



William Inskeep Wood

September 3, 1962 - October 6, 2019

William “Skip” Wood, 57, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away Sunday, October 6, 2019. He was born September 3, 1962 in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and spent most of his childhood in Manassas and Virginia Beach, VA. He was the son of the late Sherry and Bill Wood and the brother of the late John Wood. He graduated from Kempsville High School in Virginia Beach and received a BA in Communications Studies from Virginia Tech where he studied print journalism. Upon graduating, he was a sportswriter for the Daily News Record in Harrisonburg, VA and then continued his sports writing career at the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He then became a national award-winning sportswriter for USA Today where he broke and covered stories for the NFL, NBA, NASCAR and college football. He covered 12 Super Bowls, as well as the NBA Finals, men’s and women’s NCAA Final Fours, Daytona 500s, national college football championships and the Olympics. He investigated the death of Dale Earnhardt that prompted upgraded safety measures and other non-sports stories like the Virginia Tech shootings, 9-11 terrorist attacks and the devastation of Katrina in New Orleans. Later in his career he was a writer for WJLA.com and most recently Patch.com.

He was an amazing writer, wordsmith and a walking grammar book. He had a passion for politics and loved classic rock and the Grateful Dead, mainly on vinyl! He was a beach worshiper and enjoyed getting “rays” in our backyard or anywhere in the sun.

He was married to his beloved wife, Bonnie, for more than 21 years. His sons, Campbell and Branson were his biggest pride and joy.

Relatives and friends may gather at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 3-6PM. A small service will be held at a later date at Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA. In lieu of flowers, a GoFundMe page has been set up for the boys he treasured at gf.me/u/vu646z or www.gofundme.com and search "Skip Wood." Contributions can also be sent to Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, 712 Massanetta Springs Road, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801.

Previous Events

Gathering

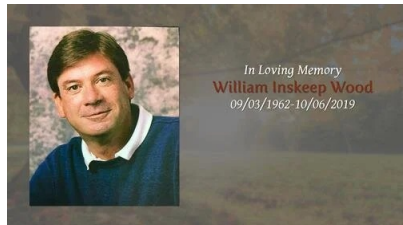
OCT **12**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
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<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of William Inskeep Wood*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - October 11, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *William Inskeep Wood*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Inskeep Wood.*



October 12, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *I can remember Skip and his family coming to Mississippi for Christmas at grandmamas and granddaddy house. Him and John loved to tag along with their cousins Ricky and Ronny. You'll be missed, Skip. Love, Beverly Bailey*

Beverly Bailey - October 10, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Inskeep Wood.*



October 10, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William Inskeep Wood.*



October 09, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ *Dear Bonnie:
Nancy and I were stunned to learn of Skip's passing. The last time he called me, Nancy answered the phone. When Skip identified himself, Nancy said "BULLDOG!" He was, indeed, a bulldog and one of the hardest-working reporters I ever knew. We will not be able to attend the service Saturday, but I hope I can make the service at Massanetta Springs. When that date and time are set, please let me know at whmillsaps@gmail.com. Our deepest sympathies to you and your boys.*

Bill Millsaps

Bill Millsaps - October 09, 2019 at 09:16 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family. Skip and my brother Dink were best friends in high school. He spent many a day out our house. He will be missed by many.*

Brian OHara - October 09, 2019 at 08:13 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Inskeep Wood.*



October 09, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Inskeep Wood.*



October 08, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Inskeep Wood.*



October 08, 2019 at 04:21 PM

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“*Sorry to hear of Skip's passing. Worked with him here at The Times-Dispatch and always enjoyed working stories with him. Great writer/reporter/person*
Joe Mahoney/T-D Photo

Joe Mahoney - October 08, 2019 at 04:15 PM