



Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods

July 14, 1947 - January 23, 2023

Edward Taylor Woods, 75 of Louisiana, MO passed away at DePaul Hospital on January 23, 2023. Ed was born July 14, 1947 in Louisiana, MO to the late Nannie Butters Woods and Goodrich Euen Woods. He married Regina DeBlasio (Morabito) on August 4, 1986 at the American Association of Meat Processors annual convention which was held that year in Reno, Nevada. They recently celebrated 36 years of marriage. Ed was formerly married to the late Marlene Wheatley and they had four children, Amanda, Rachel, Angela and Ryan. He is a lifelong resident of Pike County, graduating from Bowling Green High School in 1965, then attending the University of Missouri-Columbia earning a bachelor's degree in food science and nutrition in 1965. After working in Kansas City, KS for Wilson Certified Foods as a bacon product manager he returned to Bowling Green to the meat business his father had started in 1962, known as Woods Locker & Abattoir. In the years following, there were 7 additions to the original building. The purchase of specialized equipment and the creation of the "Sweet Betsy from Pike" brand allowed the business to flourish and compete on a national level. He then helped expand the product line to include curing hams, bacon and producing sausage products and inventing porkburgers. Porkburgers are unique to Pike County, just one of the many products Woods Smoked Meats is famous for. In the 80's with the encouragement of friends who wanted something else besides burger and roasts from their deer hunt Ed dealt into the world of summer sausage. He worked on the formula for venison summer sausage for five years before he was satisfied that he had a good product. That led to further development of using exotic meats such as buffalo, elk and antelope in summer sausage recipes.

Ed entered his first national competition in 1972 and came in (as he would say) dead last for his cured ham entry. After that his competitive spirit kicked in and with help from fellow processors in the Missouri Association of Meat Processors (MAMP), the American Association of Meat Processors (AAMP), university professors and endless hours of reformulating recipes he finally started winning at the cured meat shows. He never forgot the help he received and he was always eager to share his expertise. The last few years at the business he received phone calls from all over the country, processors who were having trouble either with their formulas or equipment eager to get Ed's advice on

perfecting their meat products.

Ed remained a humble man, despite the many awards and accolades he received over the years, and there were many. At Woods Smoked Meats the walls are filled with plaques and awards earned through the years of competition. Through Ed's ability to produce a line of products from country hams to Cajun style items to Texas style BBQ beef brisket to summer sausage, snack sticks and jerky, to choice aged beef steaks and fresh pork cuts, attests to his expertise for developing a complete variety of gourmet meat products.

Woods Smoked Meats has been a member of MAMP since 1952 and a member of AAMP since 1954. Ed's involvement with these groups has been extensive. He served as a member of various committees from 1986 to 1993 with AAMP then earned the title of 1st Vice President, Treasurer and President 1991-92 and was a member of the Executive Board for six years. In MAMP he served on the Board of Directors from 1972-79 and as President 1977-78. He served on the Missouri Beef Industry Council 1991-92. He has testified on behalf of AAMP at governmental hearings and has testified in Washington, D.C. concerning USDA oppression of small meat processors. He has spoken on behalf of small meat processors concerning E-Coli, HACCP, Nutritional Labeling and State and Federal Meat Inspection and been a featured speaker at various state and national conventions. He has served as a Judge at several AAMP and MAMP conventions.

Some of the awards he was most proud of are:

1991 – MAMP Hall of Fame

1995 – AAMP Hall of Fame

1999 – AAMP Annual Achievement Award

2012 – MAMP Outstanding Service Award

2016 – Meat Industry Hall of Fame

In 1994 he judged the Country Cured Ham Class at the Kentucky State Fair and has judged the Country Cured Ham and Bacon Class at the Missouri State Fair for years. He also has served as Judge for the Country Cured Ham Class at several local county fairs including Pike County. Woods Smoked Meats has always been a strong supporter of FFA programs at the area schools, 4H programs within the County and County Fair competitions for the youth.

One of Ed's greatest professional memories was a 1995 voluntary assignment in Charjew, Turkmenistan (Central Asia) sponsored by Winrock International, accompanied by Morris Burger of Burgers' Smokehouse, California, MO. They spent a month helping the Turkmen

set up a sausage factory. He and Morris shared many stories of how they started with no hot water for sanitation, no outside communication, no phones, no fax, no newspapers; they were in almost total isolation. The goal was simply to teach and make products they could be proud of and be able to sell in the marketplace.

