Betsy Carol Wood, loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother passed away in a tragic automobile accident along with her youngest daughter, Lisa Martin, and three grandsons, Chance, Brock, and Reid Martin on September 20th, 2004, near Sherman, Texas. Betsy was born to W.A. and Ruby Brookins on September 4, 1934 in McAlester, Oklahoma. After graduating from McAlester High School in 1953, Betsy went on to complete her B.S. degree at the University of North Texas in Denton, graduating Cum Laude. Betsy taught elementary school for 25 years in Texas and Louisiana. She married James R. Wood on October 6, 1953 in Ada, OK, where they were both students at East Central State College. Betsy was a member of High Pointe Church of Christ in McKinney, TX. Betsy taught elementary school for 20 years in Texas and additional 5 years in the state of Louisiana. Through her positive approach to working with children, she made every effort to enable them to reach their maximum potential. At the same time, she reflected in her teaching career and as a homemaker, her love of God and a strong commitment to her family. Betsy was proud of her children and her grandchildren and loved them deeply. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Betsy was preceded in death by her parents, W.A. and Ruby Brookins, brother Bill Brookins, and sister Jane Crowell. Betsy is survived by her husband, Dr. James R. Wood, McKinney, TX, sons Ronald Wood of Washington, D.C., and Roger Wood of Tyler, Texas, daughter Laura Lokey, son-in-law Jason Lokey, and grandchildren Kaley, Jay and Landry Lokey, of Farmersville, TX. Services will be held in High Pointe Church of Christ in McKinney, TX, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 23rd with Dr. Michael Lewis officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Directors.

Memorials

James, I am Angie’s best friend from Ada. I remember numerous times when I was at her house and you and your family came to visit. I was saddened to
hear of your loss and want you to know that you and your family will continue to be in my prayers.

CANDACE COOPER-COLLINS, OCTOBER 19, 2004

Dr. Wood, We have never met and do not know one another. I can only express to you my sincere and deepest apologies. I cannot begin to imagine what you must be going through. You and your son in law need one another very much now. May God grant you both the strength to get through this. From my tears to yours my deepest sympathies. From my family to yours, a prayer and hope. Sincerely, Jodi Polasky and family

JODI POLASKY, OCTOBER 6, 2004

Laura, I have thought of you so often after reading of this terrible tragedy in the paper. Teresa and Wendy confirmed that it was your family, and we are all just devastated about your loss. The Lamar family sends its love and prayers. I just wanted you to know that you're in my heart and prayers. Much love, Susan Reagan

SUSAN ALICE REAGAN, OCTOBER 3, 2004

Our heartfelt sympathy is with you all at this time. May God strengthen you in each new day is our prayer. In Christian love, Bob & Helen Rushing

BOB & HELEN RUSHING, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Wood and Martine families in your tragic loss. Know that they will live on forever in your heart and all the lives they touched with their own. May God bless and comfort you. Sharon & George Sanders/ Noble, LA

SHARON & GEORGE SANDERS, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

Dr. Wood and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. We were saddened beyond words when we heard the news and wanted to send our condolences from everyone here in Zwolle and at our school. We will continue to pray for all of you. May God Bless You and Your Family.

ZWOLLE HIGH SCHOOL ZWOLLE, LOUISIANA FACULTY AND STAFF, SEPTEMBER 29, 2004

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach
with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other belonged to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, You’d walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most, You would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

DIANNA & CHARLES BARNES, SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

I was deeply saddened when I learned of Betsy’s passing, she was a very special person to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the Martin family.

SHIRLEY A. BABER, SEPTEMBER 26, 2004

My name is Kecia Heard, from Texarkana, Texas. I read about the story in the paper and I wanted to say I am so sorry for the tragic loss you are experiencing at this time. Please know that you are in my heart and prayers. I know yours is a Christian household, so please be reminded of Revelations 21:3-5. Your family and the Latino family will always be in my prayers. My Jehovah God continue to be with you all. Much Christian Love, Kecia Heard TXK, TX

KECIA K. HEARD, SEPTEMBER 25, 2004

My deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear wife, daughter and grand sons. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

ESTHER GUERRERO, LAREDO TX, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

As member of the Church of Christ we have made regular visits to High Pointe. We did not know the family personally, but grieve along with the survivors and church members for such a tragic loss. God Bless you all.
Dear Wood Family, I do not know your family, but I think of you often. I am so sorry for your loss and want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

MONICA LOYA, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

To the Martin, Woods & Lokey Family, Words cannot express our sorrow and how deeply saddened we are to hear about this terrible tragedy. Our hearts & prayers go out to each and everyone in your family. We will continue to pray everyday for God to give you the strength & support to carry on during this most difficult time. May God Bless You... Sincerely, Randy & Debbie Williams (brother/brother in law of Debi & Eric Lokey)

RANDY & DEBBIE WILLIAMS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

Precious Saints of God, FOOTPRINTS "Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You, we would walk side by side through life, but when I needed You most, I saw only one set of footprints in the sand." The Lord replied, "It was during your time of need that I carried you." In Jesus name, we pray you will feel His presence, His loving arms wrapped around you holding you tight. We thank Him that in a time of such darkness, His light shines so brightly through you to others, glorifying His name. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Romans 8:37

ED AND DEE REEVE, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

You don't know me but your family is in my prayers. I am from Denison and I just wanted you to know I'm sorry about this tragic accident.

ANN SHIELDS, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

James, Laura, and Jason, I am so sorry for your loss. Betsy was a wonderful and caring woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

RUSS & MARGE QUALLS, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

JIM, WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR TERRIBLE LOSS. JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW WE THINKING OF YOU AND PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. WE KNOW THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU THE GRACE TO GET THROUGH EACH DAY.

