



Mr. Larry Dean Woods

August 22, 1948 - June 2, 2024

Mr. Larry Dean Woods, 75, of Peoria, Illinois, transitioned to his heavenly home at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, June 2, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Larry was born on August 22, 1948 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, to proud parents Northern H. and Retta Mae (Newcomb) Woods. He graduated from Mt. Vernon High School, where he excelled in football, track and field. Upon graduation from high school, Larry enlisted in the military and honorably served in the Corps-level support command of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He received many recognitions for his military valor, including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Air Medal. Larry was affiliated with many service-related organizations, such as the Peoria local Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 1151, and the Disabled Veterans Association. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason affiliated with the Prince Hall Freemasonry Henry Brown Lodge #22, and a member of the Peter H. Clark Elks Lodge #483 IBPOEW.

Larry's professional journey was equally remarkable. He dedicated many years of his life to AT&T, where he served as a Global Service Manager. His affinity for technology was unparalleled, making him a respected figure in his field. For leisure, Larry loved cooking, traveling, nice clothes, and spending time with loved ones.

Larry was a faithful member of Bethel United Methodist Church and held many roles in supporting the ministry over the years.

Larry married Hortense Ewell on November 24, 1973, and two sons Darrick and Sidney were born into their union. Hortense Woods passed away on August 15, 2014, after 41 years of marriage. He later married Felicia Burrows on October 6, 2019; she survives. Larry also leaves behind a brother and a host of beloved grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Bethel United Methodist Church, with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Tyson Parks, III, will officiate. Larry will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens, where US Army Military Rites will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church to <https://peoriabethel.org/donate>

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.
Peoria, IL 61605
http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.
Peoria, IL 61605
http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Larry Dean Woods*



Simons Mortuary - June 12, 2024 at 02:23 PM



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Simons Mortuary - June 11, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Swan Lake Memory Gardens*



Simons Mortuary - June 12, 2024 at 02:23 PM

CJ

“ Darrick & Sid,

Thinking of you in these difficult times.

*Camille Day-Jacox
Jackson, Tennessee*

Camille Jacox - June 12, 2024 at 12:07 PM

SB

“ *Sheila B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Larry Dean Woods.*

Sheila B. - June 11, 2024 at 11:53 AM

TF

“ *The Late James Russell Woods Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Larry Dean Woods.*

The Late James Russell Woods Family - June 11, 2024 at 09:24 AM

TF

“ *Todd Woods & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Larry Dean Woods.*



Todd Woods & Family - June 11, 2024 at 12:14 AM

TF

“ Todd Woods & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Larry Dean Woods.

Todd Woods & Family - June 11, 2024 at 12:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry Dean Woods.



June 10, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry Dean Woods.



June 10, 2024 at 10:15 AM

LF

“ Lou Woods & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Larry Dean Woods.

Lou Woods & Family - June 08, 2024 at 07:55 AM

LF

“ Lou Woods & Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mr. Larry Dean Woods.



Lou Woods & Family - June 08, 2024 at 07:55 AM

JK

“ To the Woods Family - we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you for the loss of your loved one, Larry. We pray God will comfort you during your time of sorrow.



James & Vickie King - June 07, 2024 at 04:07 PM

BF

“ Beatrice Clark and Family lit a candle in memory of Larry Woods



Beatrice Clark and Family - June 06, 2024 at 10:01 AM

MS

“ Larry was the best He called me Mom and I called him my Son I was greatly honored to be called his Mom the story behind this He always said I looked and reminded him of his Mom. I know Larry knew Jesus so family as I take comfort in knowing I hope you can too. He will be missed beacon of light has gone out from Bethel but shines brightly in Heaven. God bless you family my prayers are with you.



Marva Stewart - June 04, 2024 at 11:13 AM

MS

“ Larry and I were childhood friends school mates and fellow graduates of the class of 1966. Glad to call him my friend. Madalene aka Puddin Miller/Stribling

Madalene Stribling - June 03, 2024 at 11:14 PM

RH

We have known Larry for so long. We considered ourselves as family, had many wonderful times together, and will miss him so very much. Love and prayers always ❤️
The Hamers

Ruthie T. Hamer - June 12, 2024 at 11:17 AM