



## Joseph J. Wood

January 14, 2024

Joseph J. Wood, 85, of Lower Macungie Township, formerly of Scotch Plains, NJ passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024 in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Twp. He was the loving husband of Beverly (Pellegrino) Wood for over 64 years. Joseph was an insurance and investment agent for Prudential. Joseph's first career was as "Joe the Barber" the owner of a well known Scotch Plains business which he later expanded into a full service salon.

Born in Plainfield, NJ, he was the son of the late Dominick and Angelina (Merola) Wood. He was a Peacetime Army Veteran serving as a Medic at Fort Sam Houston Texas. Joseph was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Allentown. For 44 years prior to moving to Pennsylvania, Joseph was a prominent member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church and school in Scotch Plains. There he served on many committees and well as President of the Parent Guild Association.

Joseph was a member of the Scotch Plains Knights of Columbus Council #5730, earning his degrees and becoming a Grand Knight.

Joseph was a lifetime fan of the New York Yankees, New York Giants, and Notre Dame athletics. He enjoyed volunteering in his community and was known as a proud, loving family man.

Surviving are wife, Beverly, daughters: Bernadette Hickman (George) of Long Valley, NJ; Alyson Wood of Stirling, NJ and Jodi Sayre (Steven) of Macungie, grandchildren: Amanda Thomsen (Daniel), Jessica Cisero (Joseph), Zachary Heissler (fiancé Jessica Mamula), Kimberly Martinson (Jacob), Amalia Heissler (fiancé James Hintze), Jillian Sayre and Alexa Sayre and Great-Grandson: Archie Thomsen, sister Lillian Mesmer of DeBary, FL., brother Richard Wood (Christine) of South Plainfield, NJ and many nieces, nephews and close friends who were all dear to his heart. He was preceded in death by a brother: Benjamin Wood.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1040 Flexer Ave. Allentown. Prior to Mass, a viewing will be held on Saturday, from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: Tunnel to Towers Foundation (T2T.org) or St. Thomas More Knight's of Columbus Council #4397 1040 Flexer Ave. Allentown, PA 18103.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN **20**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
1040 Flexer Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18103

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ It is with profound sadness when we learned of the passing of our Worthy Brother Mr. Joe Wood. Over these past two to three years we(St. Thomas More Knights#4397) have gotten to know and appreciate all that our brother has accomplished in his lifetime. An amazing man indeed . I know for a fact, He woke every morning and the first thing he did was Thank God for all the blessings in his life(Wife;Daughters;The Knights and his extended family (God’s people). Joe worked tirelessly to ensure God/Jesus was put first regardless of the task at hand . He truly served others and without hesitation he helped those in need with a “Hand Up not a hand out” !! He has inspired the leadership team at St. Thomas More Knights by his patience and perseverance even in difficult times. He set the example for us to follow and carry forward in the days;weeks and months ahead and rest assured we will strive to do so . So much more can and could be said but I think this last sentence says it best . When God/Jesus greeted our brother at the gates of heaven he most definitely heard the following words “Well done Good/Faithful servant “ come and enter the place I have prepared for you in Heaven !!!!

Respectfully,

Paul J. Snyder -Grand Knight St. Thomas More Council#4397

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