



James Woodruff

February 11, 1963 - July 24, 2025

Our Lord, Jesus Christ welcomed James Robert "Woody" Woodruff into His Heavenly glory on July 24, 2025 after a short, but valiant battle with cancer.

He was born in East Saint Louis, Illinois on February 11, 1963. Woody lived a life of love and kindness toward everyone he met.

He was employed by Saint Francis Medical Center for 35 years, the majority as a respiratory therapist, and the last seven in facilities maintenance.

He loved his church family and worshipping the Lord at Hanover Lutheran Church.

In his free time, Woody enjoyed woodworking, gardening, reading, traveling and always learning new things. He also loved spending time with his family and friends.

Woody will be dearly missed by his wife, Pam (Huttegger) and his daughter, Maris, as well as his family and friends. He touched the lives of many and will be remembered for his kindness, compassion and gentle spirit that will live in our hearts always. In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by his mother, Marilyn Rothwell; brothers, Don (Stephanie) Woodruff, Mike (Sara) Baer; sister, Anita (Jim) Jones; sister-in-law, Tammy (Mike) Givens; sister-in-

law, Lisa (Dan) Newcomer; and many beloved nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Woodruff; brothers, Mike Woodruff and Dennis Woodruff; mother-in-law, Marilyn Huttegger; father-in-law, Eugene Huttegger; and sister-in-law, Juli Huttegger.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 10:30 am at Hanover Lutheran Church with a visitation preceding at the church from 8:00 am to 10:00 am with the Rev. Rod Benkendorf officiating and Rev. Jeff Sippy reading.

In lieu of flowers, if you desire to make a donation in Woody's memory, please consider St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Woody would have great compassion for children and their families going through cancer treatments.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hanover Lutheran Church Cemetery

2949 Perryville Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Hanover Lutheran Church
2949 Perryville Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JUL 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ We grew up next door to Jimmy and his family. He was a special person and friend but will always be a beautiful soul. Our condolences to his family. *Laura James-Ashburn*

Laura K Ashburn - August 05, 2025 at 03:09 PM

TB

“ *Donald I am so sorry for your loss!*

Tim Bowman - July 29, 2025 at 12:50 AM

AB

“ *Annie Woodruff, Bill and Donna Barns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Woodruff.*

Annie Woodruff, Bill and Donna Barns - July 28, 2025 at 09:11 PM

AB

“ *Annie Woodruff, Bill and Donna Barns purchased the Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" for the family of James Woodruff.*



Annie Woodruff, Bill and Donna Barns - July 28, 2025 at 09:11 PM

DS

“ We are filled with sorrow at our dear friend, Woody Woodruff’s passing. Although we know that he was a man of deep faith in his Savior Jesus Christ and one day we will be with him again. Let us remember and rejoice that he is standing in awe in Heaven, no more pain or battles to fight, just joy now. Woody was one of the best men we have ever known and will be missed deeply by his family and friends. He was a kind and humble man, always willing and ready to help others. He always had a smile to share and just had a way of making you feel better. Our deepest sympathies to Pam, Maris and the family. Goodbye for now, Woody, until we meet again on the other side. We love you!

David and Charlotte Stagner

David and Charlotte Stagner - July 27, 2025 at 02:15 PM

ES

“ Eileen & Tony Spratt purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of James Woodruff.



Eileen & Tony Spratt - July 27, 2025 at 11:03 AM

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CB

“ Carol Sona- Byrd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Woodruff.

Carol Sona- Byrd - July 26, 2025 at 09:39 PM

CB

“ Carol Sona- Byrd purchased the Garden Accent -
"Those we love don't go away..." for the family of
James Woodruff.



Carol Sona- Byrd - July 26, 2025 at 09:39 PM

LP

“ Pam and family so sorry for your loss, may
God comfort all of you ❤️



Laurie Powers - July 26, 2025 at 06:00 PM

JF

“ I am very sad to hear about Jim's passing. My condolences to all his
family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. I had the distinct pleasure
of working with Jim at Jewish hospital shortly after he graduated
from college. He was a remarkable young man!!!! I will remember
those times fondly.

Joe Fackelman - July 26, 2025 at 01:49 PM

BM

“ I remember an overnight backpacking trip with Woody and his dog
(who had his own backpack)in the Bell Mountain Wilderness,and
when I was laid up with a broken leg Woody bringing me a box full
of books.He was a special kind of guy and my life is better for
having known him.

Brent Moore - July 25, 2025 at 08:13 PM

LW

Woody was one of kindness person I met at SFMC always had a smile and explained everything to patients and family. God truly received his angel sure he was truly loved by his family and close friends. I will always remember he smiling face. Send my condolences and prayers to entire family. 🙏

Linda Williams - July 26, 2025 at 01:24 PM