



Everett Rider Wood

February 28, 1925 - July 9, 2022

Everett Rider Wood (97) of Fort Collins, passed away peacefully on July 9th at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Denver, Colorado on February 28th, 1925 to Russell and Emma Wood, he grew up in north Denver during the Depression. Everett (Woody) always met the challenges of the time with a zest for life, regardless of the circumstances.

Woody served in the Army in the European Theater during WWII from June 1942 to December 1945. He always said that he was given his diploma in one hand and his draft notice in the other. Upon his return from service on December 24th, 1945, he met the love of his life, Jean Marie Bamford and married her 2 1/2 years later.

He was the only one in his family to attend college. By using his veterans education benefits to attend Denver University, he earned his 4-year Bachelors degree in Marketing.

Together, he and Jean had 4 children, Kimberly, Gregory, Barry and Kelly. While they were young, Woody and Jean sparked family interest in travel by seeking out and exploring other world cultures. Without ever leaving their home, they brought the world right into their own living room by entertaining

over 50 people from over 22 different countries. The family amassed a group of very interesting and diverse international friends in the process, many of whom are still connected to this day.

Admired for his ability to accept circumstances beyond his control, Woody spent his adult life living with Post-polio syndrome with grace.

In 1969, the family moved to Fort Collins where Woody began his career as International Marketing Manager for Teledyne Waterpik. He retired in 1987(?) but found that he missed engaging with people, so he tried his hand at teaching in the Marketing department for Aims Community College in Greeley.

His love of family and his insatiable interest for history led him to author 2 books where he intertwined the stories told to him by his father with actual historical events.

Woody loved to sing and did so every day. He was a storyteller extraordinaire and would have us all listening intently even if we'd heard the story a dozen times before. His jokes and attempts to express himself in foreign languages were priceless and his humor...infectious. He built bridges with his easy charm and never knew a stranger.

Preceded in death by his wife of 55 years Jean, daughter Kimberly, brother Russell, sister Virginia, and parents Russell Sr and Emma Wood.

He leaves behind his children; Gregory Wood (Cindy Fravel) Barry Wood (Michele) Kelly Ford (David) all of Fort Collins.

His grandchildren; Ashley Wood of Fort Collins, Corey Wood of Denver, Dillon Ford (Courtney) of Severance, and Mackenzie Marquez (Luke) of Ault.

His great grandchildren; Isabella and Flynn of Severance and MaCyah and Rider of Ault. He also leaves behind 7 nieces, 3 grand nieces and 3 grand nephews.

In lieu of flowers, you may honor Woody by making a donation in his name to postpolio.org

Cremation has taken place and a small family celebration of his life is being planned for a later date.

Finally, in his own words— “Engage in life, be kind and be gracious. Family... is everything! Do for others every day and play the hand you’ve been dealt to the best of your abilities. Don’t postpone joy and learn something new every day. Most of all, don’t forget to laugh daily... it’s so important!”

Everett Wood-02/28/1925 – 07/09/2022

Tribute Wall



“ *Everett Rider Wood*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I was a friend of Barry and "Mr. Wood" was a gregarious and kind man. I always thought of him and his wife as the most kind people I've known. God bless their family!*

Mark A Cooper - August 07, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ *Marnie Murray lit a candle in memory of Everett Rider Wood*



marnie murray - August 02, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ *My condolences to Woody's family. I had the opportunity to work with him at WaterPik. He was such a kind person which is evidenced in his final words left for everyone in the obituary, which were very moving. One final gift from him as part of his legacy of kindness. May he rest in peace.*

Rosalie Gill - August 01, 2022 at 10:33 PM

MC

“ *Woody was a unique and caring person who brought a lot to his job at Water Pik and earned the respect of all who knew him. One of a kind! Mel Cruger*

Mel Cruger - August 01, 2022 at 11:46 AM

SH

“ *My sincere condolences to the Wood family. Woody was always gracious, generous, gregarious...gentleman of true integrity! He and Jean welcomed our bunch of Lincoln Jr High & Poudre High School classmates of Kelly into there home without reservation always. Woody lead by example and I am grateful for such! Rest In Peace sir!*

Scott Hummer

Scott Hummer - August 01, 2022 at 10:45 AM

JK

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. The Secret Santa program that I run is because of Woody. If it were not for him many children would not have a Christmas. He was the best. He believed in me for this program and I can still hear his words. I will never forget his kindness. I have carried his wisdom through many different times in my life. Thank you to his family for sharing him with us. I am so sorry to his family and friends for your loss. He was one in a million.*

Joyce Kohlmeier - July 31, 2022 at 11:54 PM

WB

“ Ruth and I are so saddened by the loss of our dear friend Woody. We want to express our condolences to Woody and Jean's family. We are so sorry for your loss but hope that you are consoled by memories of the long and wonderful life that Woody had. He will be hard to replace in our lives. A true memory for Ruth and me is the fun-filled nights on New Year's Eve at Woody and Jean's, sharing skating, eating (plus a little drinking) and the warmth of friendship with the Woods' family and friends.

William H Brown - July 31, 2022 at 02:50 PM

DK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Dani Korkegi - July 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM

DK

“ You and I got really close when my own beloved Papa passed away in 2008. You and he were born in the same year, were both in WWII, and had very similar personalities. I'll never forget your kindness and compassion and including me in your family. I so enjoyed our monthly visits and will never forget you. You've left an indelible mark on my heart. I love you, Woody!



Dani Korkegi - July 31, 2022 at 11:30 AM

DM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers.

We worked with Woody at WaterPik. He was such an upbeat guy. Always friendly, smiling and wasn't afraid to give both of us a big hug. RIP Woody

*Sincerely
Debby and Lyle McBride
Haxtun, Co*

Debby McBride - July 30, 2022 at 10:32 PM

RE

I replaced Woody as head of Teledyne WaterPik International in 1988. For several months Woody stayed on in the transition. Thereafter, each December, before Christmas, Woody, my assistant Mike Lambert and I would lunch together at the Charcoal Broiler. After my own retirement, I would visit Woody twice a year at his home and we would reminisce to the nth degree. He mentioned to me that soon after the D-day landing in 1944, he was digging a hole on the side of a road when a jeep with General George Patton pulled up. Woody had his helmet on but not strapped. Patton told him to strap it and in so doing Woody dropped his rifle on the ground. "Georgie" just shook his head and drove on. Woody was MY hero, if not Patton's !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Richard Eggers

Richard Eggers - January 17, 2024 at 11:02 AM