



## John Thomas Woods

January 23, 1967 - May 11, 2025

A visitation for John Woods, 58, of Lexington, will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings, Texas.

John Thomas Woods was born January 23, 1967, to Rev. Thomas and Irene (Bagwell) Woods in Alexandria, Virginia. John was baptized on March 17, 1967, at Immanuel Church on the Hill in Virginia and confirmed by his father on May 6, 1979, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Henderson, Texas. He graduated from Henderson High School in 1985. Later, ultimately, from the University of Texas at Tyler, he received his degree in political science and always maintained an excellent enthusiasm for discussing politics.

Twenty-four years ago, he met and married the love of his life, Terri (Dollar) Woods, and they were blessed with their son, Trey, in 2003.

John discovered his true calling was teaching. In 2013, Mr. Woods began his new career as a teacher at the Giddings Elementary School, where he surrounded himself with cohorts that soon became family.

Anyone who ever worked with John would quickly note how witty he was. He could come up with some of the best one-liners and was sure to get a laugh from everyone, or at least a few head shakes. His co-workers also described him as "bougie." Everything he did was "extra" and done with great

extravagance—from his lunches to his classroom decor to his gifts for his students. He was passionate about his job and truly loved his students and coworkers.

John put so much love and thought into everything he did. His actions were intentional, as he carefully processed and thought about his tasks. John was loved dearly by all who worked with him. He was a true friend with a compassionate ear. He always made time for anyone who called upon him and always had thoughtful and trustworthy advice.

Throughout his life, John had many hobbies and was truly a creative and talented individual, specifically in woodworking, picture framing, and, most recently, engraving. But most important to him was anything Trey had a passion for; John was right there with him, supporting and encouraging him in any way he could, involving many late-night projects. And of course, this included a love for Oklahoma State University.

John passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Irene Woods.

John is survived by his wife, Terri Dollar Woods; his son, Trey David Woods; his siblings, Craig Woods, Michael Woods, and Curtis Woods; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Barbara and Larry Hager; and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, David and Becky Dollar, Gene and Kimmy Hagar, and Kellie and Ben Knolles, as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews, friends, and students.

Memorials may be made to the Giddings Elementary School Woods Memorial Garden.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

MAY 27. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ John was a really good friend when I was at GES. I shall miss him very much. God’s peace and comfort be yours, Terri and Trey

Mark and McClain - May 26, 2025 at 10:32 PM

YF

“ Your M&I and TJJD Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of John Thomas Woods.



Your M&I and TJJD Family - May 23, 2025 at 09:46 AM



“ I love Mr. Woods. He was the best teacher ever in my whole entire life. He was funny and always telling jokes and he was really fun. He was really kind. I loved him so very much. E.W.



W - May 21, 2025 at 11:53 PM

SW

“ Scott Whitehead lit a candle in memory of John Woods



Scott Whitehead - May 19, 2025 at 02:00 PM

JW

“ Joey Watts lit a candle in memory of John Woods



Joey Watts - May 17, 2025 at 05:32 PM

LC

“ John was a wonderful young man and we at St. Matthews in Henderson are in sympathy with his family. We have good memories of his growing up next door. Linda Craig

linda craig - May 17, 2025 at 03:58 PM

TS

“ Tim & Kathy Storer lit a candle in memory of John Woods



Tim & Kathy Storer - May 17, 2025 at 03:29 PM

JW

“ Jim Williams lit a candle in memory of John Woods



Jim Williams - May 17, 2025 at 02:36 PM

DG

“ *darren grammer lit a candle in memory of John Woods*



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**darren grammer** - May 17, 2025 at 10:19 AM

RS

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Rebecca Sherrill** - May 17, 2025 at 09:54 AM

SK

“ *Sherri Pool Kurecka lit a candle in memory of John Woods*



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**Sherri Pool Kurecka** - May 17, 2025 at 04:19 AM

CB

“ *Colleen Phillips Briggs lit a candle in memory of John Woods*



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**Colleen Phillips Briggs** - May 17, 2025 at 01:11 AM

KC

“ Kayla Stanley & Cody Church planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Thomas Woods.

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**Kayla Stanley & Cody Church** - May 16, 2025 at 08:39 PM

PS

“ Loved Mr. Woods, he was just the sweetest and was wonderful to all his students. The best personality ever. He'll be truly missed in the Giddings community. Prayers to his family and friends. Mrs. Pat



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**Pat Schramm** - May 16, 2025 at 02:01 PM