



Dr. Christopher Griffith Wood Sr.

NOV 22, 1963 - NOV 3, 2021



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Dr. Christopher Wood died in the late hours of November 3rd, 2021 after a nearly 1 year battle against a neurologic condition. The cause of which remained a mystery which weighed on him during his final days. Chris was a singular force in the world of kidney cancer surgery and research. His innumerable contributions to the field will reverberate for generations. The countless lives he has saved sets a high water mark few oncologists will ever match. The loss of Chris is simply unbearable to the many with whom he shared time. To those who will now never have that privilege the lost opportunity cannot be overstated. The outpouring of grief across the globe is just a small indication of his profound impact on so many. Chris had a larger than life personality, a boundless intellect, a humble humor, and above all else a seemingly limitless generosity. Despite every conceivable justification for hubris Chris always put others on a pedestal above himself. He cared so deeply, provided so much of himself to others, and never focused the lens of attention to his own needs or ego. Now the lens of sorrow gathers the countless among us who weep at his loss and focuses it here in Texas where he has spent the lions share of his life.

Chris loved medicine, but one thing he loved more was his family. Chris met his wife, Colleen B. Wood, while in medical school from there she became one of his main supporters. She made sure to keep him humble and down to earth throughout all of his accomplishments. Chris took great pride in watching his kids, Chris Jr., and Sarah grow up and accomplish their dreams. He was very proud of them. Chris enjoyed traveling the world in fact he took great pride in visiting all the continents around the world in Red Sox attire and or Texan's attire. Chris and his family would often spend a lot of time in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He was an avid downhill skier and would hit the slopes with his son, Chris Jr., and brother, Ken.

Before becoming the world renown surgeon, we all know and love today, Chris was born in Warwick, Rhode Island where he thought making milkshakes at Newport Creamery was his true



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calling. His mother and father, Kenneth G. and Janet L. Wood knew he was something special and pushed him to be someone more than making milkshakes in Warwick, RI.

We loved him deeply and his absence will leave a void in our hearts for the rest of our days. He is survived by his wife Colleen and children, to whom he was their best friend, Chris Jr and Sarah, and his brothers Todd and Kenneth.

Celebration of Life for Christopher G Wood

January 8th, 2022

3pm - 6pm

Chairman's Club at NRG Stadium

(7th floor south side of stadium)

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Events

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 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT

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Houston TX



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Shelly Pg posted:

I was referred to Dr. Wood at MD Anderson in 2018 when my local doctor thought I had cancer of the kidney. Dr. Wood was just so brilliant in our pre-op meeting that I knew i was in good hands. After he performed the partial open nephrectomy, he came in a few days later to tell me it wasn't cancer and that it was a benign oncocytoma--very rare. I said "I bet you don't get to say that very often" (about no cancer) and he shook his head sadly, although he was quite happy for ME! He was a champion in helping people with kidney cancer survive and thrive. He took out the tumor, saving my collecting area, and i was cured. I know in lesser hands my kidney would not have been saved as it was deep in the kidney and in a tricky place. I was so impressed with the well-oiled (yet friendly) machine that is MD Anderson and especially with Dr. Wood. It's now Sept. 2025 and I am so sorry to hear that he died so young, taking that wonderful mind and beside manner with him. Condolences to his family. Michelle Gilson, Austin, Texas

September 22 at 5:55 PM



Pamela Bennett. A Patient Of Dr. Woods posted:

I just called (10/30/24) MD Anderson wanting to schedule an appointment. Dr. Woods performed a partial nephrectomy several years ago...2003. He was an awesome doctor, that's why I never forgot him. I'm so very sorry and very sad to hear today of his passing. Thanks Dr. Woods for looking out for me. To your family I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Woods was such a wonderful person.

October 30 at 3:00 PM



Rene Medrano posted:

He was my doctor. I am so sad to hear this because of him helping me out a lot of my cancer. I am still alive. I miss you, Doctor you're you're the best bro

August 25 at 2:55 PM



Kathryn Ledesma posted:

I am so sad to hear of his passing. He did surgery on my mom several years ago and because of this she had so many more years of life. We r from New Mexico and there we were told my mom would not survive the cancer. Dr Wood was not afraid of the cancer. He was a blessing to our family. I am so sorry for his family. How lucky we are to have had Dr Wood touch our lives with his skills and knowledge. I am at Md Anderson once again now with my sister. I hope we find resolution with her as we did with our mom several years ago.

