

Raymond A. Wood - Obituary

Raymond A. Wood, beloved husband of Helene for almost 49 years, died suddenly and unexpectedly at home on Aug. 16, 2015.

He was 70 years young.

Although Arizona was Ray's home for 12 years, his heart remained in Vermont where he was a well-known "neighborly" letter carrier for 37 years lovingly called Woody.

He was a meticulous gardener at their home on Sand Hill in St. Johnsbury where every passerby stopped with a well deserved compliment. Ray was also famous for carrying his own Vermont maple syrup with him to Arizona breakfast restaurants and making a point to servers that his syrup was, in fact, "the best." An avid fisherman, he spent endless hours boating with Helene and anyone who showed an interest. He could watch any sport any time even it wasn't "his" team. Ray served in the Army in Germany, during the Vietnam War. He will be remembered and missed as a neighbor or friend you could count on, a devoted family oriented relative who never let you down and a guy who loved to laugh.



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In addition to his wife he is survived by his children Rae-Ann Wood (wife Sarah Toig), Pamela Williams (husband Todd Williams), his grandchildren: Foster Cooley, Gavin Cooley, his siblings Anita & Richard Bedor, Linda & Mitch Tenney, Susan & Carroll Lowrey, Margaret & Jay Austin, Kathy & Gordon Farnsworth, Patricia & Brian Wheeler, Sylvia & Richard Cote, Michael Wood, Julieta Wood & Gerry Wood (deceased), Jackie Wood & Dennis Wood (deceased).

He was preceded in death by his parents Gerald & Marie Claire Wood, his sibling John Paul Wood, his grandson Noah Wood Toig.

A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Springfield Adult Community clubhouse 6495 S. St. Andrews Blvd Candler, AZ 85249 (cross streets McQueen and Riggs).

In lieu of flowers the family kindly requests memorial donations be made to the MISS Foundation. Or Donate Life America, 701 East Byrd St., 16th Floor, Richmond, VA 23219.