

The Rev. Rogers Taylor "Rodge" Wood

The Rev. Rodgers Taylor "Rodge" Wood, 89, of Kennedy Twp., passed away on January 13, 2023. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA, on December 16, 1933, the son of the late Robert E. & Margaret L. (Lindquist) Wood.

He was the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in the North Hills from 1981 until his retirement in 1999 and prior to that he was the rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Moon Township. His ministry included serving as a chaplain to a group of men incarcerated for life at Western Penitentiary.



In retirement he served as an interim and supply priest for parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia and the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. Before entering the priesthood, he worked in radio and television, most notably as the DJ (and heartthrob) of "Rodge's Garage" at WDAD in Indiana, PA and as the weatherman at WJAC in Johnstown. He also served for two years in the US Army. In a full life of many accomplishments, he would say his family was his greatest achievement.

He was the beloved husband for 67 years of Roselind Davis Wood; devoted father to Melanie Wood (Beth Hines), OH; Jennifer Wood (Robert Steffes), Aliquippa; and Heather Wood (Mark Ring), CA; He adored his five grandchildren, Alison, Michael, Lindy, Taylor, and Casey and two great grandchildren, Samson & Bohdan. He is also survived by his brother, Geoffrey Wood (Rosalie), NC; and sister-in-law Darie Davis (Chuck Taubersmith), NC.

A memorial service will be held on **Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 2 p.m.** at <u>Christ Episcopal Church</u>, North Hills, 5910 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Clergy attending are encouraged to vest and process with white stoles.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the <u>Pittsburgh Prison Book Project</u>, c/o the Thomas Merton Center, 5129 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224 or to the <u>Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank</u>, 1 N. Linden St. Duquesne, PA 15110.

Rest eternal grant to your servant, Rodge, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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