



William Holmes Wood Jr.

June 11, 1935 - March 7, 2026

William Holmes Wood Jr., MD

Bill Wood passed on March 7th at Brightview Assisted Living in Annapolis at the age of 90. He was born June 11, 1935 in Newburgh New York to Elizabeth Tuttle Wood and Maj. William H Wood Sr., both natives of Baltimore. When his father ascended to head football coach at West Point, Bill and older sister Puddy became the unofficial team mascots. McDonogh School and Camp Red Cloud provided Bill with a rich set of friends and memories as his parents were posted around the country and world. He fondly recalled his teenage years in postwar Munich and returned to Germany often throughout his later years.

Bill graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1956, majoring in philosophy. He then enrolled at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and graduated MD-PhD in 1962. During his research studies in microbiology, Bill met Jane Grieves of Baltimore and in 1959 they were married. Together they navigated children, internship, and residency in San Francisco, Washington DC, and Cleveland. Bill, Jane, Jan, Bill, and Susan settled in Easton in 1970, adding Martha to the brood in 1973. Dr. Wood entered private practice in partnership with Drs. Stephen Carney and 'Buddha' Harrison; he loved his work as a physician and was a leader in the local medical community for 40 years until his retirement in 2010. Bill was widowed in 1998; in 2003 he

married longtime close family friend and widow Kanny Manuel. After many years of travel and companionship, they divorced prior to his entry into assisted living in 2021.

Bill's love of sailing started at a young age on Lake Champlain and continued on the Chesapeake throughout his life. He was an enthusiastic golfer at Talbot Country Club and an active member of Christ Church in Easton. His love of travel and voracious appetite for reading expressed the intellectual curiosity at his core. He was devoted to his family and a generous friend to all.

Bill is survived by his four children, ten grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. He is predeceased by sister 'Puddy' W. Ellison (1973), his parents Brig. Gen. William H. Wood (1988) and Elizabeth T. Wood (1999), and his wife Jane G. Wood (1998). Visitation with the family will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 10:00 am 12:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home at 200 S. Harrison St. in Easton MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Rural-MD Scholars program at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **28**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Tribute Wall

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“ He was a wonderful mentor who was always approachable and willing to share his knowledge with the nurses who worked with him. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity. You couldn't ask for a better physician. He will be remembered with fondness and appreciation.

Susan M Sullivan - March 27 at 01:16 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Holmes Wood Jr..



March 24 at 09:15 PM

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“ I had the great privilege of working with Dr. Wood for many years through my nursing career . He was truly one of the best . He showed compassion and personal interest in every patient he cared for . Sending sincere condolences to his family .

Betsy Dyott Roe - March 24 at 07:25 AM

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“ Was very sorry to learn of Bill's passing. Until his retirement he was my doctor and we became friends through church as well. He recruited me to become an usher (a story best not told here). He was indeed a fine man. 🙏



Phil Foster - March 24 at 02:55 AM