



## Mrs. Kathryn E. Wood

September 23, 1918 - January 6, 2016

Mrs. Kathryn Elizabeth (Church) Wood, 97, of 9 Kittler Ave. Adams, died early Wednesday morning, January 6, 2016, at Williamstown Commons.

She was born in Hoosick Falls, NY on September 23, 1918, a daughter of the late Clarence and Alice (Fiet) Church. She attended schools there, graduating from Hoosick Falls High School. She then earned her bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Houghton College. She had lived in Adams since 1958.

Mrs. Wood first worked as a math teacher in the Pownal (VT) school system. She then worked as a mathematician for the former Sprague Electric Co. in North Adams until her retirement. She later worked part-time for several years for the Green Thumb Program in Williamstown.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Adams. She enjoyed watching several television programs, including Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy and Antiques Roadshow, and was a true optimist.

Her husband, Ralph J. Wood, whom she married on May 26, 1958, died in 1979.

She is survived by a son, Ralph Wood and his wife, Laurie, of Cheshire;

4 Grandchildren, Joseph Wood and his wife, Emma, of South Dartmouth, MA; Michael Wood and his companion, Libby Derosia, of Clarksburg; Carin DeGrenier and her husband, Chad, of Clarksburg, and Colleen Johnson and her husband, Dan, of North Adams;

7 Great Grandchildren, including Nola, Allison, Jordan, Lindsey, Audrey, Brianna and Evan; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a son, Ronald Wood, and by 2 brothers, Earl and Chester Church.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at 12 Noon in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams.

Rev. Michael Mullany, Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Adams, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Saturday from 10:00 AM until the service, at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St. Springfield, MA 01104.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathies*

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**Bernard Garand and Jacqueline armstrong** - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

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“ *Ralph, Laurie, joe, mike and family, my mother and I are so very sorry for your loss of kathryn. She was such a wonderful person. Dawn Guettler (Bedard)Sharyl Bedard*

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**Sharyl Bedard** - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

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“ *Grandma Kathryn was a third parent to my brother and I. Her kindness and patience will never be forgotten. She will surely be missed.*

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**Joseph Wood** - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

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“ *Celebrating a life well lived. We will cherish the memories forever.*

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**Paula Savery** - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

“ You want a physicist to speak at your funeral. You want the physicist to talk to your grieving family about the conservation of energy, so they will understand that your energy has not died. You want the physicist to remind your sobbing mother about the first law of thermodynamics; that no energy gets created in the universe, and none is destroyed. You want your mother to know that all your energy, every vibration, every Btu of heat, every wave of every particle that was her beloved child remains with her in this world. You want the physicist to tell your weeping father that amid energies of the cosmos, you gave as good as you got. And at one point you'd hope that the physicist would step down from the pulpit and walk to your brokenhearted spouse there in the pew and tell him that all the photons that ever bounced off your face, all the particles whose paths were interrupted by your smile, by the touch of your hair, hundreds of trillions of particles, have raced off like children, their ways forever changed by you. And as your widow rocks in the arms of a loving family, may the physicist let her know that all the photons that bounced from you were gathered in the particle detectors that are her eyes, that those photons created within her constellations of electromagnetically charged neurons whose energy will go on forever. And the physicist will remind the congregation of how much of all our energy is given off as heat. There may be a few fanning themselves with their programs as he says it. And he will tell them that the warmth that flowed through you in life is still here, still part of all that we are, even as we who mourn continue the heat of our own lives. And you'll want the physicist to explain to those who loved you that they need not have faith; indeed, they should not have faith. Let them know that they can measure, that scientists have measured precisely the conservation of energy and found it accurate, verifiable and consistent across space and time. You can hope your family will examine the evidence and satisfy themselves that the science is sound and that they'll be comforted to know your energy's still around. According to the law of the conservation of energy, not a bit of you is gone; you're just less orderly. Amen.

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Joe Wood - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM