Ellwood "Woody" E. Root Jr.

April 14, 1948 - March 31, 2023

Ellwood Edward Root Jr. was born to Ellwood Root Sr. and Dorothy Pauline Root (Sanders) in Bunch, Oklahoma April 14, 1948. His momma called him “Woody”, but he called himself “Goody Woody.” He passed away Friday, March 31, 2023 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 74.

Woody graduated high school from Wainwright, Oklahoma in 1967.

A “Jack of all Trades”, he worked various jobs until he began his 20 plus year career with Hilti retiring from his position in maintenance in 2002.

Woody had a number of hobbies that he enjoyed. He loved motorcycles and had quite a collection he rode over the years. He also loved fishing, especially crappie under most any highway bridge or on the lake in a boat. He might also spend a little time water skiing or helping teach one of the kids to get up on the skis while camping at the lake. He would enjoy sharing a good story of family and friends particularly if it wasn’t about him all while cooking up a burger on the grill and just enjoying time together.

He loved classics cars especially fast ones and had a particularly fond appreciation for a certain candy apple red 55 Chevy that he paid $50 for in 1976.

Woody worked hard most of his life but the work he seemed to enjoy the most was building things out of wood in his shop. He had a natural artistic eye and could draw anything and seemed to have an unusual ability to construct things from wood. He especially liked building various things like patio furniture, tables, chairs and his favorite various sizes, shapes and types of bird houses.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, David; a brother, Doug; and sisters, Brenda and Rita.

Woody is survived by a son, Mark Root of Tulsa; daughter, Jo Anna Davis (Ron) of Ft. Gibson; sister, Liz Clayton (Deon) of Atoka; grandchildren, Tyler Root (Masey) of Broken Arrow, Brittany Root (Anthony Carney) of Muskogee, Lauren Davis and Kelton Davis of Ft Gibson; great-grandchildren, Paisley Carney and Aidyn Carney, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

A celebration of Woody's life will be at 1PM, Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Junior Hogue officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Muskogee with Mason Morton, Larry Carlile, Dave Gaulding, Tyler Root, Scott Standfell, Lance Witt and Rusty Root serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Sam Noah, John Burke, Kelton Davis, Tony Root, Nick Root and Michael Ogden.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **4**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

APR **5**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

Ellwood "Woody" E. Root Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

LD

So thankful for such an amazing grandpa. I will miss you more than you know. I can't wait to see you again someday! I love you Papa Woody ❤️ Lauren

Lauren Davis - April 05, 2023 at 10:40 AM

LW

Woody was always there for me and I will miss him.

I loved him dearly!

Kathy Carson

Lance Witt - April 04, 2023 at 09:20 PM

TC

When my grandson was little he ask Woody. What's your name.. woody replied woody like Goody Woody. My grandson ask. What's your last name. Woody replied Root like Root Beer. My grandson son ran of yelling Momma he said his name was Goody Woody RootBeer.. he still calls him that. I will miss you Goody Woody. You were such a good friend to me!

TRACY Cole - April 04, 2023 at 04:28 PM

JB

John Burke I am wood'ycousin from Oregon when I was younger Polly and Elwood would load up all the kids in a beat up old station wagon Brenda Woody Doug Lizz Rita and drive out to Oregon we had some great times my mom and Polly were very close we created a special bond with the Roots I lived with Woody for a while when I worked there all the family was good to me Mark Joanne David Theresa me and Woody became really close he called me brandy eyes cause I drank a lot of brandywine went cat fishing with the old wood man played pool I wished we lived closer we would of had a lot more fun together he loved to come out and go crabbing he had a gentle soul he loved family I will miss my cuz RIP

john Burke - April 04, 2023 at 06:56 PM

BH

Woody has been a wonderful friend of mine and my son Ryan's for a long time. There wasn't any thing that he wouldn't do for someone, he was a giver. He helped so many people.
I love the bird house's that he made me, I will always cherish them.
And all the cards he brought me at work signed Goody Woody .
He was too funny.
I can tell you this. He is going to be missed.
I don't know how I'm going to make through the day with out a call from him. I know he was very proud of his children and Grandchildren. We are going to miss you woody!

Brenda Hogue - April 04, 2023 at 08:50 PM

Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ellwood "Woody" E. Root Jr..

April 04, 2023 at 03:02 PM

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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - April 04, 2023 at 11:36 AM

Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ellwood "Woody" E. Root Jr..

April 03, 2023 at 07:02 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellwood "Woody" E. Root Jr..

April 03, 2023 at 06:50 PM

BF

Woodie and i have been friends for over 60 years , i will miss him dearly...bill foreman

bill foreman - April 03, 2023 at 05:41 PM