March 27 at 6:20 AM



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SW

Stuart Webb posted:

Dr. Wood was such an amazing human being. He saved my life in removing my kidney which had a clear cell carcinoma. I enjoyed his company every time he and his entourage stopped by after surgery. On one occasion I was able to get him to laugh and two of his fellows came back to my room later to ask what I had said to make him laugh. He was a giant in his field and his presence will be missed and remembered for many years to come. I am certain that I am only one of so many people that he saved. My family and I are eternally grateful. It isn't possible to Thank you enough Dr. Wood. I pray for God to grant you and your family His very best. I know you gave me a gift I cannot repay.

September 12 at 5:37 AM

AS

Alfred Emanuel Smith posted:

Fly high Dr Chris Wood. Your efforts on my behalf are greatly appreciated. It has been nine years since you operated to remove my fast-growing ACC tumor. I learned of your passing at my annual checkup. How shocked was I to learn of your passing. I am grateful you shared your skills with me. I will strive to serve my family and community with the time I have left. Thank you. Fly high and inspire others.

December 24 at 5:37 PM

CR

Charles Lee Russo posted:

I just saw the obituary that Dr. Wood had passed. He saved my life like many others. He called me to persuade me to go through with my surgery because I did not want to go through with the surgery. My tumor had grown from very small to 11 cm by 11 cm. I would like to express my sympathy for such a great loss. Great and caring man that will be missed.

August 22 at 9:23 AM



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JS

Joe Stone posted:

RIP Christopher Wood. You saved my life in 2005 when I was first diagnosed with RCC. You performed life saving surgery and removed my cancerous kidney. Unfortunately it metastasized and I'm still fighting the awful disease. Never in a million years did I think you would ever pass before me, especially considering you were younger. I feel an awful loss, because I knew you were always in my corner and ready to help me down at MDA if and when the time came. I remember seeing you and the smile on your face a few years when you learned that I was still alive all these years later. Thank you again for the extra life you gave me! I've had the chance to see kids graduate from high school and college. I've had the chance to witness both daughters get married and start families of their own, including grand kids! Thank you and some day I will see you on the other side. In the meantime, per your recommendation, I'm living each day to the fullest thanks to YOU! Joseph Stone

May 8 at 2:49 AM

LM

Lucila Medina June 25 at 2:02 PM

El Dr. Christopher Wood, salvó mi vida en 2017, fue el único Médico en el MD Anderson CANCER Center, que me dio una esperanza de seguir viviendo, estoy agradecida con Dios por colocarlo en mi camino, hoy me enteré de su partida sinceramente siento un profundo dolor y una gran tristeza, el era una excelente persona, un gran ser humano, con una humildad incomparable, una gran sensibilidad humana, un corazón muy noble y un excelente profesional con una inteligencia de otro nivel. Dios lo reciba en su Santa Gloria. Lo voy a extrañar por siempre. Ya no lo volveré a ver en su consulta. QDEP 😭

TF

The Perkins Family posted:

There are no words to express the impact Dr. Wood had my family's life. After a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma, we were truly blessed to receive a referral to MD Anderson and Dr. Wood. Through it all, Dr. Wood proved to be a man of great knowledge, skill, and compassion. After doing his part of the surgery, he was sitting with me when he got the call from the second surgeon saying that the tumor in the IVC as a direct extension and had been removed. He seemed as relieved as I was. Throughout some complications with fluid retention and an extended hospital stay, Dr. Wood continued to share his knowledge, skills, support, and compassion with me and my husband. A few months later, an elderly lady who had also been diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma was given just weeks to live. The family had been told she wouldn't make it until Christmas. We gave her Dr. Wood's name, and she was able to get a referral to him. She celebrated that Christmas with her family, and many more. To his wife, children, other family members and friends, our heartfelt gratitude for sharing this wonderful man with us. His legacy lives on through those whose lives he saved