BUDDY & ALICE BYRD, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.
SHIRLEY KEHM (BROOKSHIRE'S), SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

We are very sorry to learn about your loss. You are in our prayers and know that you have our deepest sympathy.
FRANK AND BONNIE CARTER, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

I wanted you to know that I am praying for you and your family. I am asking God to give you strength and to comfort you through this difficult time. I pray that you are completely surrounded by people who love you.
DIANE BARNES, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

MY GOD BE WITH YOU EACH AND EVERYDAY AND HELP YOU HEAL YOUR GREAT LOSS
PAM P PARKER, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Dear Wood Family, I am so sorry to learn of your great loss. I remember many times that my mother, Elise Walker, and I shared with you at Brandenburg and MacArthur when you were in Irving. Mother always spoke so highly of all of your family. Please know that each of you is in my thoughts and prayers. Look to the Lord for comfort and grace, and He will carry you through this difficult time.
ANNA G. KIRKLAND, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

To the Wood family, and in particular, my dear friend and former student, Ronnie: I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. This is such a poor time, Ronnie, to let you know that I think of you so often. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts. God bless you all and give you peace.
NANCY L. KEY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

I am so very sorry for your loss. I did not know your family but our thoughts and prayers are with you.
LISA SIEBERT-DENISON, TX., SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Laura, Betsy's daughter, was one of my best friends in high school. I have fond memories of Betsy. We had many slumber parties and pool parties at the Wood's home. Everyone was welcome and Betsy always made me feel at home. I remember Betsy checking on us when we were staying up late
watching movies and cooking breakfast for us the next morning. She was a wonderful, sweet lady. Laura and Mr. Wood, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers. God bless you! Val Grabowski-Osterhoudt

Weatherford, Texas

VAL GRABOWSKI-OSTERHOUDT, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Bill and Sue Ferguson

BILL AND SUE FERGUSON, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

James, Laura and family. Our deepest sympathy at this time, we are keeping you in thought and prayer at this time. Our love, Floyd and Imogene Foster

FLOYD AND IMOGENE FOSTER, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

You and your family were so special to the teachers at Brandenburg including me. I am keeping you all in my prayers.

BILLIE HENDERSON, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Dr. Wood please know that even though it has been a long time since we have seen you our family has been deeply saddened by this tragic loss in your family. Lisa and Betsy gave Alisha many happy memories during your time in Brownsboro. Please know that Dink and I, Jeremy and Alisha and their families are praying for you during this sad time.

LUDENE DURHAM, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

James & Laura, Sorry for the loss of your wife/mother, daughter/sister, grandsons/nephews. May the strength of your faith in God comfort you through this tragic loss. Susan and I are former members @ Westside/Highpointe (1996-1999).

STAN & SUSAN COX, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Dr. Wood, Laura and family, I am so sorry for your tragic loss. You and your family are in our prayers daily. May God's Peace be with you and give you the strength you need.

DEDE SIMS, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND SORROW FOR THIS FAMILY. I DON'T EVEN KNOW THEM AT ALL, BUT THEY SEEM TO LOOK
LIKE A HAPPY FAMILY. THE ONLY ENCOURAGEMENT THAT I CAN OFFER YOU IS THAT THEY ARE IN GOD'S HANDS. I GUARANTEE THEY ARE SMILING DOWN ON YOU RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU DURING YOUR TIME OF LOSS. I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO LEAN ON THE LORD DURING THIS SAD TIME. GOD BLESS, BECKY ELROD

REBECCA DANAE ELROD, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Dr. Wood It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of your wife, daughter and three grandsons. Word of your loss traveled through Many, La. late Wednesday, Sept. 22. We share in your loss and pray for comfort for you and your family during this time of grief. Mrs. Wood will be remembered as a wonderful teacher by all of the children whose lives she touched when she taught at Many Elementary School. She was patient, kind and loving. Our prayers are with you.

DONNA SMITH AMMONS, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE MARTIN, WOOD, AND LOKEY FAMILIES. WE PRAY SOME WAY SOME HOW, IN TIME, YOU WILL FIND PEACE. GOD BLESS.

CINDY & W.T. HOOTEN, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

I didn't know your family, but I want you to know that you are in our prayers and we pray that you find comfort in the Lord's arms.

BRENDA SCHICKEDANZ, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

Laura and Jason our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

SAM AND PATRICIA SERIO, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

Laura, I want you and Jason to know that all I have thought about since hearing of the accident is the impact such an event has on an entire family. Know that our prayers are with you and the entire Martin/Wood and Lokey families.

JULI FERRARO, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

We are so sorry for your loss. We pray that God will comfort you now and in the future!

JACK & DENICE WEBB, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004
Jay and I lived next door to Jim and Betsy when they lived in Irving, TX on Weathered. We shared many of good times together. I'll never forget how special Betsy was, she was always a giver and a doer. I have one of her crochet books she gave me and it’s still being used. Lisa and my girls (Jeri and Darlyng) played together. Jim, I do not have the words to express the sorrow my family feels. We learned from her, she gave us the knowledge and the motivation to be better people. Our hearts are heavy and we'll treasure Betsy forever. Our prayers are with you all.

NANCY LOVE, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

Jerrol and I send our deepest regrets in the deaths of Betsy, Lisa, and children. Betsy will always have a special place in our hearts as a friend, teacher, and co-worker while you were in Brownsboro. We have fond memories of the time we spent together. Our prayers are with the entire family.

BETH PARKER, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004