



## Mr. Frank N. Wood

March 28, 1940 - November 11, 2020

Mr. Frank N. Wood, 80, of Cortland passed away at home on Wednesday November 11, 2020. Born March 28, 1940 in Cortland Frank was a life resident of the area. Frank was a Veteran of the United States Navy faithfully serving his country during the Vietnam Conflict. He was formerly employed by Brockway Motors in Cortland and then went on to a career in law enforcement with the City of Cortland Police Department where he retired after 21 years of service. Frank was a member of the Cortland Elks Lodge and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years; Taeko Wood and two sons; Allen (Julie) Wood of Baldwinsville, N.Y. and Gary (Corey) Wood of Geneva, N.Y., his grandchildren; A.J., Matthew, William and Mackenzie, as well as two brothers; Milton "Stub" Wood of Phoenix, Arizona and Lee Wood of Virgil.

Funeral services and prayers of committal will be private and at the convenience of family. Contributions in Frank's memory may be made to, Make A Wish 1702 E. Highland Ave. Suite 400 Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)  
Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ Taeko and sons,  
I speak for all of Franks Navy shipmates, what a guy. As a nubie onboard, I worked for Frank in the engine room of our LST while it was stationed in Japan in the early '60's.  
There was no harder working engineer in our gang. When something was not working, Frank was in the middle of the repairs. Big, strong Frank always had a smile on his face, what a great friend for all of us to call, shipmate.  
In the last few years, it was apparent that his health was not the best, but he never complained on any of our phone chats.  
We shipmates have our memories, and the family, and friends have so many more.  
Our condolences to the family. Frank will be missed. He was definitely, a special person.  
Rest in peace shipmate,  
Al Wittich U.S. Navy (ret).

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Al Wittich - January 03, 2021 at 05:00 PM

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“ What can I add that others have not said, Frank was a great friend and on many patrols,  
even a better partner. David Brown was my training officer, and Frank taught me how to be a good cop. I am proud to have known him and his family. He spoke softly....and carried a Hugh stick. I am proud to have shared time with him at work and at play. He made my retirement celebration worth going to, just to look out and see him present there. I'm sure heaven is a safer place with Frank's presence. My condolences to his family, he spoke of you often, and loved you much. R.I.P. my friend, see you soon.....

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David Vere Sampson (Sam) - December 01, 2020 at 02:00 PM

BM

“ When I was hired at CPD Frank was the first officer I ever rode with. I can remember thinking I had lucked out with him as he looked every bit the part of a good cop. He was patient with all of my questions and gave me a good foundation to start my new career. My sympathy to the Wood family and thanks for sharing him with all of us.

Bill Murray

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Bill Murray - November 22, 2020 at 12:57 PM

AD

“ My first and most memorable impression of Frank was late one Friday night when I was a young police officer. Frank and I responded to a fight call at the old Alton Hotel located near the intersection of Elm St and Pomeroy. The fight was over by the time we entered the bar and as usual Frank took the lead. As we walked through the crowd someone yelled a police slur. Frank promptly stepped up to the microphone on the stage of the dance floor and announced "if someone has something to say, say it to my face" you could then hear a pin drop, mmm o one came forward. Frank demanded respect as a police officer and gave it in return.  
I frequently met up with Frank after retirement when visiting Cortland.  
You will be missed. RIP.



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**Anthony Doloisio** - November 19, 2020 at 04:19 PM

RS

“ Our sincere condolences to the Wood family. You are in our thoughts and prayers throughout this difficult time.

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**Rob Spaulding** - November 18, 2020 at 09:58 AM

JG

“ I was just a young rookie cop when I had the privilege of working with Frank. Frank always looked out for us young guys and taught us a lot about police work. But Frank also showed us true friendship. If we had to work on a holiday, Frank and Tico always invited us to stop by for a meal, and they always had a HUGE spread of food which they gladly shared.  
I also have great memories of going with Frank to the Elk's Club to watch the second half of Monday Night Football after working the 3 to 11 shift.  
I learned a lot about police work from Frank, but I'll remember more for his sense of humor, his compassion for people and how much he loved his family. He will surely be missed.

*Jon Gesin*

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**Jonathan Gesin** - November 18, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank N. Wood.



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November 17, 2020 at 07:55 PM

RM

“ My friend Frank Wood. What can I say about him? He was a “Mans Man” and a “Cops Cop”. He said what he meant and meant what he said. I learned much from him as a rookie patrol officer and later as a long time shift mate. We took breaks from patrol work during our shifts and Taejon made us dinner and coffee breaks. We hunted together, fished together and shared many a midnight shift together on patrol. He was a great cop and a good man, husband, father and friend. He stood up for me at my wedding as best man and often gave me advice whether I needed it or not. Thanks my friend and may you Rest In Peace. My thoughts and prayers go out to Taejon, Allen and Gary and families.

