



Gerald Wayne Woods

May 14, 1946 - September 19, 2012

Gerald Jerry Wayne Woods, 66, of Charlotte, died Wednesday, September 19, 2012 in Charlotte. Jerry was born May 14, 1946, in Alton, IL, the son of Otto Elmer and Sallie Mae (Basham) Woods. He served Eaton County for 15 years, first as a Sheriff's Deputy and then as a Detective. Jerry also later served as Criminal Investigator for Calhoun County. His dedication to his career was matched only by his dedication to his family. He was a member of Charlotte Eagles Aerie 3552, the Buick Club of America, and a former member of the Charlotte Masons. Many will remember his love of classic cars and his subtle ability to positively control any situation in life. Jerry is survived by his wife, Veda; son Trevor Woods; daughters Heather (Champ) Bodell, Amber Woods, and Sara (Thomas) Taylor; grandsons Wyatt Camron Robinson, Sawyer Thomas Taylor, C.J. and Conner Bodell; brother Otto Elmer (Robin) Woods; sister Juiquita Bourland; cousins Uncle Danny (Kathy) Woods and Barb (Jerry) Theodore; and several extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Buddy Woods. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 24, 2012 at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Phil Hobson and Rev. Chuck Jenson officiating. Visitation will be 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM on Sunday with an Eagle's Service at 7:30 PM at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Bosworth Cemetery in Olivet. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I hope that this message finds you all well. You are still in my thoughts & prayers! John Moran

John Moran - September 19, 2013 at 02:04 PM

JM

“ Dear Heather, Amber, Sara & Family, I just received the news. Please accept my deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to you and your family. I don't believe I ever met your father and if I did it would have been only briefly. But I know he must have been a great man because he had wonderful daughters like you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Your friend and former teacher John Moran

John Moran - September 27, 2012 at 08:22 PM

SA

“ Dearest Heather and family. I am currently in Florida and did not realize you lost your Dad or I would have been there. You Are so fortunate to have had the experience of a great man for your father. Please know my love and prayers are with you now.

Sue Ayotte - September 25, 2012 at 11:52 AM

LW

“ Veda and family, I am very sadden by Jerry's passing and extend my deepest sympathy's to you all. I appreciated all that Jerry did for me. Giving me my first job in Woody's to supporting my law enforcement career in a variety of ways. I am a better man for having known him. God Bless!

Larry Weeks - September 25, 2012 at 09:39 AM

DF

“Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.” Peace, prayers, and blessings.

Dennis and Becky Woods & Family - September 24, 2012 at 03:10 PM

DW

“When I came home from Vietnam I did not what to do with my life! It was 1970 and things did not look too good around Brighton Illinois. My most favorite Aunt Sally told me I ought to go to Michigan to visit with Jerry and Veda. Trying to Leave the past behind me I called them and ask if I could come up for a while. Without hesitation they welcomed me into their home. Jerry had not been on the police department too long and Trevor was just a baby. They were great and did not even know why I was there nor did they ask.. I had a lot of bad times back then and they never questioned me about any of it. They are two of my most favorite people. They probably helped me more than anyone after the war and they did not even know they were doing it. We had some good times then and when they visited us in Nashville and over the years. They have 4 of the greatest Kids in the world and will always remember the things that we have shared together.

Danny Woods - September 23, 2012 at 02:25 PM

LG

“Amber and her family, So sorry to hear your dad has passed. He fought a long and courageous battle. He is not in pain anymore.

Lynn Garvie - September 23, 2012 at 12:52 PM

SL

“ Veda and family: Jerry will be missed by many - I have such great memories of all of you which I cherish. I am sure he is up there in heaven giving the angels a hard time. Much love to all of you,
Shirley

Shirley Lawcock - September 23, 2012 at 12:51 PM

DB

“ Jerry: You were wonderful to work with all those years, not just as a colleague but as a friend. We know you received a warm welcome in heaven, especially from Guy Picketts and Lavern Brann. Another great man gone too soon. Love to the family.

Dan and Dede (Ford) Buscher - September 23, 2012 at 10:00 AM

BB

“ RIP Jerry. You were great to work with and will be missed. My condolences to his family. MSP retired.