March 31 at 1:17 AM



NH

Nancy Heaton shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



My heart is heavy in sorrow after finding out today that Dr. Wood passed away. My friend was just diagnosed with a mass in her kidney and is being referred to MD Anderson. She was familiar with my cancer history and wanted to go to my doctor. They called her today and said she will be seeing another doctor because Dr. Wood had passed. About 8 years ago I was diagnosed with Stage 3 renal carcinoma. A routine MRI by my spine care doctor showed a mass. Next day I was sent for a CAT scan and referred to a urologist in Bryan-College Station. It was determined that my right kidney was dying because of a large stone in the opening imbedded in tissues was blocking it from functioning. They went in and tried to blast it three times so it could pass but failed to do so. Now I had a mass in my left kidney. I was told it was inoperable and that I would lose it and have to go on dialysis because it was the only healthy kidney I had left. I asked to be referred to MD Anderson and was told that the diagnosis would be the same. I said to refer me anyways. I was seen by Dr. Wood who looked at the scan and said in no uncertain terms, "I can remove this". The next week I was admitted and Dr. Wood worked his magic. The surgery was a long one but he removed the mass, saved the kidney, and got all of it so I would not need chemo or radiation. The follow-up was wonderful. After 5 years, I rang the bell and was cancer free. Now I go every two years for a follow-up. It will not be the same without Dr. Wood. He saved my life. He was so kind and gentle during the entire post-op. I asked if I could take a picture with my hero. He said, "sure". My condolences to his family. A true loss in so many ways. ...Nancy Heaton 3/24/2022

November 13 at 8:21 AM

RH

Robert Holland posted:

During a routine yearly checkup with my local urologist, it was discovered I had clear cell tumor on my right kidney. The local clinic proposed doing a laparoscopic procedure to freeze the tumor which would have been a much less invasive procedure. Several weeks went by with them saying the laparoscopic machine was out of service and they weren't sure how long it would be before they fixed it. We contacted MD Anderson and they promptly referred us to the renal division there and they set me up with an appointment for a second opinion. On the day of my appointment with Dr. Wood, I was extremely nervous about the whole situation but when he came in to the exam room (with no clipboard or notes—he had done his homework!), he was talking to me and when I told him about the laparoscopic procedure my local clinic had proposed but was in a holding pattern, Dr. Wood said "That was your lucky day." He explained that while that procedure was less invasive it wasn't always the best option. He recommended that he go in and remove it surgically and be sure they got it which involved a longer recovery time. So he set me up for surgery and did a partial nephrectomy, saving three fourths of my kidney. He was very calming and reassuring in his explanation and after 13 years and periodic checkups, I am doing fine. I always liked my checkups with him and then later, his PA, Reena Cherry. I found out about Dr. Woods' passing through a friend who was also one of his patients. I wish I could've told him this in person, but he will always hold a special place in my life. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Sincerely, Robert Holland

March 2 at 7:00 AM



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MG

Martha Gramer posted:

In 2012 I was diagnosed with bilateral renal cell carcinoma. My urologist sent me to Dr. Wood. He literally saved my life and my heart is broken with the loss of such a brilliant man. My prayers are with his family. May God wrap His arms around you and give you His peace.

January 27 at 1:55 PM

EW

Edward Spencer Williams posted:

Dr. Wood saved my father's life, when he had advanced kidney cancer, and then later he performed surgery on me to address a cancer I had. Our family owes an awful lot to Dr. Wood's expertise and excellence - our deepest condolences to his family, and our gratitude to his life and work.

January 25 at 5:01 AM

SZ

Shelley Ziehe posted:

We are devastated to hear of Dr. Wood's passing. This celebration of his life is perfectly written. He was an incredible force for good. He saved my husband's life through a difficult kidney cancer surgery. He was a delight to be around. We are eternally grateful and carry his family and friends in our hearts and prayers. God bless!

January 17 at 4:02 PM



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Thomas Trigg Lupher lit a candle in honor of Christopher.



