



## Gerald Wood

July 18, 1936 - March 13, 2016

WILLIAM GERALD WOOD, AGE 79

And a resident of Pine died at 4:21 pm Sunday March 13, 2016 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. He was a member of Pine Missionary Baptist Church and a former United States Army veteran of the Korean War Era. Gerald was a longtime history teacher at Franklinton Junior High and later worked in the Tylertown school system. He also taught night school for over 20 years, helping countless young people throughout his many years of service. Gerald was a former longtime president of the Washington Parish Association of Educators and a past-president of the Washington Parish Retired Teachers Association, and past-president of Washington Parish Master Gardeners. He was also a cattleman and enjoyed tending to his cattle, but especially loved the time spent with his family and grandchildren.

Survived by:

Wife of nearly 53 years: Rita Stuart Wood of Pine

Son: William Gerald "Billy" Wood, II

Granddaughter: Elizabeth Miran Wood

3 Great-grandchildren: Eathan Chase Wood,  
Mason Colton Wallace,  
Adaline Grace Wallace

Sisters in law: Carol Wood,  
Christine Wood

Nephews: Robert Earl Smith of Tylertown,  
Tommy Wood of Illinois,  
Michael Wood of Picayune

Nieces: Becky Creel of Franklinton,  
Barbara Smith of Tylertown,  
Christine Fadley of Indiana

He was preceded in death by his parents Ard Wood and Christine Warner Wood, brothers Thomas Wood, Morgan Wood, and Alvin Wood, a sister Hilda Smith, niece Belinda Bickham and nephews Morgan Wood, Jr. and Walton Dale Smith.

Visitation will be at Pine Missionary Baptist Church Wednesday March 16, 2016 from 5:30 pm until 9 pm and after 9 am on Thursday. A funeral service will be held at 10 am Thursday in the church with Eld. Clyde Cooper and Eld. Gerald King officiating. Burial will follow in the Wood Cemetery in Walthal County, MS.

Pallbearers: Dr. Roy Hartfield, Jr., Stuart Hartfield, Regan Knight, Matthew Stuart, Rusty Creel Michael Wood

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)



# Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Mr. Wood was an excellent teacher. I had him back in 8th grade. I remember that he had a reputation for being tough, but now looking back (from a teacher's perspective as well), I know that Mr. Wood had high expectations. And we worked hard to meet those expectations. Mr. Wood was a teacher who is well remembered by his students. You have my condolences. May he rest in peace.*

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**Marjorie Sarris Lupico** - March 18, 2016 at 09:29 PM

RW

“ *Omg ....I was in the 8th grade..... Mr wood would always make me be quite.... He told me I was to talkative..... But he was really nice to Me... I'm in such tears to hear of his passing .....*



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**regina walker** - March 17, 2016 at 09:27 PM

AP

“ *Mr. Wood was my 7th grade history teacher back n the day when they still used the old chicken coops. He paddled my behind a many of times for misbehaving, but he was still my favorite teacher throughout junior high. I use to see him every once in a while and he still remembered me by my last name. Primes. I thought a lot of him, he was a wonderful teacher and a good man . He will be missed. My deepest Sympathy Arlina Primes*

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**Arlina Primes** - March 17, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TW

“ *My name is Terrance Westbrook you have my sympathy Mrs Rita and he was one of my favorite teachers praying for your strength*

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**terrance westbrooks** - March 17, 2016 at 06:07 PM

CJ

“ *Mr. Wood was a great history teacher. I enjoyed his class. God bless you and your family at this trying time.*

*Chasity (Taylor) Jenkins*

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**Chasity Taylor Jenkins** - March 17, 2016 at 05:20 PM

MM

“ *I will always remember 7th grade Louisiana History because of Mr. Wood. When he told our class we had to memorize every single Louisiana parish, know how to spell them and know where they were, my jaw hit the floor. At that moment I knew his class was no joke. To this day, I still know them! People I would go on to meet in college and in my career have been amazed by it, saying they could only name a handful. I would just look at them and say, "That's because you didn't have Mr. Wood for 7th grade Louisiana Hhistory." Then I would have to explain the story.*

*At the time, I thought he was tough. Looking back, I see he was supposed to be and I thank him for it. He challenged us to go beyond the places we only thought we could go.*

*-Mike McDaniel*

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**Mike McDaniel** - March 17, 2016 at 04:37 PM

MG

“ Meeting Mr. Wood in the 7th grade, being confident that I knew absolutely everything, I found him hard and mean. However, during a parent/teacher meeting he said to me “I am hard on you because I know you can do it and I know you aren’t doing your best. I know you can do it!” From that day on, I looked at him differently. I went on to graduate college with honors. Every time things seemed too hard, I would think back to his belief in me that I **COULD DO IT!** You were a great teacher and I hope you know how many lives, especially mine, you touched. You will be missed...

Mark Galloway - March 17, 2016 at 02:07 PM

MH

“ Rita, I have fund memories of you and Gerald growing up in the Star Hill community, you knew me as Melba Miller, I am so sorry for your loss, I know that you had many happy years together, I remember when the two of you married. I also remember the good times with his family and yours, such good memories. God will comfort you in the loss of Gerald and I will be praying for you during this sad time. Love and prayers, Melba

Melba Miller Hubbard - March 16, 2016 at 09:07 PM

KB

“ Rita Mae, if I could be with you today or tomorrow, I certainly would be. I'm staying close to my sick son today, meaning that my work for today is postponed until tomorrow. My family loved Jim and Melissa Stuart, and we were thankful that we got to share them, your sister Berneice, and you, on many occasions during the 50's, 60's, and beyond. If you can't remember who I am, just ask Roy and Berneice. I'm praying for your health and consolation during the times ahead.

Ken Brannan - March 16, 2016 at 12:22 PM

LC

“ Rita, so sorry to hear about Gerald. I have enjoyed your company many time during school events, showers, and other gatherings. Enjoyed both of you when I taught Billy. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Lydia Creel*

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**lydia creel** - March 16, 2016 at 11:45 AM

LL

“ Mr Gerald was a great teacher and touched many lives. He will always be remembered by me and my family. Our deepest sympathies to all of your family-you are in our prayers!!

*Lynne Logan Robbins and The Ed Logan Family*

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**Lynne Logan** - March 15, 2016 at 04:28 PM

LM

*Rita, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Gerald. I enjoyed working with both you and Gerald. He was a wonderful man, and I know you will miss him dearly. You were always so sweet to me during my time at Pine. I will never forget you. You are such a dear, gracious lady. I pray God will give you strength and comfort during this time. I send my love to you and your family.*

*Linda Metz*

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**Linda Metz** - March 17, 2016 at 02:53 PM

DG

*When Mr. Wood taught me in Jr. High I was then Delecia "Dedee" Johnson. I would run into him occasionally over the years and it was always a pleasure to see him. I enjoyed his manner of teaching, as he had higher expectations for you, than you did for yourself in the class. He had a sense of humor, albeit dry, and he was proud of, and for, his students as they learned. If you didn't do well on a test, it was never a "you failed" attitude he gave you, it was a "what can I do to help you learn better". He changed many students perspective on learning by that method. He was a gentleman always. He will always be remembered fondly.*

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**DELECIA J GIBSON** - March 17, 2016 at 10:20 PM