



# John Wood

JUL 1, 1941 - MAR 14, 2026



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## **John Wood**

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**A** service of celebration for the life and legacy of John Jay Wood will be held at 10am on Thursday, March 19, 2026 in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home. Reverend Dr. CJ Tillinghast and Temple Carpenter III will be officiating. Graveside service will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Henderson, Texas at 2pm. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Rader Funeral Home from 6-8pm. John passed into the eternal arms of Jesus on March 14, 2026 after an accident.

He was born on July 1, 1941 in Endicott, New York to Clifford Burton Wood and Eva Ruth Burgett. He spent his childhood in Upstate New York.

John began his career in the custom home construction industry before relocating to Texas, where he became a steel erection worker. During that time, he contributed to several projects in the Longview area, including work at Continental Can and the Stroh Can Plant, which later became American National Can. He eventually joined the can plant as an employee, where he dedicated the remainder of his career until his retirement.

Linda worked as a surgical nurse at Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview, Texas. It was there that he met his beloved wife of 56 years, Linda, who preceded him in death on March 7, 2026. The two were married on February 28, 1970, and together built a life centered on love, family, and devotion. As the primary provider for his family, he carried his responsibilities with dedication and care. His kindness and nurturing spirit touched the lives of everyone he met, and to him, no one was ever a stranger.

John remained an active member of Greggton Global Methodist. He was a longtime member of the Alethea Sunday School Class and a charter member of the Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast.

He was preceded in death by his parents. His brothers Harold, Elwin, and Robert. His sisters Velma and Ramona.



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John is survived by his children - John Wood Jr. & wife Kathy of Cypress Fairbanks, Vickie Wood of Commerce, Leslie Smith & husband Michael of Decorah, IA and Darren Wood of Longview. His grandchildren - Karly Green & husband Chance, Rory Curtin & wife Kasey, Madi Brasher & husband Wade, Ian Smith & wife Gabby, Matthew Smith & fiancée Alyssa Sobolik, Sara Wood, and Rya Wood. His great-grandson Austin Green. His brother George Woods and wife Linda. As well as numerous nieces and nephews, loved ones and friends.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to all of our family and friends that have cared for and prayed for us these last two weeks.

Please make donations to the charity of your choice or Greggton Global Methodist Church, PO Box 5486, Longview, Tx 75608 <https://www.greggton.org/giving>



# Events

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## Visitation

**Wednesday**, March 18, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

**Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview**  
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



## Funeral Service

**Thursday**, March 19, 2026

10:00 AM CT

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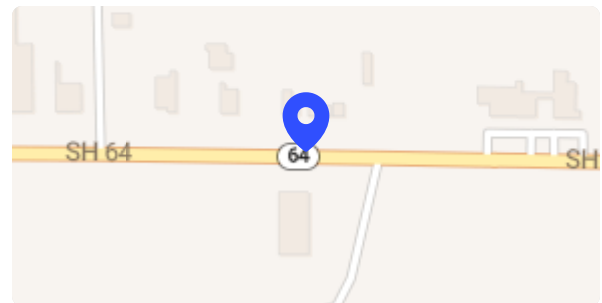


## Graveside Service

**Thursday**, March 19, 2026

2:00 PM CT

**Mt. Hope**  
Hwy 64 W, Henderson TX



## Cemetery Details

**Mt Hope Cemetery**  
Hwy 64, Henderson TX





# Tribute Wall

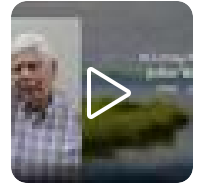
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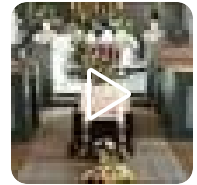
**Rader Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.

March 18 at 9:47 AM



**Rader Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.

March 19 at 8:12 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Wood family.

March 17 at 2:27 PM



**Ricky Todd** posted:

I'm in shock as I write this. I was planning on checking on John this week. We were members of the Friday Morning Men's Industrial bowling league for many years. My condolences to the family. First Linda and now John! Praying for your family! Ricky Todd

March 15 at 9:51 PM



**John Adams** posted:

John's been a part of our regular Men's Prayer Breakfast group for a very long time. It was always touching to watch him try to connect with the small children and their parents as they came inside the Whataburger where we met each week. He'd always do his darndest to try and get a smile out of the parent and their little ones and make them feel noticed and special. He leaves a great absence in his passing! Rest friend, your journey is through.

March 15 at 6:21 PM



## Tribute Wall

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**Rory Curtin** shared 25 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Love ya gramps.

March 15 at 10:30 AM



**Susan Hendershott Hughes** lit a candle in honor of John.

Leslie, Darren, Vickie, Johnny and family. I'm so very sorry about your dad and grandfather. John was one of a kind, a great husband, father, grandpa and friend to all. He, your mom, Darren and Leslie were the first to meet my family when we moved to Texas. We all became long fast friends for life. John taught me how to drive he would pick me up from school and he even let me drive one year when we drove to pick up Johnny and Vickie one summer. John will be missed but he will always be in our hearts and memories. I can just see your parents and my parents playing cards smiling, laughing and having a great time. My deepest sympathies to each of yall and God bless.

