



## James William Woods

January 18, 1932 - October 12, 2021

James W. Woods, 89, of Chanute passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. James was born on January 18, 1932 in New Albany, KS, the son of John and Thelma (Rothgeb) Woods.

James grew up in New Albany and upon graduation of high school was drafted into the United States Navy, where he honorably served in the Korean War. After returning home from Korea, James went to college and ultimately received a Master's in education from Fort Hays State University, while also playing in the KOM baseball league in Iola. Coach, as James was referred to, dedicated his life to education, teaching and coaching in Gove, Canton and Chanute. Coach helped start the wrestling program Chanute High School, coached football for many years and began FCA at Chanute High School.

Coach was involved with many organizations throughout his life. He was a life member of the American Legion, where he was the bugler with the honor guard and he was a life member of the VFW. Coach was also a member of the National Weightlifting Association and is a member of the Amateur Weightlifting Hall of Fame.

Coach was very dedicated to all of the athletes that he coached through the years, but when his biggest passion in life were his grandchildren. He would take them fishing and canoeing, and even though he did not like to fish he

was there for his grandchildren to always hand them a snack.

James was a member of First Christian Church in Chanute. On September 4, 1955, James married Jacqueline Louise Bareis at Colfax Baptist Church, she survives him.

James is survived by:

His Wife:

Jacqueline Woods of Chanute, KS

Daughter:

Jenice Woods of Chanute, KS

Son:

John Woods of Chanute, KS

Five Grandchildren:

Matthew Woods

Andrew Woods

Kambrie Woods

Jason Wade

Cassandra Wade

Two Great-Grandchildren

Ally and Raven

Nine nieces and nephews

James was preceded in death by his parents, sister Betty Son, and Niece Deborah.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm at First Baptist Church-GNC Center in Chanute. Visitation will be on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm at Countryside Funeral Home. The family recommends that masks be worn. Memorials have been suggested to the American Legion Guard or a card with a story about Coach and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Memorial Service

OCT 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Good News Center  
118 N. Forest Ave.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Coach Woods treated me like I was one of guys! I was born and raised in Ft Scott Ks. I met Coach from wrestling and weightlifting at Chanute High School . We became friends he was such joy to know. Our paths crossed in Ottawa Ks at a wrestling meet. Years later I went by his home in Chanute . Had great conversation. His wife was there. From the date of his passing, I think I was fortunate to get to see him one more time. He had a great sense of humor. I graduated in 1970. Am so glad I got to know him  
Keith Casner

Keith Casner - June 23, 2023 at 04:33 PM

CW

“ My thoughts and prayers for the family.

CHRISTINA WIMSETT - October 23, 2021 at 09:42 PM

M8

I loved coach Woods. When I was going through a particularly bad patch in my Senior year, coach Woods was a great confident and really kept me grounded. I wish my dad had been that easy to talk to. I can't be the only student over his long career that he befriended and I'm sure better for having known him. RIP Coach

Mike Hatcher Class if 80 - January 14, 2022 at 10:29 PM

LP

“ Coach woods was my favorite teacher in high school, he was funny and always had nice things to say. We had a lot of fun in drivers Ed. He will be greatly missed.

Louise Purdy - October 18, 2021 at 12:03 AM

KG

“ Coach Woods will always be one of the few funniest, lovable, caring and a driving force that any student or friend anyone could have the pleasure of knowing. God has a Awesome addition to his flock.

Kevin Golay - October 17, 2021 at 01:53 PM

BH

“ Jim was an inspiring football coach. One time in a game I was playing center and had my nose bloodied. I ran to the side line to get a replacement, but Coach said no get back in there let the blood run over your face and snarl at the guy opposite you. That will scare him. It worked, and I'll never forget that lesson.

bill hutchison - October 17, 2021 at 01:44 PM

AH

“ My days as a competitive powerlifter circa 1988. I still lift to this day because Coach always made the gym fun. He was one of those rare people who made a mark on a time in your life because he was a part of the big meets. Rest in peace Coach. See you in that great weight room in the sky.



Armondo Hernandez - October 17, 2021 at 06:37 AM

SB

“ One of the few people I truly respected. I learned a lot about growing up and how to be a better person from Coach. I missed his antics and motivating me in weightlifting classes. You will be missed.

