



## Donald Ray "Chief" Hood

November 13, 1950 - November 3, 2013

Donald Ray "Chief" Hood age 62 of Kingston passed away Sunday November 3, 2013 at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He attended Potters House Fellowship. A Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, presently worked at Roane County Court House as a Court Officer. Former Roane County Chief Deputy, Captain of the Rescue Squad and employee of TVA, worked in the Emergency Management Field and active member of the Defender's LEMC. Preceded in death by father Thomas Hood, mother Marie Hood Proctor, step-father Russell Proctor and mother in law Mary Elizabeth Woody.

Survivors include:

Wife of 32 years Debbie Hood of Kingston;

Son Donald Ray Hood, Jr. (Kelly) of White Bluff, TN;

Daughter Ashley Smith (Kevin) of Kingston;

Granddaughter Emerson Elizabeth Smith;

Sister Carolyn Burton of Dickson;

Father in law Don Woody of Kingston;

Brother in law Mike Woody (Dottie) of Kingston;

Nieces, nephews and many cherished family and friends that he loved.

Funeral 8pm Friday November 8, 2013 in the Kyker Chapel with Rev. Kyle Beverly officiating. Burial 2pm Saturday at the Kingston Memorial Gardens. In

lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Potters House Africa Feeding 319 Roddy Lane Harriman, TN. 37748 or Empowered Ministries Building Fund 1415 Highway 70E Dickson, TN. 37055. The family will receive friends from 5 until 8pm Friday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

# Tribute Wall

GC

“ Through another high school classmate, I just heard about the passing of our school friend.

*I was not close to Donnie, yet we talked on several occasions and always had some good jokes to share. Being in California, I was never able to reconnect with him personally except at class reunions. Although even after 45 years, I can still remember his warm smile and laughter. A really good man has passed from what I can see and remember. I wish I could have been there and gotten to know him better. Clearly he was a great man.*

*Best of wishes to the family of Donnie.  
And thank you Donnie as a fellow military veteran for your service to our country.*

*Donnie has been remembered on our High School Class web site, and all former classmates are encouraged to come join and post your remembrances.  
<http://1968Dragons.com>*

*Glen Hamilton*

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**Glen Hamilton - San Ramon, CA - 1968 High School Classmate** - March 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Don was an incredibly positive person. He went through the miseries of cancer and some dreary heart issues and yet he never stopped smiling. He lifted up those around him. No one who knew him will ever forget his smile or his chuckle at a story well told.

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**Ellen Gallant - Chattanooga, TN - former employer** - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Debbie and family, I want to express my deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband/ father. May God wrap you in His loving arms and comfort you at this difficult time. Prayers for you all.*

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**Liz & Steve Mitchell - Harriman, TN** - November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Debbie and family,  
I am SO very sorry for your loss. Don was a fine man, and very helpful in so many ways. We will all feel this absence. May the Lord wrap you in His arms.*  
*Patsy*

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**Patsy Blanchard - Kingston, TN - friend** - November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Our ThoughtS And Prayers Are With You All. Please Know We Are Here If Needed. We Have Heavy Hearts But We Know With God All Things Are Possible (Mark 10:27)*

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**Mark & Cheryl Bakker - Kingston, TN - Friends @ Potters House** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *We are very sorry. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Semper Fi*

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**Kevin Saunders "Phooey"; Connecticut I Defenders LEMC - CT** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *You will be missed RIP prayers are with the family*

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**Robert SNEED - HIXSON, TN - Friend** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ So sorry to hear about Dons passing. He was a great friend and i was so honored to know him. He will be missed greatly.

David Clifton - Rockwood, TN - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I was devastated to hear about Don's death. I'm so sorry for you snd your family.

Sherry Nelson - Harriman, TN - Church friend - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Debbie, I'm certainly sorry to hear of your loss. I pray that God will comfort you with His presence and healing grace.

Bill McMillan - Oak Ridge, TN - Friend - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ You and your family are in my prayers that God comfort you through this hour of need.

Jan Jennings Stone - TN - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Debbie, I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray for peace & comfort for you during this difficult time. Cherish your memories. God will be by your side to help you in this most difficult time. My deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family.

Carolyn C. Granger - Kingston, TN - Friend of the Woody family - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ The Canopy Roads chapter feel your loss and share your heavy heart at this time. We do relish in the fact that we shared in Chief's outlook, humor, smile and a life worth living.

*Please know, we, the Defender Nation are here and available to help in any way we can. We are praying for you band your family>*

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**Canopy Roads Defenders - Tallahassee, FL - Friend** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ From every member of the Upper Cumberland Defenders chapter you are in our prayers and thoughts. if there is anything we can do let us know.

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**Casey "KINGPIN" Flatt - Cookeville, TN - Defenders LEMC BROTHER** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ We only knew Chief for a short time but he was my brother for life. His community has lost a great man.

