



Jerry Edward Wood

September 22, 1936 - April 26, 2023

Jerry Edward Wood, 86, passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, in Roswell, NM. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Jerry's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

SERVICES: Will be held at a later date.

On September 22, 1936, Jerry was born to Woodrow and Helen Wood in Lea County, NM. He attended Lovington High School, where he graduated. He enlisted in the United States Airforce. He married Mary Gayle Taylor on May 17, 1974, in Artesia, NM. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He was very proud to be a founding member of the New Mexico State Police Brotherhood Association and enjoyed the annual reunions more than anything.

Prior to retirement, Jerry was proud to serve as a New Mexico State Police Officer for 28 years. After retirement from the State Police, he served as the New Mexico Executive Director of the New Mexico State Crime Stoppers Commission under Governor Carruthers' administration. Jerry also served as a Chaves County Commissioner for 8 years. He also served as the Safety Director for Bell Gas Inc. until his passing. Jerry was an avid New York Yankees and Dallas Cowboys fan, in good years and bad. Jerry loved all of his family but cherished his role as Poppy to his grandchildren and great-

grandchildren more than anything. (Jerry) will be missed by his family and friends.

Those left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Jerry are his spouse Mary Gayle; children: Eddie Gail Kiefhaber (Skip), Sandy Freeland (James), and Leann Martin (Clark); grandchildren: Taylor Avery, Jared Freeland, Halen Reck (Aaron), Dara Thomas, Conner Freeland (Bridgette); and great-grandchildren: Addison Avery, Twins Jaxon and Maverick Avery and Judson Reck; Mother-in-law, Nita Taylor; siblings: Brother and sister-in-law Stan and Barby Taylor, Brother-in-law, Tom Taylor, Sister and Brother-in-law Janell and David Smith; also survived by several special nieces and nephews.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents: Woodrow and Helen Wood; sister and brother-in-law: Shirley and Barney Bailey; father-in-law, Buddy Taylor (Speedy); nephews: Bill and Kevin Bailey; and sister-in-law Patty Taylor.

The family of Jerry Wood wishes to extend sincere thanks to the staff at ENMMC and Dr. Kumar and will forever be grateful to the Gentiva Hospice group. Especially Debbie Yeager Perry, who is the daughter of the late Ed Yeager of the New Mexico State Police and had known Jerry most of her life as well as Bobby Holley and Chuck Pattison (retired NMSP) who kept in very close touch with Jerry.

Jerry's family suggests donations be made to The Ronald McDonald House at 1101 Central Ave, NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87106 in honor of Jerry Wood.

Jerry's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ My deepest condolences, Mr. Wood was a good friend and safety director , he was very proud to have his NM State Police license plates as 001 and 002. I always told him jokingly to keep under 100mph on his way back to Roswell on his clean and shiny Chevy black truck. He would always say "90-95mph is under 100 right" and crack a smile. You will be missed.. " Keep it under 100" and God bless you Mr. Wood... Marcos Dominguez/ Cortez Gas Co.

Marcos Dominguez - September 13, 2023 at 10:14 PM

JW

“ Jerry was a friend a mentor and a ray of sunshine but it was the dynamics of Jerry and MaryGail that that brought so much joy to Trena and I every time we saw them. Jerry would tell one of his famous stories like a stand up comedian and “that look “ would come over Mary Gail with her sly smile and nod. Jerry came across as rough crude and mean to those that didn't know the generous and kind man he was.he will be missed God Bless and keep him

jim woods - May 10, 2023 at 08:15 PM

AO

“ Isabel and I send our condolences to Mary Gayle and family on the passing of Jerry. We will keep each of you in our thoughts and prayers, and we will remember the good times and even better the stories that we all shared.

A J Olsen - May 08, 2023 at 03:04 PM

VE

Mary Gayle, LeAnn and Eddie Gail I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family. ❤️

Vonda England - May 09, 2023 at 10:29 PM

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Robert Smoot - May 09, 2023 at 11:18 PM

BM

I met Jerry when i was stationed in Gallup, he was a well like character, always had a stoggy in mouth and was given the name of motor mouth cause never stopped talking, enjoyed his stories and had many stories, i missed the old bird im sure we will meet again, God Bless, and mrs wood i will keep prayers for you take care and keep following the Lord, Always Ben Marino

Ben MARINO - May 10, 2023 at 02:59 PM