March 15 at 10:30 AM





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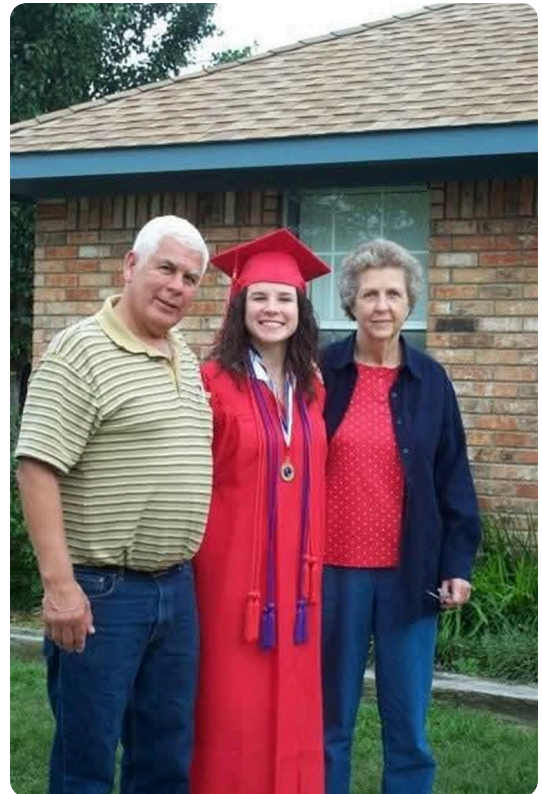


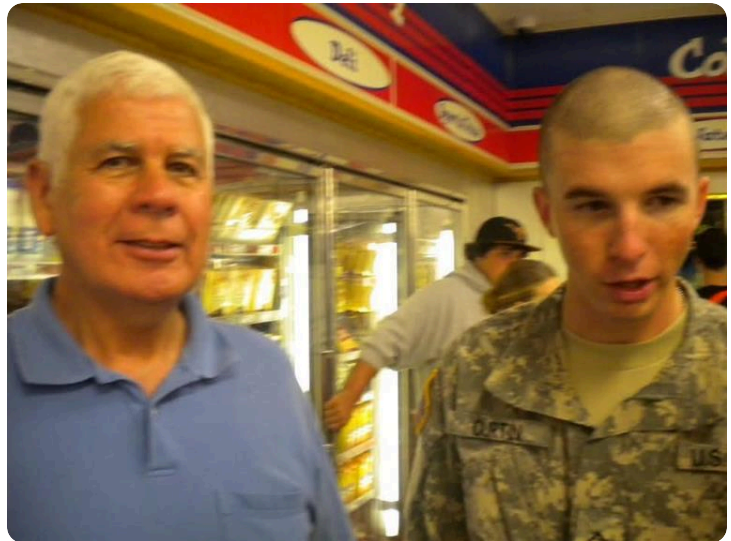
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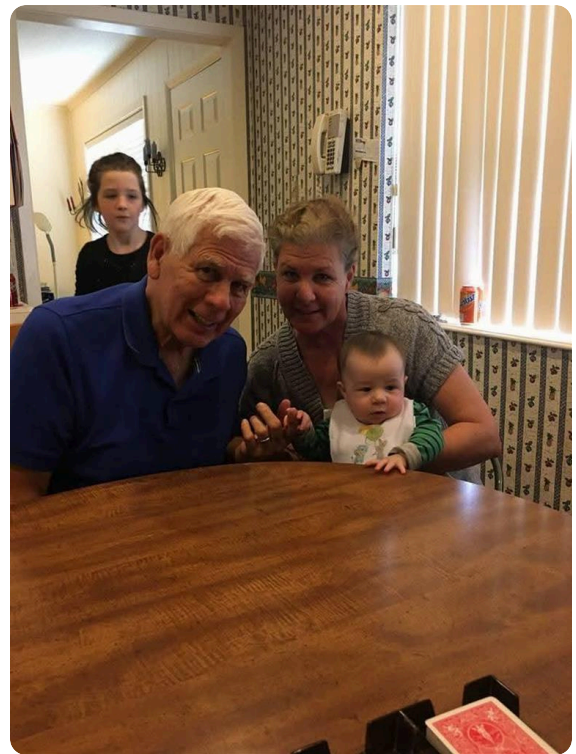


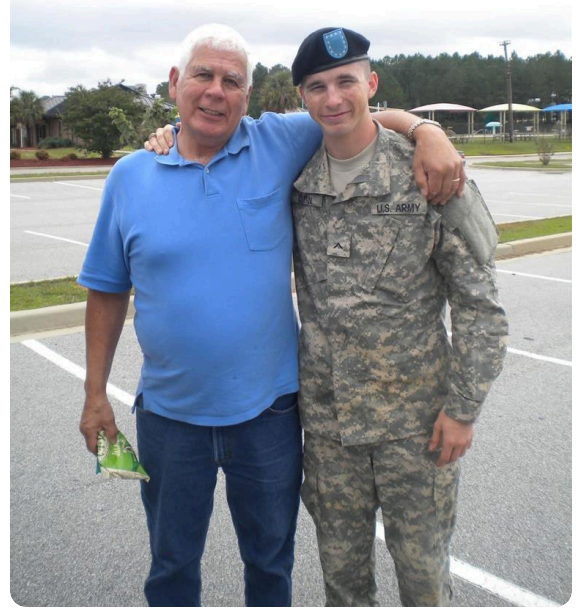
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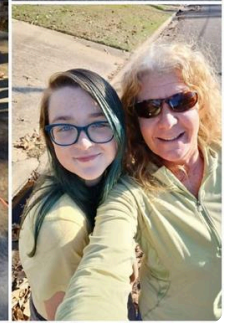


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Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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