchildren: Jacob Hamilton, Breanna Halbert and husband Tyler, Amanda Garcia, Jonathon Wood, and Dalton Wood; several great-grandchildren; siblings: Linda Kay Boyd, Roy Wood and wife Carol, Bill Wood and wife Shirley, Danny Pruitt and wife Amy; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, sons: Jonathon and Matthew Wood; father: Franklin Wood; mother: Pauline Pruitt and husband John; brother: Leonard Wood; and brother-in-law: Walter Boyd.

Ray was one of a kind and would help anyone in need. He will be forever missed by those who loved him most.

Funeral Services for Alva Ray Wood were held Sunday, July 10, 2022 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Sister Kathy Medlin officiating. Song selections played were "Drive", "The River", and "Go Rest High On That Mountain". Serving as Pallbearers were Gene Wood, Dean Wood, Michael Wood, Danny "D.J." Pruitt, Jacob Hamilton, and Tyler Halbert. Military Honors was provided by the Missouri Honors Team and American Legion Post 99. Burial was in the Weese Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Ray Wood and left at Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Weese Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



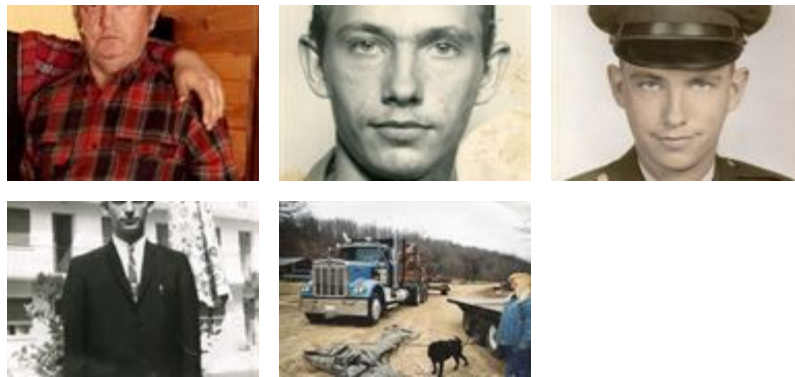
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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alva Ray Wood.*



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“ *Ray was one of a kind and would help anyone in need. He took Chris under his wing and helped him so much with the boat. It just won't be the same without him. Penny, Stephanie and family, please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and remember we are here if you need us. Tina, Chris, Bub and Jeanie.*

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