



Ernest "Ernie" Blair Wood

July 10, 1952 - October 15, 2025

Ernest "Ernie" Blair Wood, Jr., born on July 10, 1952, in Gastonia, North Carolina, passed away quietly at home on 10/15/25 at the age of 73 and entered his eternal home in heaven. A devoted husband and father, Ernest is survived by his wife of 49 years, Pamela Wrenn Wood; and a daughter Miriam Elizabeth Wood.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest B. Wood, Sr. and Dorothy Bell Wood.

Ernie embraced life with love, generosity, friendliness, bountiful energy, and purpose. He always helped and supported his wife and daughter in their interests and pursuits in life. He was known for striking-up a conversation with anyone and finding a common interest or friend. His happiest times in life were when he was giving his time, help, and/or material items to someone in need. Commitment to community was his chosen course of service to many people over his lifetime.

Ernie graduated from A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis, NC in 1970. He furthered his education at Elon College studying political science. He received an Associate of Applied Science in Civil Engineer Technician degree from Wake Technical Institute. He was the student government President there for the 1975-1976 school year.

Upon receiving his surveying license, Ernie established E. B. Wood Land Surveying in 1980. His 25 years of success in business is attributed to love of the work and perseverance during difficult economic times. He always said, "I do 80% of the job I don't like for the opportunity to do the 20% I really enjoy." He walked many miles in Person, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties precision mapping land. He often talked about the fascinating discoveries in nature and hidden pieces of history he had the opportunity to see on the job. He ended his career working for Summit Consulting Engineers.

Ernie's talents and interests were diverse. Athletically, he was a long-distance runner for his High School track team, played baseball and semi-pro hockey, and climbed mountain rocks. His hobbies included carving duck decoys, gardening, woodworking and building, restoring cars, and duck hunting.

Civic-minded, Ernie campaigned and was elected to serve two terms on the Roxboro City Council (one on those terms as Mayor pro tem). He represented the city on the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments. He was a board member on the Person County Planning Board, Roxboro Chamber of Commerce (two terms as Chairman), and Economic Development Commission. He was a past volunteer fireman and Kiwanis Club Member.

A proud member of the Order of Demolay in his youth, Ernie built a strong foundation of leadership and brotherhood that guided him through life. He became an active member of the Masonic Order, where he served as a York Rites Mason and a Past Master of Lodge # 113,

embodying the principals of integrity, charity, and brotherly love.

Ernie was a member and past Sunday School teacher of the Youth Class at Warren's Grove Methodist Church. He believed the Bible is the word of God, Jesus is our savior, and true wisdom comes from trust and reverence of the Lord.

The family is grateful for the professionals at Bayada and Heartland Home Health and Hospice providing skilled and compassionate care and support during Ernie's decline in health. The outpour of love and support from family, neighbors, and friends has remarkably blessed the family over the past months.

A Celebration of Life, officiated by Rev. Herbert Brown, will be held at Brooks & White Funeral Home at 2PM Friday, 10/24/25. A Visitation will be held Thursday, 10/23/25 from 6-7:30PM at the Brooks & White Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000 Boone, NC 28607 or online at samaritanspurse.org.

Condolences may be sent to www.brooksandwhite.com.

Events

23
Oct

MEMORIAL VISITATION

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Brooks and White
Funeral Home 907
Durham Road, PO Box
1135, Roxboro, NC
27573

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Oct

MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 PM

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Tribute Wall



Dara Coleman Whitfield

So sorry



Frank J. Day

Prayers for the family



Lindy Shotwell Shull

Prayers for Pam and Miriam and family. 🙏❤️



Becky Oliver

Prayers for Pam & family!



Rena Morton

Praying for his family and friends!



Graham Day

A life well lived, rest in peace Ernie 🙏



Vickie Weaver

Prayers for his family and friends 🙏



Tim Carter

Prayers for the Family! Rest in Peace Ernie!



Tommy Bowes

Prayers 🙏🙏



Larry Crabtree

🙏 Prayers 🙏



Betty Lou Parsons

Prayers for his family



Lynn Shipman Bowes

Sending prayers to Pam and family.



Donald Long

Prayers for the family. Ernie was a good friend, he gave it to you straight and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He led by example in Servant Leadership. He will be missed. Say hello to "Big Ern" for me when he meets you at the gate Brother.



Marilyn Dallas



Tammy Pulliam



Trey Hughes

Prayers



Tammy and Rob Carter



Donnie Solomon

Prayers for the family!



Shirley Suitt



for family & friends Ernie will be missed he was a fine gentleman.



Crystal Hutchins

Prayers for Ernie's family 🙏



Bobby Harris

Good man



Mike Laws

Pam and Miriam, during this time, it's hard to know what to say to help ease the pain of your loss. We are heartbroken. Sending thoughts of sympathy and healing during this sad time.



Ollie Jeffers

My condolences and prayers for the family during this difficult time. 🙏



Don Nowell

An amazing man who will be truly missed.



Marilyn Perkins Newell

Sending love, light and prayers to Pam and family. Rest in peace, dear Ernie.



Melanie Moore Duncan

I'm so sorry for your loss, prayers for you all during this difficult time. 🙏



Brenda W Moore

Thoughts and prayers for his family! He was such a nice person!! 🙏❤️



Mary Lou Clayton

Prayers



Peggy Carver

So very sorry to read this Ernie was a great neighbor. He will be missed greatly. Hugs and love to Pam and Miriam. 🙏❤️



Susan H. Carver

Prayers for Pam, Miriam, family and friends. Ernie was a kind and sweet soul. ❤️



Carol Gentry

Prayers



Becky Thacker

Prayers for his family so sorry for your loss 🙏❤️



Jessica Munday

So sorry to hear this. Sending prayers and condolences to the Wood family ❤️🙏❤️



Joy Burch

Prayers for friends and family 🙏



Deborah Wolfe

Ernie was a special people person. He will surely be remembered and missed .



Teddy and Kim Harris

Terri Campbell



Bonnie Roberson

Such a sweet man! Our prayers are with the family ❤️🙏



Searie Pleasant

Prayers for the family. So sorry to hear this. Always a perfect gentleman and nice to all around him. May God Bless the family.



Ray Rockwell

He will be missed by many, may God bless his family!



Ray Burch

RIP My Friend , I'll see you on the other side . We have lost one of the great ones to be among us ,a great all round man , Prayer's for the family and friends for peace and remembrance.



Ronnie Epps

Prayers for the family



Pamela Lee

Condolences and prayers!!



Sharon Davis Bowes



Lucille Melton Wilkerson






Patricia Holt Rigsbee

Prayers for the family!!!





Robin Simpson

Blessings Pam and all who love Ernie for peace and comfort   



Leroy Hubbard

Prayer for family  



Steve N Linda Tingen

Prayers for Pam & Mariam. May the Lord wrap his arms around each of you & give you comfort. We loved Ernie!!!



Beverly Shepard

Prayers & thank you for trying!



A Memorial Tree was planted for Ernest "Ernie" Blair Wood

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Brooks & White Funeral Home and Crematory
