



## Pastor Jennings Byron Wood

October 22, 1926 - April 17, 2023

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Pastor Jennings Byron Wood.

Pastor Jennings Byron Wood, 96, of Fort Valley, passed away Monday, April 17, 2023, at Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester. The funeral service will be held Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. at Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, VA. Pastor Glenn Dryden will officiate. The family will receive friends from 10-11 at the church. Repast, a light fair, will be immediately following the service at the church. A graveside service will be held at 4:00 p.m. at Emerson Walter Cemetery on Boliver Road in Fort Valley.

Pastor Wood was born October 22, 1926, in Aldie, VA, son of the late William Arthur Wood and Viola Elizabeth Clem Wood. He was an army veteran and was a Pastor for over 50 years. He served at Community Church of God in Dunn Loring and initiated Lighthouse Bible Classes. He then moved to Ohio where he helped pastor for 4 years. He then moved to Fort Valley where he pastored at Kings Crossing Community Church. He went on missionary trips to 13 countries including 200 times in Haiti. He was preceded in death by his wife, Abigail Cleo Belles Wood.

Pastor Wood is survived by a son, Garry A. Wood and Debbie of Strasburg; two daughters, Kathy Renee Middleton and David of Palm Harbor, Florida and Loretta Faith Wood Gorham and Keith of Fort Valley; two sisters, Joyce Beck of Florida and Ancie Webb Morris and Bruce of Springfield; four grandchildren,

seven great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be David Middleton, Keith Gorham, Mictian Wood and Aaron Wood.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Missions in India through Community Church of God Dunn Loring, VA.

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

# Cemetery Details

**Charles Emerson Walters Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Church of God  
2500 Gallows Road  
Dunn Loring, VA 22027

### Funeral Service

APR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Church of God  
2500 Gallows Road  
Dunn Loring, VA 22027

### Graveside Service

APR 22. 4:00 PM (ET)

Charles Emerson Walters Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ My name is Tom Stieringer I was a teenager in the early 70's when I first met pastor Wood. People don't know that he saved my life. I was very ill at 19 and my parents were told I was going to die. They asked pastor Wood to go see me but he was unable so he called me on the phone that night and we had a long talk and he asked me to close my eyes and listen to every word and he prayed for me. If you ever had pastor Wood pray for you and when he would lay his hand on your head you would feel the presence of God. The very next day I left the hospital with no signs of the infection that was about to take my life. I spoke with pastor Wood on the phone a couple of years back and let him know just what he had did for me. He truly was a man of God and God was in him I felt it through his touch and in his words that saved my life. I will miss you and always think of you and will never forget. Thank you for bringing me to God I am now 69 and still around because of you.

Tom Stieringer - April 23, 2023 at 10:15 AM



Kat Middleton

Thank you Tom for sharing that story about my father. God Bless you and your family. Kathy Wood Middleton

Kat Middleton - May 06, 2023 at 06:23 PM

LW

This is Loretta Faithwood, Pastor and Gail Woods youngest daughter, thanks for your comment. I remember you very vividly and that experience because Mom and Dad never really told anyone about that, they talked about it at home but they really didn't broadcast it, only left it up to your parents to do so. So thank you for being part of their calling and thank you for your kind words and have a great life!

Loretta Wood - November 11, 2023 at 09:41 PM

TF

“ *The Gorham Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Pastor Jennings Byron Wood.*



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**The Gorham Family** - April 21, 2023 at 11:35 AM

HK

“ *A true soldier of the cross has finished his race. I always found Bro. Wood to be full of encouragement for others and willing to help everyone. He was a wonderful example to me and to countless others. He lived a life of service in the kingdom of God. Now he rests in the presence of the One for whom he lived. We will miss him.*

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**Harold Kelly** - April 20, 2023 at 09:27 PM

JN

“ *Jay and Cory Newton purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Pastor Jennings Byron Wood.*



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**Jay and Cory Newton** - April 20, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Jennings Byron Wood.*



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April 20, 2023 at 04:36 PM

VZ

“What joy Brother Wood is experiencing in the presence of Jesus, the One for Whom he was an ambassador proclaiming Him as "The Way Maker!" Our family gives thanks to God for how He used this Dear Man of God to help guide each of us through critical times. We especially recall how he and Sister Wood came immediately to our Dad in Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Va when doctors said our Dad couldn't live. This was just after Brother Wood had a serious fall. We know Brother Wood's life ministry is eternal in the hearts and lives of so many. Our prayers are with his dear family. We love you!  
Sister Vaughnie Zopp and family.

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**Vaughnie Zopp** - April 20, 2023 at 10:15 AM

US

“The passing of our dearly loved Bro. Wood brings to my mind the beautiful Bible verse, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Countless would be the testimonies of people from various countries where both Brother and Sister Wood served with a passion for the Lord over many decades, but i am sure not all is known to all except the Lord, for such was their impact and ministry! I felt honoured to have met them first in 2013 and coming to know their extensive ministry work in many countries including India, my home country. I felt blessed to hear him preach at DLCCOG couple of years ago and remember feeling the fire in my spirit from the moment he stood at the altar and proclaimed in his powerful voice, "this is the day the Lord has made." It surely is the day of divine blessing when a saint of God reaches Home, though on earth it brings tears to many.  
My prayers go out to Bro. Wood's family, extended family and the wider church family. May the Lord God extend comfort and strength to each one.

**Ujwala Srinivas, DLCCOG**

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**Ujwala S** - April 19, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Jennings Byron Wood.*



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April 19, 2023 at 11:25 AM

RO

“ I attended Dunn Loring church in the summertime during the late 70’s and early 80’s when visiting my dad and step mom Bob and Ruby Orr. I made a false profession of faith when Brother Wood came to our house when I was 12. The words he shared that night continued to haunt me like a ghost through my teen and young adult years though. They continued when my dad moved to Fredericksburg, Va through the preaching of Jack Reedy at your sister church there when I would visit my dad between college years . When I was 25 I realized the ghost following me had a first name, Holy. He spoke to me in my bedroom one day and said “Look at what the world has given you, nothing but emptiness. Why do you go on like this?” Somewhat of an echo of Brother Wood’s words that night he visited when I was 12. I dropped to my knees from the heavy weight of conviction and this time with a genuine heart I answered that knock at my hearts door. The Lord Jesus came in immediately and at 54 years old I still haven’t gotten over that moment of relief. The Lord sent me to a local Bible institute where I studied His Word and grew in the Lord. It amazed me how much of Brother Wood and Brother Jack’s messages I remembered as I studied. I now serve as an Elder in my local Bible believing church and even speak as pulpit supply for several other area churches but only by the grace of God as I remember who I was before I met Him. For those who support Dunn Loring Church of God I thank you and know that great is your reward. You were and are a part of Christ’s great building project, The Kingdom of God. I sent this same message through Facebook to Brother Wood’s account a few weeks back but he didn’t have a chance to see it. The wonderful thing about being a child of God is that I will get to tell my brother face to face when I leave this world. With great hope and rejoicing we celebrate Bother Wood’s home going. Prayers to all who are mourning. Robert Orr.

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Robert Orr - April 19, 2023 at 09:14 AM

CB

“ *What an incredible and lovely human being he was. Dignity and grace were effortless to this wonderful man. Thank you, Lord, for sharing him with us and now he can be with his precious Gail. Heaven is a more beautiful place today because Byron is there.*  
*Carolyn Sue Blevins*

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**Carolyn Sue Blevins** - April 18, 2023 at 07:45 PM