Ed and Regina went to China twice, first in 1991 on a People to People mission and in 1993 led an AAMP sponsored trip, serving as hosts and leaders of the trip. There were many trips they were able to take, both foreign and domestic, because of their employee's abilities to manage the business in a way that maintained the high standards the community had come to expect from Woods Smoked Meats.

Another highlight of his career was entering product in the largest meat industry trade show in the world held in Frankfurt, Germany every three years. The meat competition is organized by the German Butchers Society (DFV). Winners of this competition are awarded gold, silver and bronze medals and Woods Smoked Meats was honored to win medals in all categories that were entered. He was privileged to judge product along with the German judges at the last trade show he attended. It was the first time the DFV had asked an American meat processor to assist with judging.

He served as an Alderman for the City of Bowling Green 1987-92 and he and fellow Alderman Jim Gott were instrumental in establishing a separate bank account for the purchase of the City's firetruck. Was President of the Bowling Green Jaycees 1977-78. From 1987-90 he served on the Board of Directors for the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce. He has been a member of the Elks Lodge #791 since 1986.

A favorite pastime had been playing golf at the Pike County Country Club with the senior players and members of the Wednesday Golf League organized by Wayne and Rita Morris. He treasured the friendships he made both on and off the golf course.

In November 2020 Ed and Regina were fortunate to sell Woods Smoked Meats to HWC Meats. Within six months Steve Bolton, one of the partners, became the sole owner of the business and the standards established by Goodrich & Nannie Woods and passed on to Edward & Regina Woods will continue under Steve's excellent leadership.

He is survived by his wife, Regina, children Amanda (Jason) Beasley, Galveston, TX; Rachel (Ron) Dyer, Lee's Summit, MO; Angela (Mathew) Muether, Wichita, KS; Ryan (Erin Langdon) Woods, Columbia, MO. Stepchildren Dawn Morabito, Seattle, WA; Christine Morabito, St. Louis, MO; Karina Edmond, Bowling Green, MO. 11 Grandchildren-Hannah (Jackson) Ma, Cordelia, Paige, Elsa, Emmeline, Veronica, Rowan, Reid, Darby(Aaron)

Peters, Taylor, Callie and one Great Grandchild Leon Jack Ma. Also a special cousin, Phyllis (Bud) Hardin of Los Gatos, CA.

Not to be forgotten is Ed's recliner buddy, Buckwheat the cat!

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Missouri Association of Meat Processors (MAMP) Scholarship Fund or the American Association of Meat Processors (AAMP) Scholarship Fund care of Bibb-Veach Funeral Home, 606 W Main St., Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Anne and Kay Nienhueser Nancy Southworth purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



Anne and Kay Nienhueser Nancy Southworth - February 03, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ 219 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - February 03, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



February 01, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



February 01, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.*



January 31, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.*



January 31, 2023 at 10:21 AM

KN

“ *Regina we are so sorry for your lose. We have alot of fond memories of Ed and the one that came flooding back is when I called you guys in Vegas (thinking it was Larry's room) Ed never let me live that one down. I am so happy to have known him and you. You and your family will be in my prayers. Kasey and Gary Neff
(Larry Schubert sister)*

Kasey Neff - January 31, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.*



January 31, 2023 at 09:19 AM

SB

“ *To Regina and the rest of the family, please accept my belated condolences. I began working with Ed over 30 years ago and my dad Morris knew Ed long before that. I remember vividly the trip that Ed and dad took to Turkmenistan in 1995 to help the people there learn about meat processing. They were both pioneers in our industry and were fine examples of good stewardship when it came to sharing their time and knowledge with others, not only close to home, but around the world. May they both rest in peace.*

Steven Burger - January 30, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



January 30, 2023 at 11:42 AM

IG

“ Our deepest condolences from the QuanTEM Food Safety Laboratories in Oklahoma, Ingrid Gumbs-Diaz and the team.

Ingrid Gumbs-Diaz - January 30, 2023 at 11:38 AM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Gina Goodwin - January 30, 2023 at 09:43 AM

DW

“ Doug Wankel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



Doug Wankel - January 29, 2023 at 07:57 PM

MN

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Ed in the early 1980's at a AAMP meeting. Ed & I became friends and spent many years bantering each other over the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs rivalry. Ed was one of the good guys and will be missed. From all of us at M&M Equipment Corp., we extend our condolences to Eds family.

Marc Newman - January 29, 2023 at 01:14 PM

SS

“ I had the honor of not only being one of Ed’s salesman for nearly 19 years, I was fortunate to call him a friend. Ed and I would talk for quite a while during our visits and occasionally on the phone outside of work. I would even speak to Ed during his extended hospital stays. One of the millions of memories I have of Ed is when I took him to Chicago, about 4 years ago, to get training on Pagani seasonings so he could start making Dry Aged Italian Sausage. We had an absolute blast. During that car ride, I finally told Ed how he intimidated the heck out of me for the first 4-5 years of being his salesman, he laughed and had a few choice words. Lol. Ed was usually the first person I would call when a customer had a sausage, curing question that I couldn’t answer or they needed to perfect. Ed ALWAYS gave me the proper advice. I could obviously go on for days, however, I will just say that Ed was definitely one of a kind!! (Regina is such a sweetheart as well, always so kind to me)
Ed, you will truly be missed my friend!!
Until we meet again, I love you Ed Woods 🙏❤️



Stuart Sherman - January 29, 2023 at 10:27 AM

JS

“ Clayton & I send our deepest sympathies to Regina & the rest of Ed’s family. He was one in a million and always had that little boy smile. Ed was one of the first friends Clayton made when he first moved to BG, and that friendship never wavered over the years. We have so many wonderful memories of Ed & Regina that we will cherish forever.
Love,
Clayton & Jo

JoEllen & Clayton Storch - January 28, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



January 27, 2023 at 03:13 PM

KR

“ On behalf of the Ultrasource team, I wish to offer our condolences on Ed's passing. His numerous awards don't adequately portray what all Ed brought to our processor community. He will be missed. Rest in peace my friend, and prayers for his family and friends.

Ken Rumney - January 27, 2023 at 01:39 PM

KR

“ Ken Rumney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



Ken Rumney - January 27, 2023 at 01:34 PM

JD

“ Joseph Davis purchased the Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



Joseph Davis - January 27, 2023 at 01:10 PM

UC

“ On behalf of everyone at UW Provision, we would like to offer you our sincerest sympathies for the loss of our lifetime friend, Ed.

We have had the honor of working with Ed for numerous years and he's truly left his mark on anyone who's had the pleasure to meet him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this devastating time, but please know that you are not grieving alone. Ed will be truly missed by everyone who knew him.

UW Provision Co. - January 27, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



January 27, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.*



January 27, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.*



January 27, 2023 at 10:47 AM

NI

“ *1 file added to the album Memories*



Niki - January 27, 2023 at 09:46 AM

PS

“ *Remembering Ed as a lifetime friend. He and I had a friendly rivalry all through elementary and high school and stayed friendly through college. He won so many awards in his business and brought honor to Bowling Green. May his memory be a blessing. Perry Mudd Smith*

Perry Smith - January 27, 2023 at 08:06 AM

JM

I guess I have known Eddie since they were neighbors to the Vogel's in Bowling Green. My parents purchased their home out on hiway 61 and Taylor Avenue. Goodrich and Nanny built their new home 2 houses from my parents and I became friends with Eddie and his fa Mily. We played baseball and had organized band rehearsals on his parents porch, weather permitting, Eddie played his baritone, Nancy Wendel, Flute, Billy Henry, Trumpet, and I played my Trumpet. Many hours were spent practicing, selections we were playing in High School Band for MAS. Even the Wood's family invited me to go on vacation with them as Goodrich was in the process of moving his meat processing plant and we investigated some machines in Festus and Crystal City, MO, as well as stopping off at the MO State Fair in Sedila, MO. Rest well my friend.

John C. Parcell Raytown, MO - January 27, 2023 at 10:34 AM

PW

“ Sending condolences to Ed’s family. This is a huge loss for our community. RIP Ed.



Perry West - January 27, 2023 at 07:41 AM

TG

“ The Powder Room girls purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods.



The Powder Room girls - January 26, 2023 at 09:50 PM

PH

“ We’re so sorry for you loss. He will definitely be missed.

Paul and Connie Hopke - January 26, 2023 at 06:07 PM

JL

“ Janet Lovell lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" Taylor Woods



Janet Lovell - January 26, 2023 at 04:32 PM

JL

Sorry for your loss. Hugs and Prayers.

Janet Lovell - January 26, 2023 at 04:34 PM

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Perry Smith - January 27, 2023 at 08:05 AM

JA

Ed was one of my hero's, a good advisor and friend!! Our sincere condolences to the family and all impacted by his passing. -James Yoder & The Yoder's - Paris, TN

James - February 01, 2023 at 08:40 AM