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**Gunner & Dock, Mason Dixon DLEMC - Hagerstown, MD - Friend, Law Enforcement** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Debbie you and your family are in my prayers.

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**Ted Meredith - Kingston, TN - Classmate and friend** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Chief gave the greatest gift he could to everyone he met; a portion of himself! I'm very thankful that I got to share in Don's last days. Oh how he made us laugh & smile. My brother you will be missed but never will you forgotten!

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**Greg "Double G" Ward - Oak Ridge, TN - Brother Defender, Brother Marine -**  
November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Chief Was a Candle, in a world of darkness, as are all Military and LE. Go-Rilla and I enjoyed him so much on our final trip together. RIP Don and May GOD bless your family, friends and club.

*Linda "sharpie" Vandergriff and Bert "Go-Rilla" Turner  
Defenders..... A Brotherhood of \*1*

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**Linda Sharpie Vandergriff - Knoxville, TN - Club Sister/Brother -** November 06,  
2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bring you comfort during the difficult days ahead and may, in time, your precious memories bring you peace and smiles. Thinking of you and May God Bless -  
*Stan & Donna*

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**Donna Chitwood Allbaugh - Harriman, TN - Friend -** November 06, 2013 at 12:00  
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HS

“ Saddened to learn of the passing of Donnie. He was a good classmate and I always looked forward to seeing him at the class reunions. Keeping the family in thought and prayer as you go through this difficult time.

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**Henry Frazier - Dickson, TN - Classmate at Dickson High School - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“ Thinking of you Debbie in this hard time. I only knew Don through you and as we talked on the radio when I was a dispatcher with the East Roane County Fire dept. So very sorry for the loss of this great man, Prayers for you all. Pam

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**Pam Eblen - Kingston, TN - friend - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

TC

“ Debbie--my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May the Lord wrap his arms of strength and love around you during this time of loss.

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**Tammie Bell - Knoxville, TN - Debbie's co-worker - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

GW

“ SOOO SORRY TO HEAR...PRAYERS OF COMFORT..GARY & GEORGEANNA

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**GEORGEANNA BACON - HARRIMAN, TN - FAMILY FRIEND OF THE WOODY'S - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

MT

“ Sorry for your lost we will keep him in our prayers Rockets??

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**Mike Echols (Iceman) Organzier Rockets - Oakridge, TN - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

RF

“ We are deeply saddened by the news of your loss. We pray that God will grant you and your family, the strength needed to get through this moment in your lives. Our most sincere condolences.

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**Ron and Laura Gentry - Lenoir City, TN - Friend** - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Had good times on all the rides we went on. You will be missed dearly. RIP

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**Robert R SNEED - HIXSON, TN - Friend** - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I would like start by saying sorry for your loss, and prayers and condolences to Donald Hood's (aka Chief) family and loved ones. I would like to say from one Veteran to another, Chief thank you for your service to this Great Nation of Ours and the sacrifices you and your family endured during your time of service. I would like also like to say thank you from one Brother in Blue to another, and thank you and your family for the service you provided to your community and all people you touched during your time of service. You will be missed by all the people you touched and helped throughout your service. Finally, I would like to thank you from one Defender brother to another, you were a great man, and part of a great origination and a brotherhood of one, and thank you for all you did and people you helped, by putting aside your own needs and family needs to help others. God has a special place in heaven for his guardians of peace, and keepers of the world he created. You are now with the almighty watching over all those you served, loved and dedicated your life to protect and serve. May peace be with my brother, you are gone but not forgotten, and I hope God has a Harley for you to ride in the winds of heaven on the roads made of clouds, when the sound of thunder roars we will know you're around.

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**Todd "Cuffs" Griffith & Summer "Starr" Griffith - Inwood, WV - Fellow Defender member** - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Son always had a smile on his face and kind words to say. You will be missed my friend but never forgotten.

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**Michael Melhorn - Knoxville, TN - Friend** - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ If you ever had the pleasure to meet Don, you would never forget him. He always had a smile, something funny to say, he was a real "people" magnet. I will remember and cherish the many Christmas parties, bowling with Don and Debbie, friends and family. Your life here was short my dear friend. You will live on in the hearts of all that knew and loved you. Love and prayers with Debbie, Ashley, and your family. You will be missed Don.

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**Debi Templeton Cook - Kingston - friend** - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I was fortunate to become friends with Chief over the past two years as a member of the Defenders LE/MC. Chief was always friendly to everyone and a pleasure to be around. Sunday morning before he departed Hammond, Louisiana he and I had several cups of coffee together. He stated that he had a blast but was ready to return to his family. Don will be missed and I pray that God will bless each of his family members.....

"JD"

First Louisiana Defenders

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**John "JD" Kling III - Pineville, LA - Friend** - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM