



## Shirley C. (Carlberg) Wood

March 9, 1923 - May 17, 2011

Shirley C. (Carlberg) Wood, age 88, of Rensselaer passed away May 17, 2011 at the Jasper County Hospital. Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on March 9, 1923, she was the daughter of Theodore E. and Cecilia (O'Day) Carlberg. Shirley lived in both Elizabeth, NJ and Chicago before moving to Rensselaer in 1949. A 1940 graduate of Batton High School in Elizabeth, NJ she furthered her education at Pace Institute, New York, NY. On October 5, 1946, in Elizabeth, Shirley married Otto "Phil" Wood who survives. A homemaker, Shirley was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Rensselaer, the Prairie Arts Council, the Art League, Bridge Club and was a 50-year member of TriKappa Sorority. During World War II Shirley was a volunteer with the American Red Cross. Along with her husband Phil, Shirley is survived by her three loving sons, Richard Phillips (Wendy) Wood, Sutton, AK, Jeffrey (Dianna) Wood and Bruce K. (Shelia) Wood, both of Rensselaer, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, and her sister, Virginia Armknecht, Orchid Park, NY.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **20**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Pfoutz lit a candle in memory of Shirley C. (Carlberg) Wood*



Laura Pfoutz - September 01, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Miss and love you, Grams.* 💙💛

Laura Wood - February 20, 2022 at 09:32 PM



“ *Bruce and family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. Where Lazarus is  
poor no longer, may she find eternal rest. Time and space can  
never divide or keep your dear mom from your side.*

*Blessings*

*Deacon Tom Jurek##imported-begin##Tom Jurek##imported-end##*

June 01, 2011 at 12:26 PM



“ *Phil, Bruce and Jeff,  
Please know our thoughts are with you all at this very difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mike and Janet Brown##imported-begin##Mike and Jan  
Brown##imported-end##*

May 27, 2011 at 06:43 PM



“ To the Wood Family:

*As a "neighborhood kid," I will always remember Mrs. Wood as a very kind and caring person. She always had time for a story or laugh. After I moved away from Rensselaer, she often would stop to talk after church when I visited.*

*We bought our first dog, "Pedro," from your Jose. She told me she knew I would be a good owner, so she let me take it home in the pocket of my hoodie. I was maybe 6 or 7 at the time, and thrilled to death.*

*Godspeed to a wonderful lady.*

*Jeff Tonner*

*Phoenix, AZ###imported-begin##Jeff Tonner##imported-end##*

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May 23, 2011 at 07:23 PM



“ Bruce, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, sorry to hear of your mothers passing. May God comfort you in the days ahead.###imported-begin##Steve Schroeder##imported-end##

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May 23, 2011 at 06:09 PM



“ Unfortunately I wasn't able to be home to say goodbye to the wonderful neighbor, friend, and woman I have come to know since childhood but I know that my mother made sure that she received the same pink rose I've given her every year since we moved. It has been a pleasure to know Mr. and Mrs. Wood and to always be welcome in their home to spend time in their company. I'll take her a rose every year as tradition carries on, just as her life will carry on in our hearts and memories.##imported-begin##Brianna Sammons##imported-end##

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May 21, 2011 at 08:55 PM



“ I am SO sad to hear of Shirley's passing. I first met Shirley when I was a part time library employee and she was a library board member. She was one of the most gracious, lovely, and kind women that I have ever met. She always greeted me with a smile and a twinkle in her eye. You have my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Cindy Stath##imported-end##

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May 21, 2011 at 06:39 PM



“ so sorry to hear about Shirley, what a wonderful person she was, loved the smile  
my sympathy##imported-begin##Nancy Bledsoe Nagel##imported-end##

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May 21, 2011 at 09:20 AM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you in your mothers passing.  
may God be with you and bless you with wonderful memories.##imported-begin##Rick and Linda Lowry and Doris Scripter##imported-end##

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May 21, 2011 at 12:38 AM



“ To the family of Shirley C. Wood - I've known Shirley for 50 of my 55 years of age. What a gentle, kind, loving friend and mother who will be missed by all who had the honor of having Shirley be a part of their lives.  
Our sincere condolences - we will miss her!