Scott Bomberger - October 16, 2021 at 01:10 AM

JG

“ *Hard to start this without emotion welling up.... My heart and prayers go out to the Woods family...me along with many others had the privilege to be coached and taught by Coach Woods. I am so pleased that I had the opportunity to visit with him 5 years ago....He is so funny ...my God he gave me a medal just for showing up...He knew how to make you feel important and what you did mattered. With eternal gratitude,  
Jim Green*

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**jim green** - October 15, 2021 at 01:31 PM

SB

“ *Two of the things I remember most about “Woody” are the nicknames assigned and his trumpet skills! As others have stated, his legacy lives on through the positive impact made to countless athletes, musicians, students, student drivers, and fellow jokesters!*

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**Scott Bideau** - October 15, 2021 at 10:33 AM

VM

“ I first had Mr. Woods as a teacher for 7th grade social studies (I believe that was the class) at Royster Jr. High and later as a driver's education instructor. His mother-in-law, Jessie Bareis, was my nursery teacher at Colfax Baptist Church, so I later knew Mr. Woods and Jackie through that connection, as well.

Mr. Woods was a gentleman and a man of integrity, although he enjoyed occasionally startling some of his student drivers, including me. I always suspected spelling was not his speciality because in that 7th grade class we were not allowed to ask him how to spell any words. In fact, I believe we were penalized if we did. He always said, "Look it up." Once I was stumped about how to spell the word "usher" and I couldn't figure out how to look it up because I couldn't find it in the "A's", so I think I asked and was subjected to his "wrath".

I am sad to hear of his passing, but was pleased to learn more about the man he was from this obituary. He touched many lives.

Virginia Madill Mixer (CHS Class of 1965)

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Virginia Mixer - October 15, 2021 at 01:24 AM

TT

“ Best teacher ever I just loved him ! Prayers to his family from Roger & Tish Tucker

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Tish Tucker - October 14, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ Coach Woods emceed the Talent Show my senior year ('81-'82) - I remember him introducing Shannon Bailey's ballet as "Here's a talented dancer no bigger than my breakfast." He knew how to get a laugh! He entertained us by playing trumpet duets - 2 trumpets at the same time. He braved student drivers and "coached" even those of us that weren't athletic. His legacy and influence reverberates in the lives of the many high school kids that had the privilege to be at CHS in his presence. God Bless Coach Woods!

*Becky Swaney Smith*

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**Becky Smith** - October 14, 2021 at 10:00 PM

PR

Coach Woods always was a smiling and positive presence at CHS. To those of us that needed a smile from an adult he was a blessing. He always made me feel good. Blessings ❤️

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**Pam Tinsley Ragon** - October 15, 2021 at 12:17 PM

DH

“ Coach kept me out of the fire. He introduced me to weightlifting the end of my 9th grade year and was a mentor all throughout high-school. Coach Woods you are the reason I didn't end up in jail early in life. What a great man.

*David Hughes*

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**David Hughes** - October 14, 2021 at 07:52 PM

FH

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family of Coach Woods. What a great man and mentor. I always remember him. 50 years later I will always remember that he understood that I could not afford football shoes and gave me a pair of what he called well used shoes of his. God Bless you for not shaming me. Gave me my nickname Hernando and it stuck. Salute you Coach. You would certainly laugh at this old career JarHead rendering a Hand Salute. Frank Hernandez (Hernando)

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**Frank Hernandez** - October 14, 2021 at 07:42 PM

LH

“ Jackie and family so sorry for your loss. May prayers and thoughts comfort you at this time. I have known Jackie since I was very young and just so you know Jackie, I love you

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**Linda Cochran Higgins** - October 14, 2021 at 06:59 PM

SA

“ Many a heart broke and the world got a little darker for our loss....Fly High Coach Woods and play your trumpet Loud let us hear you one more time

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**Sam** - October 14, 2021 at 05:15 PM

MH

“ One of the best teachers ever! Mr. Woods was always positive, always had a smile, always greeting you! He would bust out the gym doors bellowing two trumpets loud and proud! He would make you feel good by just doing any deed for him rather it was an ornery deed or not. Him and the misses would attend our Mexican dances and dance all night like Ginger Roger's and Fred Astaire. You always wanted a hug from him but you didn't because he was so strong and pulled you in tight, like an anaconda squeeze! He was a lover of my mom's tamales and enchiladas! Rest in peace to my Mr. Woods!

Maria Hernandez - October 13, 2021 at 10:21 PM

KD

Coach Woods was the BEST!! So fun and always making us laugh! Test days were the best, where he would, on purpose, have someone from the office ask him to take a call and then he would remind us that our text books were beneath our desks, in case we didn't know an answer on the test... we all past his class! RIP Coach!!

Kim Russell Dewberry - October 14, 2021 at 06:47 PM

BD

Sending prayers for the family! Mr Woods was a great man, always made coed PE fun! I remember him coming through the gym door playing his trumpet! I also had him for driver's Ed, a day never went by that he didn't put a smile on my face when in his presence! RIP Mr. Woods!

Brenda DeLaTorre - October 15, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James William Woods.



October 13, 2021 at 06:33 PM