I had the good fortune of knowing Dr. Wood from 2013 thru 2021. It started when my wife Gail found out by accident that she had a tumor on her left kidney. She went to a surgeon at another local provider, who had operated on one of her family members. That doctor told her that she needed to have her kidney removed and that there was a chance she might die on the table. We decided to come to MD Anderson Cancer Center for a second opinion. As luck would have it, Dr. Wood looked at her scans and told her that MDACC doesn't remove kidneys unless there is no other way. Dr. Wood removed an encapsulated tumor on the end of her kidney plus a 10% margin. Gail was able to keep 90% of the kidney the other fellow would have taken completely, thanks to Dr. Wood. She is cancer-free to this day, 9 years later. I was her driver on all the visits to see Dr. Wood and his wry demeanor. In August 2020, as I was preparing for a knee replacement, looking over old medical tests and scans, I found a scan of my chest from 2016 ordered by my then cardiologist of approximately 20 years. While the subject of the scan was resolved, the report went on to remark about other organs appearing in the scan, also, namely a kidney with a suspicious area around it. No one at the other major local provider referred me to anyone to check it out. Since in 2020, I then knew who to show it to, Dr. Wood, he ordered a new scan. The result was that I had tumors on BOTH kidneys, at least one of which had been growing for at least 4 years. Dr. Woods plan was partial nephrectomy on the left kidney (I kept 60%) in November 2021, then partial nephrectomy on the right kidney (I kept 70%) in January 2021. The first kidney tumor, he told me had sarcomatoid tendencies, i.e. it might come back there again and/or it may spread to other parts of the body, which it did. I credit Dr. Wood with saving my life, as a result. In August 2021, Dr. Wood transferred my case to an associate who specializes in metastasis treatment with immunotherapy. I am grateful to Dr. Wood for putting me with the best in that field to continue to fight my battle. In 2021, my brother Bob accidentally found out that he had a tumor on one of his kidneys. I told him he need to call for an appointment with Dr. Wood. Dr. Wood was able to help him, but since the tumor was already stage IV and large, it had to be removed completely. I happened to have an appointment with Dr. Wood after he first saw Bob. I told him that I had recommended Dr. Wood to him, to which Dr. Wood, wryly replied "No family discounts." We will never forget what Dr. Christopher Griffith Wood, Sr. has done for our family. Thomas Trigg Lupher & Gail G. Lupher

November 13 at 8:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wood family.



January 8 at 6:26 AM



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James posted:

Condolences. In 2017, Dr. Wood saved my life!

January 6 at 8:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Wood family.



January 6 at 6:03 AM



David M. Parrack Do Facos posted:

David M. Parrack D.O. FACOS: shared memory.....I am a retired Urologist in Arizona who would not be alive to type this remembrance without the skill and caring of Christopher Wood M.D. I was fortunate to train at M.D.Anderson Cancer center prior to Dr. Wood when I did a Residency Fellowship with his Urology Department predecessor, Douglas Johnson M.D. in 1977. Later in 2002 at age 55, when I was diagnosed with an aggressive prostate cancer, I had no doubt where I would go for treatment...MDAH. My assigned Urologist was Dr. Wood. He performed a radical prostatectomy on November 22, 2002. His surgical expertise was unquestionable. His gentle confident caring bedside manner made you feel like you were his only patient. My history subsequently has included 3 biochemical failures over the past 19 years requiring at times the need for treatment stepping outside the box. Dr. Wood never failed to advise me as to what he thought my best shot for cure would be each time. He was always a positive voice of support when I would contact him regarding treatment decisions even though I was not under his direct care. Without his advice, I doubt I would be free of prostate cancer again as I write this note. After retiring from my Urology practice in 2005, I served for a decade as Chair of Surgery at Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, I reached out to Dr. Wood multiple times to arrange for one of my students to train under him at MDAH in a sub internship position. Many of those students are now successful practicing Urologist all over the USA because of his positive influence and obvious passion for the specialty. Our lives often seem to go in circles that at time we don't understand or see clearly. I have again become a patient at MDAH in October 2021 for treatment of a totally different cancer. As I was preparing to return to Houston this month for treatment, I thought I would contact Dr. Wood and let him know I will be there for 6 weeks hoping he and I could meet up for a long overdue visit. Imagine my shock when I typed in a search to get his contact info to find out he had died in November. I send my prayers and wishes for peace and strength for his wife and children and family overall. I will always be thankful to God that Dr. Wood and my paths crossed....not just a surgeon / patient.....but as fellow Urologists and friends. Like everyone else who ever met him I will never forget what he did for me. David M. Parrack D.O. FACOS

November 13 at 8:21 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wood family.