Sincerely,

Pat and Rick Bell

Atlantic Beach, FL##imported-begin##Pat Bell##imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 03:52 PM



“ We are sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. She was such a lady and a wonderful friend. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Thom and Nancy Brown##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 08:32 PM



“ Thinking of you Phil, and your family during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Edna M. Whaley##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 07:47 PM



“ Dear Sarah & Family,

*My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow."*

*"Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your grandfather."*

*As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring your Grandmother's life.*

*Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*You will be in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Purity Mason###imported-begin###Purity Mason###imported-end###*

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May 19, 2011 at 02:35 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time###imported-begin###Jen Von Tobel###imported-end###

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May 19, 2011 at 01:14 PM



“ Dear Phil and family, Henry and I were deeply saddened by the news of Shirley's passing. I will always remember her as a beautiful and refined woman, both inside and out. We had some good times in Fairfield traipsing through the marshes to get to the beach and dealing with the fiddler crabs. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.###imported-begin###Barbara Coughlin###imported-end###

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May 19, 2011 at 01:04 PM



“ Uncle Phil, Dick, Jeff and Bruce...we are sorry and sad to hear that Aunt Shirley passed away. We wish we could go to see all of you but we couldn't. I will never forget her that she was a great aunt and always love her so much. I miss her so much.

Love,

Cathy Lynn and Ron##imported-begin##Cathy Lynn  
Campbell##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 11:38 AM



“ We want to send Phil and the boys our sympathy . Shirley was a great person and she will be missed.##imported-begin##Bethel and Ken Ford##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 09:53 AM



“ I might have been the youngest, loudest, most annoying, the one that REALLY tested your patience, etc; but you were always so gentle & loving.

You taught me to be a lady (well, attempted may be a little more appropriate), taught me all my manners, rocked me in the rocking chair while you sang your Irish Blessing, played the number game with me (which you told me years later that you always let me win...I thought I was actually good at it!), attempted to teach me quilting & knitting- but again, I think that falls into the 'attempted' category. You always let me drive the golf cart, even when you knew I would probably crash into Mary-Anne's cart. Regardless, you let me do it anyway & you did it with a smile on your face.

The most important thing you taught me & which I will carry with me every single day... is how to be a mother. I want you to know that you were the best mother there could ever be. You showed me motherly love when there wasn't any & I am forever thankful for that. You did everything a mother should do for her daughter & you're such an inspiration. Thank you.

You, Gramps, & Dad were always my number one's- still are! The promise we made to each other will always hold true, you have my word. I love you, Grammy. Save me a seat up there.

PS-- Sorry I accidentally hit you in the leg with the plastic baseball & yellow baseball bat (that we kept behind Grandpa's door) when I was six. You threw me a good pitch & I gave it a good swing. I know it hurt more than you let on. Love you.##imported-begin##Laura B aka 'Honey-girl, Snooks, & Shorty'##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 09:47 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Wood family in this time of loss and healing.

Myles##imported-begin##Myles Beeching##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 09:11 AM



“ Dear Phil, Jeff, Bruce, and Richard....I am so sad to hear of Shirley's passing. She was my idol...each time I saw her, I called her "Mrs. America" because she had such a warmth about her that made me feel like she was perfect....and she would laugh and hug me. It is such a jolt to know that she is gone...just can't imagine Rensselaer without her! Hugs to you all....##imported-begin##Judy Burvan##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 08:14 AM



“ So sorry for your loss - she was a great lady and will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Ruth Hoyes##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 08:05 AM



“ Jeff & Bruce: So sorry for the loss of your Mom. I know you have some wonderful memories of her to keep in your heart forever.##imported-begin##Linda (Cochran) Pugh##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 11:00 PM



“ Our family was very blessed to have enjoyed so many wonderful memories with such a great grandma! I learned a lot from you, and even though I flunked your knitting class, flunked piano and painting lessons and never really learned how to bite my tongue...I will take every memory and carry them in my heart until we meet again. You are deeply missed, but know you are resting peacefully with the Lord now. So until we meet again...

Forever Yours,

Apple Cheeks##imported-begin##Sarah DeWees##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 06:59 PM



“ Wood Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mrs. Wood was a true lady, she will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##Jovita Courtney##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 06:34 PM



“ Phil & family,

We are so sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Mike & Jeanette Leichy##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 05:26 PM



“ your mom was one of the true ladies in town she will missed by god bless you##imported-begin##becky prouty##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 05:01 PM