

David E. Woods

May 28, 1951 - April 30, 2026

David Eugene Woods passed away in his home in Louisiana MO with his wife of 37 years by his side on April 30, 2026.

David was born to his parents Bob and Marian Woods at Louisiana hospital on May 28, 1951. David lived in Louisiana all his life and attended Louisiana school. He played basketball in his high school years. He had many friends he ran around with in his younger years. Once graduating in 1969 he joined the Army National Guard where he was an MP until he received his honorable discharge December 30, 1975.

Coming back to Louisiana is when he met his wife Marilyn Woods when she still lived in Pleasant Hill IL. He was hired on to the Union Pacific Railroad. He and Marilyn dated for 11 years starting 1977. They had a daughter in 1984 and that completed their family. David and Marilyn married at the First Baptist Church on Louisiana MO on December 30, 1988.

David continued working for the railroad for 40 years and 6 months. During those years he enjoyed hunting with his brother Kenneth (passed), father Bob (passed), and Gary Branham long time hunting buddy (passed) on the High 40. He and his father bought a John boat together and enjoyed being on the river. David enjoyed taking his wife and daughter on the river when the sun was out. He always enjoyed being on the river.

He was an avid baseball and football fan cheering on the STL Cardinals and KC Chiefs. He could be found on game days and Sundays with his wife watching sports. He enjoyed grilling for his family when there wasn't a game to be missed. His daughter and son in law gave him and Marilyn their dog Luna when they could not take her to their new home. David was not happy to have a dog in the house. However, he was secretly observed playing catch and chasing Luna (passed) around the house. He even bought Luna her own back seat covers for the truck. I'm pretty sure he liked her. They are back together now.

David finally gained a son when his daughter Whittney married Kris Lee on September 15, 2012. Kris and David never shared many words, but David enjoyed having a son. And Kris loved having a good role model on how to be a great husband.

David was a hardworking man that put his family first and himself second. When his wife was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010 it shattered his world. But he stood by her side through every surgery and chemo treatment. They would get to enjoy 16 more years together.

In 2022 David's health started to go downhill. He had many heart problems and was diagnosed with COPD. He continued to fight, but his health still declined. David finally lost his health battle with his loving wife never leaving his side.

David was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Marian (Hallows) Woods, brother Kenneth Woods, niece Laura Woods, and other family and friends. He is survived by his wife Marilyn Woods of Louisiana MO, daughter and son in law Whittney Lee and Kris Lee of O'Fallon MO, in laws Donna Woods of Louisiana, Betty Knight of Halliday ND, brother in laws Bill and Sue

Johnston Pittsfield IL, and Pete Johnston of Pleasant Hill IL, and other friends and family.

Services will be held at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. Visitation will be on Friday May 8, 2026 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The funeral will be on Saturday May 9, 2026 at 10:00 am. The Rev. Ruth Shumaker will officiate. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana, MO.

David was not a fancy man so saying that please wear your STL Cardinals or KC Chiefs shirts or any sports team shirt. He will be missed by those that knew him and actually got him to talk. And thank you to the Hucksteps, Tyler Turnbaugh, Mike and Julie Richardson, Shumakers, and Melanie Nordquist for all your help with him. It never went unnoticed.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Hwy YY at Hwy 79
Louisiana, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4800
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Funeral Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ *My deepest condolences
Big hugs Marilyn and prayers be with you and
whit for all the days ahead* ❤️



Tammi. Ries- Mcpike - May 19 at 01:51 AM

RM

“ *Robert Morgan purchased the Full Of Love Bouq
uet for the family of David E. Woods.*



Robert Morgan - May 07 at 01:21 PM

LT

“ *Love, Stacey and Tracey purchased the Simply E
legant Spathiphyllum for the family of David E.
Woods.*



Love, Stacey and Tracey - May 06 at 09:02 PM

BP

“ *Thinking of you Marilyn.* 💔

Bonnie Prater - May 06 at 02:28 PM

DT

“ *Dona Trembley lit a candle in memory of David E. Woods*



Dona Trembley - May 05 at 11:34 PM

DT

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you and family. He will be missed. I'm so thankful we got to see you two.*

Dona Trembley - May 05 at 11:31 PM

DF

“ *Duane and Angie Heldenbrand and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David E. Woods.*

Duane and Angie Heldenbrand and family - May 05 at 07:54 PM

CT

“ *Cheryl / Troy lit a candle in memory of David E. Woods*



Cheryl / Troy - May 05 at 05:33 PM

JP

“ *Jo Ann Price lit a candle in memory of David E. Woods*



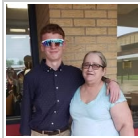
jo ann price - May 05 at 12:08 PM

RB

“ *Rick L Bradbury purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of David E. Woods.*



Rick L Bradbury - May 04 at 06:53 PM



“ *Cindy Osborne lit a candle in memory of David E. Woods*



Cindy Osborne - May 04 at 05:44 PM

CS

“ *Very sincere sympathy on your loss.*

Carol Shoener - May 04 at 04:54 PM

JE

“ Janet Elliott lit a candle in memory of David E. Woods



Janet Elliott - May 04 at 04:22 PM

KF

“ My sincerest condolences to Marylin, Whitney, the entire family and to those whom loved him.
So sorry for your great loss .



Kristi Freeman - May 03 at 04:25 PM

SP

“ My sincere condolences to the family.



Sonia Pederson - May 03 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ Jeannette Steen lit a candle in memory of David E. Woods



Jeannette Steen - May 03 at 11:55 AM

JS

So very sorry.. You and David meant the world to Mark & I . Will always remember meeting you and Daid 21 years ago at Pikers. May he Rest in Peace and all my Love to you sweetheart.

Jeannette Steen - May 03 at 11:58 AM

MB

“ *Im so sorry for your loss. David was a great guy. Marilyn, I'm sending many hugs, thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*



Melinda Brooks - May 03 at 07:44 AM

WL

“ *Daddy-O where do I begin? I can't believe you're actually gone this time. You've had so many ups and downs these last few years. I assumed you'd bounce back like all the times before. I hope I made you proud as your daughter. I will continue to try and make you proud everyday. I love you and always miss you so much.*

Whitney Lee - May 02 at 10:44 PM

SM

Sorry to hear about Dave's passing we were good friends going to miss him prayers for your family

Sammy meyers - May 02 at 11:43 PM

RE

I'm so sorry

Rita Elder - May 03 at 07:48 AM

JD

The one and only Fat Jack gone but never forgotten. So sorry to hear of his passing. Rest well my friend.

Jeff Dryden - May 03 at 09:04 AM

BK

Marilyn I'm so so sorry that Dave is gone to heaven we have all the memories we all made with you and him. You know he says "he liked my kisses, because I give the best wet kisses." I love you and yes oh yes Dave will be missed terribly every day just think no more pain no more pokes he can rest now and you can keep his memories alive I love you all so much

Betty Knight - May 03 at 10:59 AM

BA

Marilyn, So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Sending thoughts and prayers to your family to find comfort and peace. He will be greatly missed.💔

Benita and EJ Asquith - May 03 at 07:49 PM

LW

So sorry for your loss Marilyn and family.

Lona Wallace - May 04 at 10:04 PM

DG

Marilyn and Whitney, so sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs to you during the days ahead.

Della Green - May 06 at 10:12 AM

LW

So sorry to hear of Davids passing. Prayers and Hugs to you and Whitney.

Lona Wallace - May 08 at 12:56 PM

BM

Dave and Gary Branham were the original Men In Black. I will miss you, my friend. Sincere condolences to Marilyn and the family.

Bill McGreevy - May 13 at 11:09 PM