January 4 at 9:03 AM



Elizabeth Gloff posted:

I am so sad & devastated over Dr. Wood's passing. He was the Best doctor! I had cancer on both of my kidneys. He saved my life! He was a blessing to me & my family! I felt so safe with him. I knew that I would never have to worry about anything because I was in good hands with him! There will never be anyone like him. My thoughts & prayers are with his family.

January 3 at 7:58 AM



Joey Da Costa sent a virtual gift in honor of Christopher.

In 2013 Dr Christopher Wood operated on me to remove one kidney which was totally covered with cancer. He was a very experienced surgeon and the world has lost a great surgeon. I attended many of his seminars and he has pioneered several therapies for Kidney cancer patients. May his soul Rest In Peace. Joey Da Costa



December 19 at 8:33 AM



Sharon Breaux posted:

I came to Dr Christopher Wood in September 2015 for a second opinion, having come from a few hours away from Houston. He confirmed my diagnosis and had me scheduled for less than 1 week away to remove the problem kidney. Success! He was not only a great surgeon but a respectful, humble man that was and is a blessing to so many.

December 18 at 1:07 AM



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TG

Theresa Gately posted:

I first saw Dr. Wood in June 2015 as a referral from a local urologist. Then, I was sick with a large abdominal mass which turned out to be stage 3 kidney cancer. Dr. Wood allayed my fears and concerns after telling me that he had removed hundreds of these, but that I would need to start oral chemotherapy first to shrink the tumor. After the visit, I knew that I was in expert hands, and also realized that if Dr. Wood couldn't remove the kidney mass, then it was not meant to be. During that time, Dr. Wood called me twice at home to describe the plan of care, and how he had a frustrating two hour conversation with the pharmacy board doctors of my insurance company to get his choice of chemo drug approved. After many more follow-up visits with Dr. Wood, a right radical nephrectomy and adrenalectomy was performed in September 2015, successfully. Currently, I am in the survivorship program at MD Anderson and am cancer free. Dr. Wood saved my life. Moreover, the vacant and sad feelings his loss leaves us with is indescribable. I had always enjoyed my visits to MD Anderson and seeing Dr Wood, but that has changed. No longer will I get the sense of care and protection that Dr. Wood's presence emitted. In my viewpoint, going back to MD Anderson for any reason will never be the same without Dr. Wood. I have requested that future follow-up studies and appointments be done locally from now on. Extending my heartfelt sympathies to Dr. Wood's bereaved family, and may God give him eternal joy and peace in His Heavenly Kingdom. Theresa Gately 12/11/2021

December 11 at 9:20 AM

GC

Gary W. Cejka posted:

My condolences to Dr. Wood's family for your loss of Dr. Wood. I pray for your strength and peace and ask God to be with you today and everyday to come. Like so many others, I am one of the thousands I am sure, that Dr. Wood helped and/or saved. In 2014 I met him at my appointment to confirm I had kidney cancer, stage 3. I was sick, weak, depressed and scared. He told me I had a large tumor on my kidney and that he would be able to remove it, but the kidney would come out with it. He felt my concerns and recognized my fear. He assured me he could do the job, that he had performed many such surgeries and it was possible I would not need chemo. His words and demeanor comforted me and we agreed on surgery, the Monday of Thanksgiving week. It is seven years now and everything he said came true and November 15th this year I was at MD Anderson for an annual checkup. I must tell you I looked forward to every visit over the years, because regardless of the situation his presence and words of encouragement gave me the comfort I needed to get through another year. I know you miss him, and will everyday, but know that kidney cancer survivors like me are praying for you and we are all thankful for the skills and thoughtfulness of this outstanding doctor. He was the best. God bless you all.

November 30 at 9:43 PM



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NJ

Nancie Jones posted:

Dr. Wood performed a radical nephrectomy on my husband's right kidney in Sept 2017. We truly believe that Dr. Wood's expertise saved my husband's life. We are saddened for his family, friends, and colleagues as well as his many patients. It is apparent that Dr. Wood save many, many lives and offered the opportunity for many others to have longer period of time on this Earth. We cannot express in words the deep gratitude that we feel for having been given the opportunity to meet Dr. Wood and receive the benefits of his skills and knowledge. Jones family from Alabama

November 30 at 5:33 PM

AC

Abbie Craven lit a candle in honor of Christopher.



