

Sondra Rae (Doucet) Wood

May 7, 1948 - August 2, 2003

Sondra Rae Wood, age 55, died peacefully on Aug. 2, 2003, at her home near Nunley, Ark. She was born May 7, 1948 in Fayetteville, Ark. to the late Poley Doucet, Chataignier, La., and Mrs. Thelma Ray (Wickersham) Doucet of Webb City, Mo.

She married DOL. (ret.) Billy R. Wood at Fort Belvoir, Va. on July 28, 1995.

She was a loving wife, daughter, sister, sister-in-law and friend. An active and valuable member of the community. Throughout her four month illness, she maintained a positive attitude, remained steadfast in her faith, never complained, and was a source of Strength and blessing to those who knew and loved her.

Sondra graduated from Joplin High School in 1966 and earned a bachelor of Science degree (Education/History) from Missouri Southern University in Joplin in 1971 and a Master of Science degree (Natural and Applied Science) from Oklahoma State University in 1991. she held a lifetime teaching certificate from the state of Missouri. Sondra was an "oil landman" in Oklahoma and from 1987 to 1994 was employed in the state Aviation Office for the Oklahoma Military Department. From 1994 until July of 1998 Sondra was a Department of the army Civilian in Washington D.C. and worked as the Executive Secretary to the Chief Trial Attorney for the Army. She received several outstanding achievements awards for her service to the Army in Oklahoma and Washington D.C. Sondra was a devoted and active member of the First United Methodist church in Mena, where she taught Sunday school, vacation Bible School and sang in the choir. She was past president of the Untied Methodist Women and a founding member and officer for the Polk County Family Mission program. Sondra was a charter member of the Polk County Master Gardeners and a Life Member of the Polk County Genealogical Society, for which she served as membership secretary and library chairman.

Survivors include her husband, her mother; her sister, Paula Ruth Phillips of Sallisaw, Okla.; step-son, Maj. Yancy D. Wood, his wife, Mary C. Wood; and grandsons, Zachary Lee Wood and Nicholas Logan Wood, all of Fort Belvoir, Va.; and stepdaughter, Ms. Angela L. Wood of Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services will be at the First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Gaylan Cope of Mena. Internment will follow at the Old Dallas Cemetery, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Mena.

Pallbearers will be Henry Blair, George Humphries, George Rowe, Jimmy Smith, John Puckett and John Talley. Honorary pallbearers will be Earl Holbird, Edgar Wood, Dr. James R. Wood, Pete Knight, Col. (Ret.) Leroy A. Wall, Col. Eric Peck, LTC (CH) (Ret.) Cecil Ryland and Maj. (CH) (Ret.) Larry Sweat. Donations in honor of Sondra R. Wood may be made to the Polk County Family Mission.

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