



Ruthie Irene Wood

March 3, 1927 - September 9, 2023

Ruthie Irene Wood, 96, of Ozark, Arkansas, passed away Saturday, September 9, 2023 at home with her family at her side. She was born March 03, 1927 in the Peanut Community North of Ozark, Arkansas to Robert and Martha (Dickerson) Morris. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband RJ Wood; three sisters, Oma Faye Morris, Avis Brumley, and Pauline Rankin; three brothers, Roy, Ray, and Grady Morris.

Ruthie was of the Baptist faith. She began her career as a teacher at the age of 18 in Peanut, where she taught in numerous one-room school houses comprised of grades 1 – 8, then at Pleasant View schools prior to Ozark Schools where she retired in 1992. She touched the lives of many during her 47-year career as an educator. Her life after her career was dedicated to her family, especially her grandsons, and all things Ozark Hillbillies, Arkansas Razorbacks, and the St. Louis Cardinals. She could always be found with a game on the radio or television, often at the same time!

She is survived by her son, Randall Wood of Coal Hill; two grandsons, RJ (Allison) Wood of London and Clint Wood of Ozark; her “precious great-grandchildren”, Caroline Ruthie, Ryan James, Franklin Joseph Paul Wood of London and Cooper Blaine Wood of Paris; sisters-in-law Janice Morris and Nettie Hill of Ozark; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will visit friends from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 W. Commercial in Ozark.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, September 14, 2023 at

Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jan Akins officiating and burial at Highland Cemetery, under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are her nephews Jack, Ronnie, and Bobby Morris; Richard, Terry Don, and Todd Wood; and Clifton Padgett

Honorary Pallbearers are her great-nephews, former students, and caregivers.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Highway 64 West
Ozark, AR 72949

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
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Ozark, AR 72949
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Funeral Service

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

SEP **14** (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ Cynthia Williams lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Wood



Cynthia Williams - July 24, 2024 at 08:39 AM

VK

“ I loved Ruthie as if she was my own blood relative. Ruthie love teaching school loved her family and was a faithful Christian lady. She was amazing. It seems like she never aged and was smart as a whip. Very strong, independent lady, who had a mind of her own. She would call me when she needed something medical. Her legacy will live on through her grand sons, she adored. I didn't find out about her passing till two days ago, but I know Randall and the boys can definitely celebrate this wonderful life of Ruthie Morris Wood



Vicki Brown King - September 25, 2023 at 12:32 PM

DN

Ruthie was a good, kind, compassionate and loving teacher. I loved working with her when I first started teaching at Ozark. Such a sweet, sweet lady and friend.

Dawn Nevel - November 30, 2023 at 10:36 PM

SA

“ She was my 5th grade teacher at Ozark. She was a great teacher and lady. My condolences to her family.
Stephen Acord

Stephen Acord - September 22, 2023 at 10:51 PM

CJ

“ Cathy jordan lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Wood



Cathy jordan - September 15, 2023 at 05:08 PM

TS

“ Mrs. Wood was my teacher at Elgin B. Elementary when I was in the 4 th or 5 th grade. It has been many years ago, so I can't remember exactly. I remember her though, and she was a lovely lady. Blessings to her family at this sad time.

Toni Ann Stephens - September 15, 2023 at 01:11 AM

BH

“ “Miss Ruthie” was my first grade teacher at Crossroads school in 1954. Crossroads was a small three room schoolhouse. She would let me sit beside her to eat lunch every day. I will always remember her as the most kind and loving teacher I ever had! Bill W.Hill

Bill W. Hill - September 14, 2023 at 11:07 AM



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Shaffer Home - September 13, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruthie Irene Wood.*



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“ *Very kind to us when we a little younger and a little wilder. Great lady.*

Brett Pritchard - September 13, 2023 at 02:28 PM



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“ *We have lost one of the finest people I have ever known. She was teaching at Ozark when I started teaching there. She was always kind, soft spoken, and wise. I don't ever remember her not smiling. Just being around her made me feel calm and secure. I'm thankful God allowed me to be in her life.*

Janie Ford - September 12, 2023 at 10:28 PM

CA

“ *Her sweet and kind heart will always be my best memory of her!
Heaven has gained a beautiful soul!*

Chris Anderson - September 12, 2023 at 07:48 PM