November 28 at 1:36 PM

AK

Anne Kircher posted:

I was saddened to learn of Dr. Wood's death. He was a kind and compassionate man with a dry sense of humor and a skilled physician who saved my life in 2015. Rest in peace, Dr. Wood.

November 22 at 1:30 PM

AC

Alfred E. Carnot lit a candle in honor of Christopher.



November 17 at 12:44 AM

DS

Dr. Christopher Wood'S Lab sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Wood family.



November 15 at 10:02 AM



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Lesley Z Blumberg, Md posted:

Chris was a counselor to me and my husband, each of us having had kidney cancer. In addition, Chris was a professional colleague whose brilliance will truly be missed by the medical community. Our sadness at his passing is truly profound. Lesley Z Blumberg, MD

November 15 at 6:06 AM



Alfred Sr., Alfred Jr. & Frances Carnot sent a Three Cross Throw to the Wood family.



November 14 at 10:31 PM



Frances Carnot lit a candle in honor of Christopher.



November 14 at 9:14 PM



Larry Ward November 19 at 5:26 AM

I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of Dr. Wood. I lift up his family as they cope with the loss of husband and father. May God bless you, give you comfort and peace in the days, weeks and months ahead.



Frances Carnot November 14 at 9:46 PM

To the family of Dr Christopher Wood, our deepest condolences for the passing of a great husband, father but most of all a renowned surgeon. He was my husband's surgeon and was currently caring for our son. I'm at a lost for words as the grief of his passing is overwhelming for all who knew him. I will never forget his knowledge of kidney cancer and his expertise. He was able to diagnose the staging of the disease just by physically examining the patient. Dr. Wood is irreplaceable to my family as we depended in his superior surgical ability and expertise of Kidney cancer. There are truly no words of comfort for the family, only our prayers. May the Lord's Devine Mercy comfort his family, friends, colleagues and patients for the loss of a great man. May Dr Christopher Wood rest in eternal peace in the arms of our Lord. God bless



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JD

James Diler posted:

I cannot believe my cousin Chris has left us. My name is Jim Diller Jr, Chris's Mom is my Dad's sister. It is crazy for me to think he has left us. I am the oldest cousin and I am 5 years older than him. My heart reaches out to Colleen, Christopher and Sarah.

November 14 at 7:53 PM

FC

Frances Carnot November 14 at 9:49 PM

Our condolences to you, your father and your family. May the Lord comfort the whole family. God bless

SA

Samadi Ali posted:

To Dr. Wood family: Please accept our condolences for the loss of a great man who is irreplaceable. My name is Ali Samadi from Corpus Christi, Texas. I was lucky and privileged to have been a patient of Dr. Wood for the past nine years. I met him when I was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer at MD Anderson. I was terrified and hopeless. He was a surgeon who was calm, and confident with a most kindest look in his eyes. He assured me that he would be able to remove that enormous tumor from my kidney because he had done hundreds of the same surgery and assured me that I would survive the surgery. The surgery was successful. After a week of recovery I came back home but I was looking forward to my visits with Dr. Wood every 3 months, 6 months, then yearly for 5 years. On that visit Dr. Wood told me that I didn't have to go to MD Anderson anymore. I insisted that he should allow me to go visit him at least once a year. Our conversation wasn't finished when his assistant came to the room with the delayed result of my CT scan. Dr. Wood's face was pale when he revealed the scan results. It showed another tumor in my other kidney! This time I lost hope. I arranged to sell the businesses that I had established for 30 years. I didn't think that I would be able to come back to them. Without my knowledge my wife had contacted Dr. Wood's office and told them about my state of mind and how I had given up hope. To my surprise, Dr. Wood called me personally on my cell phone and asked me not to sell my businesses and assured me that the second surgery would be a lot easier than the first one. He also wanted me to look forward to coming back to work after the surgery. His phone call meant a lot to me. He took his valuable time to contact me. He cared, he gave me hope once again. It has been 4 years since my second surgery. On my recent visit to MD Anderson I didn't get to see him. I was told that he was on extended medical leave. I didn't know about his illness, but I was hopeful that he was coming back to his patients who need him. The Genitourinary clinic was almost empty on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. Everything looked sad, but not as sad as the news of his passing the same day. We have lost our great Doctor, our experienced super surgeon, our caring friend, and our Shinning Star. MD Anderson Hospital will never be the same without him and can never recover from the loss of a great surgeon like Dr. Christopher Griffith Wood. When a great Doctor unexpectedly passes away, his family and friends will grieve together, but his patients who have established a great bond with him have to grieve alone.

