



Joyce Elaine Wood

June 4, 1927 - August 10, 2020

Joyce Elaine Wood, 93, of Pilot Point, TX passed away Monday, August 10, 2020 at her home. She was born June 4, 1927 in Palmer, TX to William "Bill" Everett and Lillian Gladys (Williams) McKeever.

Joyce graduated from Palmer High School at age 16, North Texas State Teachers College (now UNT) with a Bachelor of Science degree at age 19, and a Master of Education degree from North Texas State Teachers College at age of 24 in 1954. She spent 37 years in education: teaching second grade for one year in Collinsville, TX, one year to set up a department and teach home economics in Gunter, TX, and the remaining 35 years in home economics and Home Economics Cooperative Education (HECE) in Pilot Point. She saw many changes in education and served many students from this area. Added to that was 18 years as a school trustee and a total of 55 years of service in education.

Joyce was married to E.B. "Buster" Wood on December 21, 1946 and moved to Pilot Point. He preceded her in death on October 18, 1996 after almost 50 years of marriage. Two children were born to this marriage, Leesa Gail Wood and Glen J Wood.

Besides serving her local community for 55 years in education she served on these boards and organizations: Chamber of Commerce, Pilot Point ISD School Board (for 18 years), Economic Development Steering Committee, Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club, Central Christian Church board, Goodfellows board, Pilot Point Community Opera House board, Pilot Point Museum board

secretary, and the Pilot Point Community Cemetery Association. In Denton County she served on the RSVP and SPAN boards, and was active and an officer in the Retired Teacher's Association. On a state level, Joyce served two years as a Silver-Haired Legislator. She was a former member of the Elks Club, Senior Citizens Board Chair (where she helped get and build the Senior Center), Shepherd's Storehouse volunteer, and 4-H leader.

She helped organize and served on the Pilot Point ISD Educational Foundation board, Keep Pilot Point Beautiful, Main Street Committee and later the Historic Commission of Main Street. Joyce was the Main Street Committee Chair for the Texas First Lady's visit and had the trains stopped during the visit.

She was a sports enthusiast, and enjoyed history, quilting, travel, and people. Joyce was awarded the Pilot Point Citizen of the Year in 1995 and received other vocational and ISD awards.

She is survived by her daughter, Leesa and husband Dr. Jim Calvi of Amarillo, TX; son, Glen and wife Jackie Wood of Pilot Point, TX; three grandchildren, Jennifer Calvi of Kansas City, MO, Jessica Calvi of Lincoln, NE, and Cody Jay and wife Rachel Wood of Denton, TX; and great-granddaughter, Rylee Wood. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Lillian; and brother, Bill and his wife Sue.

Visitation will be held 6:30PM-7:30PM, Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. A funeral service will be held at 10:00AM, Friday, August 14, 2020 at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. Burial will follow at Pilot Point Community Cemetery in Pilot Point, TX. On-line condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Memorial donations may be made to Pilot Point Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1289, Pilot Point, TX 76258 (pilotpointeducationalfoundation.org).

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Joyce Elaine Wood, please click [here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ We are with the Wood-Calvi family in spirit today. She left a legacy in her children and grandchildren and worked hard all of her life to heal the world. May her memory be for blessing and may it bring you comfort during this time of deep grieving. With deep sympathy, Claudia Blackburn and Pat McGee

Claudia Blackburn - August 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Mrs. Wood was always so kind and thoughtful during each visit. In her service on the school board, you could see her love for students and education.

Richard Greene - August 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Joyce was on the School Board that hired me as Gee School Principal in 1990 and since then we became good friends. She was an awesome lady who made her community - and the world - a better place with her time here. RIP, my friend.

Jackie McBroom - August 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.

Tom & Judy Borders - August 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

Cheryl McCartney - August 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Please accept our sincere condolences upon the loss of your beloved mother. She lived a wonderful life in service to education. We hope the memory of your love will ease some of your current grief.

John & Lucille Kincaid - August 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Joyce started out as “Mrs. Wood “ when I was her student and progressed to “Joyce”, a woman I am proud to call my friend. Many good memories. I am sorry for your loss.

Paula (Ray) Crowsey - August 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Many happy memories with this amazing educator.

Gordon and Joy Ann Seagraves Smotherman - August 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. Mother would have 93 this November. Glad she didn't have to go through this Covid-19 mess. Loss of a mother is difficult. Our hearts ache with you. Prayers that God's Grace will continue to sustain as ll of you. Love you Dave and Bruce

Dave Blakley - August 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Bartel Family offers our condolences to the Wood Family. So sorry for your loss. Dorothy, Steve and Ricky Bartel*

Dorothy Bartel - August 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *She taught me how to sew my first dress.*

Mary Jackson - August 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *She was one of my favorite teachers plus a family friend. Very sweet lovable lady. May she rest in peace.*

Sherri Scoggins Monsanto - August 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *So sorry to hear of her passing she was one of my favorite teachers. Such a sweet lady. Gloria Ervin Champion Ft Worth , Texas*

Gloria Champion - August 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Over the years, Mrs. Wood was always an honorable person. She was kind of like Miss Manners, very tactful, friendly and sweet, and somehow dealt kindly with all difficulties. Many students will remember her in home economics at Pilot Point ISD. She was also the sponsor for our yearbook staff and a class we called survival of singles (SOS)! Greatest of sympathies to the family. She will surely be missed! ❤️*

Sheryl (Fischer) Wood - August 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I am deeply saddened by such a great loss. I deeply loved, looked up to and had the utmost respect for Ms Joyce. She was an amazing teacher, a great friend and a beautiful lady! I am so sorry for your loss. It brings me great comfort to know that my dearly loved mom, Betty Scoggins, has such an angel of a friend sharing in glory with her today. With love and deepest sympathy to you, Kim (Scoggins) Powada.

Kim (Scoggins) Powada - August 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest in peace

Kathy (Anderson) Timlin - August 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM