



David Ray Wood  
November 1, 1948 to December 13, 2021

David R Wood, age 73 was born in Pueblo, Colorado on November 1, 1948. He passed away at his home in Ashburn, Virginia on December 13, 2021. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of nearly 50 years Gayle (née Sweet), son Ryan Wood, daughter Janie (Calvin) Kenney, daughter, Melissa (Charles) Mangum, twin brother Donald (Bonnie née Siebert) Wood, and grandchildren Aidan Kenney, Zachary Kenney, Kassidy Mangum and Wesley Mangum. He is also survived by sister-in-laws Deana Salkeld and Laurie Sweet and brother-in-law James Sweet and multiple nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents Hershel (Bus) and Barbara (née Chriswell) Wood, nephew Wesley Wood, and brother-in-law Bradley Sweet.

David was employed by ExxonMobil Corporation for nearly 30 years. He supported operations both in North America as well as the global stage. He opted for an early retirement to spend more time with his children, grandchildren, and to take on leadership positions with several volunteer organizations where he could make a difference in our community and country. Along with being very active with various church programs, David spent 10 years volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. He traveled to Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana rebuilding homes after Hurricane Katrina and helped rebuild homes for the elderly in Tennessee, Washington DC, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia.

He also volunteered four days a week at either the Fairfax Western Ministries food bank program or male adult homeless shelters in northern Virginia or Washington DC. One of his greatest joys was remodeling residences for recovering soldiers and their families at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. He spearheaded the funding campaign for the remodeling projects as well as creating a playground for the recovering service member's children.

David suffered from acute hearing loss most of his life. Upon retiring, he volunteered to be a part of a FDA research program for internally implanted hearing aids. The research was successful for both David, the program and many people around the world who now benefit from implanted hearing devices.

To help others, David made arrangements to donate his brain to Georgetown Brain Medical Research Program upon his passing. His goal was to help find a cure and prevent unneeded suffering for others.

David's final resting place will be with his parents near the Wood Family Ranch in his beloved Colorado. Funeral arrangements will be next summer.