



Mr. Dennis E. Wood

April 15, 1952 - June 1, 2013

Dennis Edward Wood, 61, of Freeville, N.Y., passed away unexpectedly with family by his side. Born in Binghamton, he was the fourth of ten children of the late Leo H. and Jean E. Wood of Cortland. After graduating from Cortland High School, class of '71, he apprenticed at SCM Corporation working there for 13 years as a Tool and Die Maker. He then retired after 22 years from New Process Gear in Syracuse. Dennis will be remembered most for his infectious humor and admiration of nature. He had many life long interests that include reading, hunting, fishing, discussing early U.S. History, and attending historical reenactments. Always one to enjoy good times, Dennis especially enjoyed sharing those good times and stories with his family and friends. Dennis is survived by his three children, their mother Valerie, and eight grandchildren: Jason (Jessica Inman) Wood and Lucas; CPT Rosemary (Keith) Citizen, Anessa, Trever, and Aidan; Sarah (Michael) Lockwood, Daimon, Makayla, Sharla, and Madison; and his siblings: Valerie, Nadine, Stephen, Mary, Leo W., Christopher (Patricia), James (Emily), Joseph, and Rebecca. Many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins also survive him. In addition to his parents, his grandparents Leo E. and Mary Wood, and William H. and Estella Currie predeceased Dennis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Paul Alciati serving as celebrant. The family will be present to receive friends on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting us at www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

KS

“ So sorry to hear about Dennis my thoughts and prayers to the entire Wood family.

kelly stack sprouse - May 18, 2018 at 11:19 AM

KF

“ I remember many walks with Dennis on his beautiful and peaceful land. He shared so much knowledge about nature, the plants and trees and everything around us. He was such a unique person in that he enjoyed the simple life and making use of what was available in nature. He had a great smile and was full of jokes. Often times I thought that he didn't really lose that child within him. Yes I miss that about Dennis. A true pioneer! Katie Frisbie

Kathy Frisbie - May 18, 2018 at 11:19 AM

CP

“ My deepest condolences are sent to Sarah and her entire family. I'm thinking of you and sending my prayers.

Christine Personius - May 18, 2018 at 11:19 AM

NA

“ So incredibly sorry to hear of Dennis passing...condolences to all the Wood family.

Nanci Ludwig McCraine

Nanci - May 18, 2018 at 11:19 AM

BB

“ My deepest condolences to Dennis' family. I know you'll all support one another through this sad time.

Barton Brown - May 18, 2018 at 11:19 AM

MF

“ As a child, I enjoyed many visits with Dennis and his family. I loved being in the outdoors, and those visits gave me a chance to experience nature firsthand. I loved learning about Native American traditions from Dennis and Stephen, being very impressed by their arrowheads, moccasins, and other goods they either made or obtained from swap shops. I loved the hike out to the campgrounds with Dennis, Stephen and Chester, but I also enjoyed the occasional ride Jason's truck, being very impressed at the time that he was able to drive it without a key. I remember eating corn on the cob and roasting apples at their campfire. We would pull carrots and other treats from the garden, using a nearby creek to wash off the soil. To this day, I have never tasted a more delicious carrot. It has been a few years since I have visited with the Woods family, but when I look back on my childhood, I feel like their family was a part of my own. I learned a lot from Dennis and Stephen, and spending time at their campfire created some very fond memories for me and my family. Rest in peace, Dennis.

Megan Fischer - May 18, 2018 at 11:19 AM

LF

“ I remember Dennis fondly as a kind, sincere, and soft spoken guy. So sorry for your loss.

Linda Bates Forster - May 18, 2018 at 11:19 AM

VB

“ One month and five days later, I miss you horribly, Dennis, so does Steve and Leo. We think of something new or old to tell you, all that pertains to nature, of history, of movies that interested us...and you are not here to hear us. You were here for the annual Memorial Day cookout, but you weren't here for the July 4th picnic. We honor you in many ways when we are at Woodland. Dennis, my brother, my friend, you will always reside in my family soul. I love you.

Valerie Wood Brown - May 18, 2018 at 11:19 AM

NB

“ Always loved his smile and laughter...so sorry for your lose. I will always remember Dennis as a wonderful and happy person. Dennis will be missed by everyone that ever knew him.

Nancy (Natale) Barnett

Nancy (Natale) Barnett - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM