



Emma J. Wood

April 11, 1947 - December 21, 2025

Emma Jean Goines Wood, 78, passed away Sunday, December 21, 2025, at her home with her husband and family. She was born on April 11, 1947, in Hillsboro Alabama, to parents Richard Goines Sr. and Everlina Reed. She moved with her mother and brother, Richard Goines, Jr. to Chattanooga, Tennessee at an early age, where their mother married Will R. Goodlow.

Emma was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and she and her husband were baptized on the same day. She was a 1965 graduate of Howard High School and was employed for 37 years with the Hamilton County School System in the Administrative Department and the Child Nutrition Department.

Emma was a quiet, soft-spoken, but very approachable person; someone you wouldn't know was in the room. But once you got to know her, you would not forget her. A woman of few words, but when she spoke, her words were meaningful and appropriate. Her husband often remarked that with her demeanor he couldn't believe she participated in the door-to-door ministry. But she did and found joy in it. Also, among her joy for Jehovah and the ministry was family. She deeply loved family togetherness and insisted that love and family gatherings continue to exist between her children even after her departure. She also deeply loved her husband. She had deep reverence for her marriage vows to honor and respect, for better or worse. Also, not to be left out, she loved a good cold glass of sweet tea.

Due to the nature of Emma's illness and medical treatment, it was unknown if she would be able to leave a medical facility. But with deep prayer to Jehovah by her husband and children a window was opened where she could be taken home to spend her last days being hugged, kissed, and loved by her family members and loved ones.

Emma is preceded in death by her mother, Everlina; father, Richard Goines, Sr.; stepfather, Will R. Goodlow; and brother, Robert Goodlow.

She is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Franklin; sons, Vincent Goines, Christopher Goines, Franklin Jermaine Wood, and Adrian (Soni) Wood; daughter, Kimberly Goines; adopted son, Franklin Jermaine "Jay" (Angelica) Wood, Jr.; brother, Richard (Alice) Goines, Jr.; her grandchildren whom she loved and adored, Kelcey (Joe) Myricks, Merci Wood, Unity Wood, Kalena (Nathen) Vanbuskirk, Christal Goines, Jada Wood, Trinity Goines, and Antonio Wood; her great-grandchildren, Aariah Porter, Kalen Myricks, Jade Myricks, Ryze Wood, Kannon Myricks, Graycen Draper, Vanessa Vanbuskirk, and Raiden Wood; her brothers-in-law, James and Emory Wood; sisters-in-law, Deborah Brewster and Victoria Suttles; her niece and nephews, Richelle White, Ricky Goines, Lebron Johnson, Dewayne Brewster, and DJ Brewster; cousins, Walter Hamilton and Clara Mae Henderson. She is also survived by her fellow Witness and best friend of 55 years, Alice Cameron.

Emma's strength and love will live on in her children and her grandchildren. She was a beacon of love and light that will always remain in our hearts.

Emma will lie-in-state on Monday, January 5, 2026 from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 12 noon in the Chapel. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

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Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN **5**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

JAN **6**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
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Burial

JAN **6**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall



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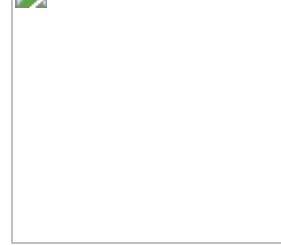
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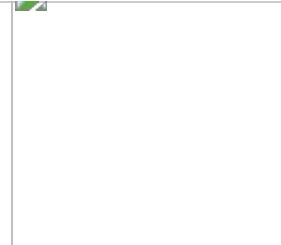
“ *An Angel.*



linda eubanks - January 15 at 05:16 PM



“ *Linda Eubanks lit a candle in memory of
Emma J. Wood*



linda eubanks - January 15 at 05:15 PM

LE

“ Emma was called "Emma Jean" back in the day and in later years, called simply Emma..We were "besties" from grades 1 thru 7, WALKED, talked, laughed and played to and from Chatta. Ave. Elem. School as well as Second District Junior High, which was located on "a Noble Hill Upon the West." We were so close that we were in the same rooms during those years and often spent nights at each others homes. Afterward, our families relocated to opposite sides of town. Although separated, I never forgot her and as fate would have it, I had the opportunity to teach three of her children..Vincent, Kim and Chris were courteous, mannerable and were a constant reminder of their mother, "Emma Jean". Their school was Dalewood Jr. High at that time. Emma's daughter, Kim, was my joy, captured my heart, and was her mother's twin. She was a "winner", smart and every teacher's perfect student. Needless to say ,I often related to her how much she reminded me of her mother. Today and always, I'll share in the loss of Emma, I'll also think of her and now I send condolences to the ENTIRE Goins and Wood family.. especially her brother Richard. It was a pleasure to have experienced my walk with "Emma Jean" and have been a best friend..GOD BLESS ALL and may she RIP now.

LINDA S. EUBANKS - January 15 at 12:03 PM

MC

“ Marian C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emma J. Wood.