Bill and Polly Bradway - September 22, 2012 at 02:18 AM

JM

“ Dear Veda, Trevor, Heather, Amber, and Sarah, I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry was such a great person, so full of life and laughter. May God bless each of you at this time. Jerry meant so much to so many people and helped so many in times of trouble. I am so happy to have known him and all of you.

Jeanne (Weeks) Milliman - September 21, 2012 at 06:27 PM

DD

“ Dear Woods family, Our family is so sorry for yor loss. Dan always enjoyed talking with Jerry at the store and we have fond memories of " the basketball years" when Amber and Amanda played. We hope your memories of Jerry help you through this trying time in all your lives. Our thoughts and sympathies are with you.

Dan and Pat DeLeeuw - September 21, 2012 at 04:15 PM

DV

“ When I was about 15 years old I wanted to be a detective and went on a ride along with Uncle Jerry. He was investigating a homicide and on our way out to the location where it had happened he showed me several pictures. I think he was trying to deter me from wanting to be a detective, however it had the opposite effect. It made me even more interested in law enforcement and I decided that day that I was going to be a detective. In December of 2000 I joined the Phoenix Police Department. I told them my story of the ride along I had with my uncle and that I have wanted to be a detective ever since. They said I had to be a police officer first. Uncle Jerry failed to mention there were prerequisites! I told them I really just wanted to be a detective. They explained that everyone starts out as an officer and earns their way to detective. I have been an officer now for almost 12 years and love every minute of it. I love the law enforcement field and have Uncle Jerry to thank. He is my hero.

Dawn Vaughn - September 21, 2012 at 01:51 PM

DR

“ Hugs to all of you. I will remember Jerry not only from the Sheriff's Dept., but as a friend and someone who could tell a great story. He had a wonderful laugh. I am not sure if you knew it but Jerry had a slight accent and would sometimes leave us wondering "what did he say?" He will truly be missed and you can be assured Jerry will be remembered as a 'good man' for years, in many police depts. and by who knew him and had the honor of working with him. Godspeed Jerry. May the Lord give his family and friends a soft place to find peace at this time.

Dep Jeanne Zuker, Ret. - September 21, 2012 at 11:00 AM

DS

“ To Trevor and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort with all the love from your family and friends.

Dawn Sherman - September 21, 2012 at 10:39 AM

BT

“ To my friend and cousin Jerry Woods, you will be missed greatly. I remember our high school days. We are proud graduates of the class of 1964 Southwestern High School, Piasa, Il. You helped teach me to drive. Your house was the site of my 16th surprise birthday party. Our Junior and Senior proms. I love and miss you. You have a great family - wife, kids, grandchildren and they meant the most to you. I am sorry we did not see more of each other, but treasure the time we did spend together. Love Barb Woods Theodor

Barb Woods Theodor - September 21, 2012 at 10:15 AM

DR

“ Sarah, so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. We would be there at the visitation, but we are on vacation and will be out of town. We will be praying for you and your family. May God Bless you at this time. Duane & Joann

Duane & Joann Royston - September 21, 2012 at 09:38 AM

JJ

“ Gerry made a difference in this world. We will miss him.

John, Nancy and James - September 21, 2012 at 08:14 AM

W(

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Our prayers go out to you and your family.

Wendy Bentley (Brown) - September 21, 2012 at 01:38 AM

RH

“ Woody you were always a guy who was quick with a smile - usually followed by a story that made me laugh. One thing I will always remember is the twinkle your eyes would get; like you knew a secret that was just too good to share. You are gone too soon.

Randy Hamrick - September 20, 2012 at 07:28 PM

RD

“ Veda and family, I am so saddened to learn of Jerry's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I have many fond memories of Jerry while working with him at ECSD. He was a very dynamic individual and I admired his professional and personal style. May he rest in peace.

Richard Deer - September 20, 2012 at 05:36 PM

SD

“ *So sad and sorry to hear about Jerry's death, I feel he is in a better place and at peace at last*

Susan (Baker) Davis - September 20, 2012 at 05:29 PM