November 13 at 8:21 AM



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Linda Hagerty (Formerly Linda Vasquez) posted:

I am in total disbelief and am forever in Dr. Wood's debt as he saved my life as well. Having taken good care of me 3 separate times (from May 2013 to the present time) for kidney cancer and took care of my elderly Father, 88 years old as well for kidney cancer. Please accept my sincerest condolences. Rest in peace.

November 14 at 6:27 PM



James Laprelle November 22 at 12:19 PM

Dr. Wood performed surgery on me in July of 2002. His compassion and medical brilliance will be missed for all time. Godspeed to Dr. Wood and my sincere condolences to all of his family. James. L.



Letty Garza posted:

Dr. Wood saved my life. I know I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for his amazing medical expertise. Dr Wood I can't imagine walking into MD Anderson without you there. He knew how nervous I would get and would calm me down in seconds. I cried so much when I heard of your passing but realized you're in paradise and no doubt by Jesus side. Thank you Dr Wood for giving me life and peace of mind.

November 14 at 4:36 PM



Linda Hagerty (Formerly Linda Vasquez) November 14 at 6:11 PM

Same here. I am in total disbelief and am forever in your debt as you saved my life as well. Having taken good care of me 3 separate times for kidney cancer and took care of my elderly Father, 88 years old as well for kidney cancer. Rest in peace.



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Wood family.

November 14 at 2:53 PM





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Edward Kim posted:

Dear Colleen and family, I am honored to have been Chris' medical school and urology resident classmate at Northwestern. He always inspired me to be a better person and doctor. We had some tough but fun times and grew from the experiences. I miss our years in Houston together during fellowship and our early faculty years. Chris left much too soon and will always be remembered as one of the really good guys. He made the world a better place! Edward Kim and Clarissa Geyer

November 14 at 2:04 PM



Colleen Wood November 16 at 4:42 PM

Thank you Ed



Pavlos Msaouel & Bora Lim sent a Serenity Wreath to the Wood family.



November 14 at 8:41 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Christopher.

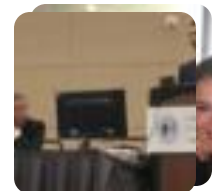


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Dr Wood was a great surgeon and scientist. He cured countless people and made enormous contribution to the literature that will help even more people. He also was a great colleague and mentor for myself. Being his fellow changed my career in a very profound way and I will always be following his footsteps. I loved him and always will be missing him. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.



November 13 at 9:25 PM



Tribute Wall

Dr. Christopher Griffith Wood Sr.

NOV 22, 1963 - NOV 3, 2021



Alicia O Sonnier posted:

Our sincere condolences to the Wood family and MD Anderson on the loss of a wonderful man and surgeon. He took wonderful care of my husband and we will miss him terribly. Prayers for peace and comfort for all who loved him. Alicia O. Sonnier (Jeremy) Louisiana

November 13 at 3:32 PM



David A. Corral, Md posted:

Colleen, We were devastated to hear the sad news. We hope that you can take comfort in the knowledge that Chris led a FULL and AWE-INSPIRING life and that you, Chis Jr and Sarah were at the very center of it. Whenever we spoke, he was so proud of his family. I will always remember him for his friendship, his spectacular accomplishments and especially for his sense of humor that helped us both get through fellowship. We could always laugh through the most difficult times. He lived large - a real inspiration to all those who knew him. So many great memories! We will miss him dearly. Our love and prayers go out to you and the kids. Dave and Karen Corral

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Colleen Wood November 16 at 4:45 PM

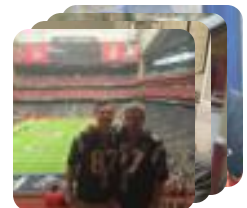
Thank you Dave and Karen. I can't believe he's gone.



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Love and miss you dad ❤️

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Nancy Heaton shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

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