Marian C. - January 06 at 04:57 PM

D

“ *She was a very sweet lady*

Dorothy Jones - January 06 at 02:03 AM

K

“ *Kim and the Wood Family. So sorry for your loss. Kimberly Strong*

Kimberly Strong - January 05 at 06:07 PM

CR

“ *Cheryl Rowe lit a candle in memory of Emma J. Wood*

cheryl rowe - January 05 at 09:49 AM



“ *My memory of Ms. Emma, she was always soft spoken and welcoming to her home. She loved and adored her family. My prayers and condolences for the family during this difficult time of grief. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23*

Tammy Smith - January 04 at 11:37 PM

LR

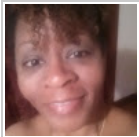
“ Larry Rowe lit a candle in memory of Emma J. Wood

Larry Rowe - January 04 at 10:20 PM

LR

“ To Frankie and the entire Wood family, we extend heartfelt condolences during the loss of Emma, who was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, in-law, and friend. We share in your sorrow. Emma will be missed, but never forgotten. Her memory has now become a treasure and is eternal. Our prayers and thoughts will remain constant for you all during this difficult time. May your divine faith, precious memories and the love that remains forever in your hearts be strength for you as you face the days ahead. "With Deepest Sympathy" Larry and Beverly Rowe

Larry Rowe - January 04 at 10:19 PM



“ K. G. lit a candle in memory of Emma J. Wood

K. G. - January 04 at 04:27 PM

R

“ MAY GOD BRING COMFORT AND PEACE
TO THE FAMILY. MRS. EMMA WOULD BE
TRULY MISS.

Robertta Williams - January 04 at 07:40 AM

JK

“ Jae Kelly lit a candle in memory of Emma J.
Wood

Jae Kelly - January 04 at 01:24 AM

MJ

“ Melvin J. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the
family of Emma J. Wood.



Melvin J. - January 03 at 05:46 PM

MJ

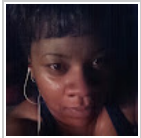
“ Melvin J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emma J. Wood.

Melvin J. - January 03 at 05:46 PM



“ To the family:
"May you find hope in your sadness, peace in your thoughts, healing in your heart. Thinking of you in this difficult time".
We stayed in the Woodlawn Apts with our children. Always remember your smile.
Rubye Wilks-Wilson

Rubye Wilson - January 03 at 01:13 PM



“ Rest well Beautiful, thanks for ALL the times you gave me a ride home making sure I was safe...❤️ Well Done
Melissa Evans

Melissa Washington - January 03 at 12:34 PM



“ Larry and Gloria Robinson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emma J. Wood.



Larry and Gloria Robinson - January 01 at 06:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ben and Glenda Morgan - January 01 at 04:47 PM

G

“ We send our love to Frankie, their children
and the entire family.

Ben & Glenda Morgan

Ben and Glenda Morgan - January 01 at 04:43 PM

D

“ Sincere Condolences to the Family.

Dr. Lonita

Dr. L. A. Davidson - January 01 at 01:47 AM

LS

“ Lillie Sampson-Roshell lit a candle in memory
of Emma J. Wood

Lillie Sampson-Roshell - January 01 at 01:04 AM

WH

“ I have thought of Emma over the years. We were very good friends in high school. She was smart, witty and had beautiful eyes. My deepest condolences to her family as they are dealing with her loss. May she rest in peace and paradise.

Winzetta Harrison

Winzetta Harrison - December 31, 2025 at 07:41 AM

ET

“ EDNA TALLEY lit a candle in memory of Emma J. Wood

EDNA TALLEY - December 30, 2025 at 10:48 PM

VT

“ Viv, Renee, Toni, Val, Leslie, & Tonya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emma J. Wood.

Viv, Renee, Toni, Val, Leslie, & Tonya - December 30, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emma J. Wood.



December 30, 2025 at 06:09 PM

CF

“ *Loving memories to the family of Emma wood
continue to keep GOD first. Cora Fields and
Family*

Cora Fields - December 30, 2025 at 03:25 AM

LR

“ *Our Prayer is that The Love of Jesus will
surround the family and provide the strength
they need in these difficult times.
Larry-Gloria Robinson*

Larry Robinson - December 28, 2025 at 01:22 PM

PR

“ *Always so nice*

PHYLLIS ROBINSON - December 27, 2025 at 03:59 PM

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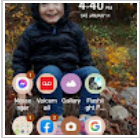
“ *Always so nice*

PHYLLIS ROBINSON - December 27, 2025 at 03:59 PM

BS

“ *Brenda S lit a candle in memory of Emma J. Wood*

Brenda S - December 27, 2025 at 04:18 AM



“ *I worked with Emma for many years. She was always a very classy lady. I was blessed to have known such a fine person for so many years. Heaven gained a beautiful angel the day God called Emma home.*

Carole Shelnutt - December 26, 2025 at 03:39 PM

LR

“ *Praying that God will grant the family strength as you go thru these trying days.*
Larry and Gloria Robinson

Larry-Gloria Robinson - December 24, 2025 at 11:31 AM

TS

“ *Thailia Smith lit a candle in memory of Emma J. Wood*

Thailia Smith - December 23, 2025 at 06:51 PM

LW

“ I remember Emma from going through the many school years, from elementary through graduation. She was very pleasant to be around and always carried a quiet disposition. Keeping her family in prayer.

LaMar Woods - December 23, 2025 at 06:25 PM

KG

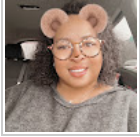
I agree! She was a very kind, friendly, humble soft spoken person. She was a very good friend to me even after graduation. She was very smart, too.

Katherine Garth - December 24, 2025 at 06:20 PM

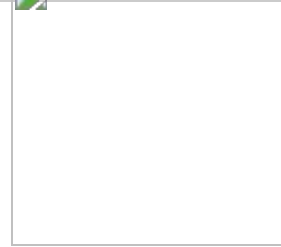
L

“ Emma was such a beautiful, kind and sweet person.
I worked with her for several years and she was awesome.
Always kind, never raised her voice and loved her family.
If you had to opportunity to know her, you were Blessed.
I Pray that GOD will give the family Peace and Comfort during their time of sorrow. Please know that God is always there and Emma
will always be with you....right there in your heart!!!
Love
Linda and Octavia

Linda Vance-Farris - December 23, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *Vanessa Holloway lit a candle in memory of Emma J. Wood*



Vanessa Holloway - December 23, 2025 at 01:13 PM