Rick/Caroline McMullin - November 17, 2020 at 07:16 PM

RM

*I'm so very sorry that my phone auto-corrected Taeko to Taejon without my approval.*

Rick/Caroline McMullin - November 17, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank N. Wood.



November 17, 2020 at 01:38 PM

JN

“ Taeko, and kids, I say kids because I saw them grow into successful young Men from youth. I am so sorry for all of you. I worked with Frank at CPD for many years. He was the 1 you learned the real ropes of Law Enforcement from. You didn't mess around with Frank. It took a while to break into that tough veneer, but when you did you saw a Man with integrity and guts, and compassion. What is the saying... "still waters run deep". Thank you Frank for all you taught me, hands on, during patrol. I have great memories, with all of the family, thank you. He lives on, in my memory. Jeffry Nicoson CPD Ret.

Jeffry Nicoson - November 17, 2020 at 05:30 AM

BH

“ It was a pleasure working with Frank at Brockway's. I enjoyed his friendship and the many conversations that we had at my business. I appreciate the support the Woods gave to The Cider Mill. My condolences to his wife and family.

*Bruce Hollenbeck*

Blruce Hollenbeck - November 16, 2020 at 10:38 PM

JC

“ Gary, I cannot imagine what you and your family are going through right now. Amanda and I are keeping you in our prayers. We are sorry for your loss.

Jeff Carpenter - November 16, 2020 at 03:13 PM

JJ

“ Our sincere condolences from Jim and Sherry Jacobi. We are sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers at this difficult time.

jim and Sherry Jacobi - November 16, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Frank had the compassion, kindness, toughness and integrity that make the very best police officers. It was a privilege to have dealt with him in my work and a great gift to have experienced his "stand up" impartiality in a very difficult personal situation. I'm very sorry to learn of his passing, and will never forget him. God bless his good soul and comfort his loved ones at this difficult time..

Jim Cunningham - November 16, 2020 at 10:01 AM

MS

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Grandpa Wood. Our sincere condolences go out to the Wood family. We have happy memories of occasions being in Frank's company. These included sporting events when AJ and Matt played football and lacrosse. Grandpa Wood could always be relied on to offer expert coaching advice from the stands. Often the weather was miserable for some of these games but he and Taeko were there supporting their grandsons. At both high school and college celebrations in "The Circle", Grandpa Wood always had a hunting or fishing story to share. Allen of course always added to the tale. Our family, with scant experience in either sport, learned a lot about hunting and fishing from a true outdoorsman. As deer hunting season begins, Grandpa Wood's memory will live on this year and for all the hunting seasons in years to come.

With heartfelt condolences,  
Mary Ellen Ahrendtsen Sabey on behalf of the entire Ahrendtsen family

Mary Ellen Ahrendtsen Sabey - November 15, 2020 at 02:07 PM

DK

“ As a coach, I couldn't have had a better parent to work with. Great memories of a good time!! Please accept my condolences. Don King

Donald King - November 15, 2020 at 09:11 AM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the Wood family. May your memories of Frank ease your pain and lighten your sorrow. With Love, The Whelan's

Jen Whelan - November 14, 2020 at 09:02 PM

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“ It's 44 yrs ago. Big Frank's face is half shaven, he's in his t-shirt preparing for work when he's called to the back yard, in the snow, by the gunning of his snowmobile's engine and he finds two St. Mary's wahoos pulling his snowmobile out of a pine tree. One of the wahoos forgetting which side was the accelerator and which side was the brake. His response? Half smiling, shaking his head. Wahoos survive and get to their hoop game.

It's 39 yrs ago. Front room of the Wood household. Early New Year's Day. The two wahoos are present having just ended their evening. Big Frank's face has a slight smile as he extends a bucket, shaking his head, as one of the same two wahoos was apparently over served the previous evening.

It's 37 yrs or so ago. Back in the Wood household, front room. Big Frank is not smiling. He's not shaking his head. He's dead serious and quietly warning (threatening?) those same two wahoos to straighten up and fly right...or else. Message received. Loud and clear.

Godspeed Big Frank. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Peace be with the Wood family.

Mark Isaf

Mark Isaf - November 14, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Frank. He was like another uncle to us. He had a great sense of humor and was always fun to be around. I am so sorry Taeko, Alan and Gary and your families. May he RIP.

Denise Mironti - November 14, 2020 at 02:15 PM

Betsy Root

“ The John Root family would like to send our condolences to Takeo and family.. May God bless and comfort you at this time.

Betsy Root - November 13, 2020 at 08:56 PM

LB

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire wood family*

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**Larry M Biviano** - November 13, 2020 at 06:22 PM

BP

“ *Taeko and family so sorry for your loss. I know frank was not in good health so I hope you know that he is in a better. please accept our most sincere condolences and we will keep you in your prayers. Bob and Ann Phillips ( Flip)*

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**bob phillips** - November 13, 2020 at 02:05 PM