



## Anthony J. "A.J." Wood

March 4, 1973 - November 22, 2025

Anthony J. "A.J." Wood, age 52, of Kankakee passed away Saturday, November 22, 2025 in Kankakee. He was born March 4, 1973 in Rensselaer, IN, the son of James Wood & Silka Melendez. A.J. married Laura Casas on April 11, 2003 in Kankakee.

A.J. worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and fixing things. He was a talented mechanic. A.J. loved to help family and friends in exchange for a good meal.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife of 22 years, Laura Wood of Manteno; his children, Brittany Tegarden of IN, Marissa Wood of IN, Alicia Wood of Manteno, Jasmine Wood of Manteno, Gabby Wood of Manteno, Michael Wood of Manteno, and Emma Wood of Manteno; his father, James Wood of Indiana; his mother, Silka Melendez of Kankakee; four sisters, Micaela (Derek) Ryan of Kankakee, Vilma (Jen) Wood of Kankakee, Jamie Wood-Benoit (Joseph Benoit) of Plainfield, Brenda (Brian) Pagano of Rockford; stepsisters, Shannon Whitmore and Amanda Whitmore; one brother, Shaun Wood of IN; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. A.J. is preceded in death by his grandparents and aunts and uncles.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held from 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at the Limestone Park Building.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes for the children's education.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 7. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Park Building  
RR 4  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

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“ *In memory of A.J.* ”



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**Deb Ellis** - November 25, 2025 at 06:20 PM