



James William Woods

January 24, 1947 - March 14, 2025

James William Woods, 78, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, March 14, 2025. He was born January 24, 1947, to George Woods and Winnie B. Massey Woods. A man of many talents and passions, James was known for his generosity, craftsmanship, work ethic, and his love for music. He had a deep love for music, particularly the guitar, which he played with both skill and heart. Music was a constant thread throughout his life, and he shared that passion with those around him. He retired from USDA-ARS in Starkville, Mississippi, in maintenance in the early 2000s.

James is preceded in death by his mother, Winnie Massey Elkin; his father, George Woods, two sisters, and four brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Brenda Trice Woods of Sturgis, Mississippi; and two sisters, Shirley Stegar of Ripley, Mississippi; and Eva Redwine of Coffeeville, Mississippi. James is also survived by his children: Sherry Williamson (Billy) of Mathiston, Mississippi; Raymond Woods (Randi) of Longview, Mississippi; Hesper Starnes (Alan); Lisa Sloan Lindsey (Vic); Tim Sloan (Tania) all of Sturgis; Daniel Sloan (Connie) of Fulton, Mississippi; Aaron Phillips of Starkville; and Ashley Phillips Britton of Pearl, Mississippi; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind the mother of his three children, Martha Starnes of Starkville.

James leaves behind a legacy of love, creativity, and self-reliance. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Services are under the direction of Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at masseyfuneralhome.net.

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“ I'm Sherry his oldest daughter. My favorite memory is when we would have friends over to play music. And me and their children would play in the yard till late at night.

Sherry Williamson - March 17, 2025 at 11:47 PM

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I have the same memories of when he would come to our house and play his music.

Bobby Woods - March 20, 2025 at 04:53 AM