



## Samuel Ralph Wood

August 29, 1932 - May 29, 2021

Samuel Ralph Wood, age 88 of Ozark, Arkansas, formerly of Barling, Arkansas, died Saturday, May 29, 2021 in Clarksville, Arkansas. Ralph honorably served four years in the United States Navy and was veteran of the Korean War. During his service, he was awarded the National Defense Medal and Good Conduct Medal. After his service he worked at the Ozark Police Department and the Van Buren Police Department before he served 39 years with the Fort Smith Police Department, retiring with the rank of Captain in 2001. Ralph was a member of the Eastside Baptist Church in Fort Smith, a Mason, and also a member of the Franklin County Cattleman's Association. He was a longtime farmer. Ralph was born August 29, 1932 in Altus, Arkansas to Sam Henry and Mattie Lou McMinn Wood. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers RJ Wood and William Jack Wood; and three sisters, Mildred Pauline Wood Morris, Ruth Wood Padgett and Jennie Mizpath Wood Schmidt.

He is survived by the mother of his children, longtime caregiver and devoted friend, Phillis Minton of Ozark a daughter Liby Wood Of Ozark, a son Richard Wood and wife Nancy of Clarksville, Arkansas; a brother, Don Wood and wife Betty of Ozark; three grandchildren, Kyle Eveld and wife Hannah of Ozark, Kayla Eveld of Little Rock, Arkansas and Sydney Cartwright of Lowell, Arkansas; a great grandson, Cash Cartwright of Lowell; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 Pm to 8:00 PM Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Graveside Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM Thursday, June 3, 2021 at Highland Cemetery with Brother Jan Akins officiating under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark.

Serving as pallbearers are Kyle Eveld, Todd Wood, Terry Wood, Randy Wood, Clint Wood and Jody Rupe. Honorary pallbearers are RJ Wood, Ricky Denton and the men and women of the Fort Smith Police Department.

In lieu of flowers the family request the memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice

To leave an online memorial visit [www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

Highway 64 West  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 2.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Graveside Service

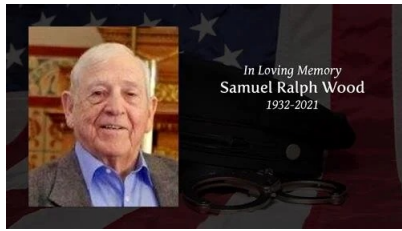
**JUN 3.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Highland Cemetery  
Highway 64 West  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel Ralph Wood*



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**Shaffer Funeral Home** - May 31, 2021 at 11:55 PM



“ *Samuel Ralph Wood*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Capt. Wood was one of the first people I met when hired at the Ft Smith PD in 1999. He made me and the other rookie's feel welcome. He was a pleasure to be around and always made me feel at ease. After his retirement, anytime we saw each other he would always speak to me just as he did on my first day.....with kindness. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. -Lt. Jeff Carter, Criminal Investigations Division.*

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**Jeff Carter** - June 01, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *Captain Wood was a patrol captain when I started at the Fort Smith Police Department in 1999. I remember as a rookie officer, he was very warm, approachable and carried himself professionally. It was a pleasure serving with him and he set the example of what "leadership" is. We will see you again Captain! Captain Daniel Grubbs, Patrol Special Operations.*

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**Daniel Grubbs** - June 01, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ *I am saddened to learn today of the passing of Retired Captain Ralph Wood. I always enjoyed visiting with Captain Wood and sincerely appreciate his many years of service as a Fort Smith Police Officer. Please accept my gratitude for his life and my condolences at his passing. May God bless you. -Chief Danny Baker, FSPD*

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**Chief Danny Baker** - June 01, 2021 at 11:43 AM

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“ Liby, , I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father, you and your family are in my prayers

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**Patricia Hicks** - June 01, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Wood family on the loss of a wonderful man who also happened to be an outstanding leader in the law enforcement profession.

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**Wendall Sampson** - June 01, 2021 at 11:14 AM