



Dennis T. Woods Sr.

May 22, 1942 - August 13, 2025

Dennis T. Woods Sr., 83, of Richmond Hts., passed away August 13, 2025, at David Simpson Hospice House, Cleveland. He was born May 22, 1942, in Cleveland, to the late Theodore and Ruth Woods

Mr. Woods was baseball coach for Glenville, St. Anselm's, Lake Catholic and Brush High Schools as well as Tri-C Community College and Case Western Reserve University. He was inducted into the Cleveland South High School Hall of Fame, Glenville High School Hall of Fame, Lake County Captains Crow's Nest Hall of Fame and the Northeast Ohio Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Coach Woods is also a proud member of the OHSBCA Hall of Fame. He achieved 801 Career Victories, setting him up as the third most winningest coach in the state of Ohio.

He is survived by many loving family members and friends.

Family and friends will be received 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A funeral mass will be held 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at Divine Word Catholic Church, 8100 Eagle Rd., Kirtland, Ohio, 44094. Please meet at the church. Burial to follow in Mentor Cemetery.

In remembrance of Dennis, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society, 10501 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Divine Word Catholic Church
8100 Eagle Rd
Kirtland, OH 44094
(440) 256-1412

Tribute Wall



“ WOW... I am in disbelief and completely saddened.. I had no idea he was gone. I was simply looking him up because he was on my mind. He was more than a coach at Glenville, he molded me into a star athlete and took me in when things at home were rocky.... I love you forever coach Woods..

Daniel Rucker - June 17 at 04:33 PM

RV

“ Coach Woods , was a great coach and a great human being . He coached me when I played at CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE .
I went on to play at GEORGETOWN , but never forgot Woodie . Some of the best years of my life . Jimmy Johnson his assistant coach from GLENVILLE , was also a great coach and person . They made me and my teammates play harder . I will never forget Woodie , RIP .

RICH VOZAR - January 08 at 11:31 PM

JC

“ Dennis Woods was my Baseball Coach at Glenville High School He taught me how to play and I was fortunate enough to sign a pro contract with the Cleveland Indians. Thank You Coach Woods for all the baseball and Life lessons you gave me. Love You Woody John B. Childress

John bert Childress - September 05, 2025 at 07:41 PM

FH

“ Coach Woods was such a nice teacher and friend to so many students at Glenville High. I am saddened to hear of his passing rest in heaven.

Florence Hughes - August 19, 2025 at 07:34 AM

KR

“ PRAYERS for the Family from the Roper Family...

Keith E Roper - August 18, 2025 at 09:16 PM

RM

“ Dennis Woods is a great man, he touched so many lives and his calling and ministry was young people. He was a father figure for so many of us at Glenville High School. Coach Woody stood in the gap for us and loved us and mentored us. He left an impression that is indelible everywhere he went. His legacy lives on through all of us whose lives he touched as our teacher and coach. He loved his students unconditionally. May God rest your soul, Coach Woody.
Diane & Rev. Mel Kendall McCray

Rev. Mel Kendall McCray - August 18, 2025 at 06:16 PM

MG

“ Mr. Woods was probably my dad's best friend. He would always be helping us and our neighborhood out with landscaping and chores. He built me a bird feeder for my patio out in Phoenix here. His energy and enthusiasm for life was electric and contagious. I loved it when he would stop by for a visit and he was always stopping by for a visit and bringing his JOY for life. This man left his mark on this world and there is a gap that exists without his physical presence. But I will work to carry on your spirit, Mr. Woods. Although, you are irreplaceable. Thank you for teaching & SHOWING me what a true servant of the Lord looks and acts like. Love, Meg

Meghan Gaydos
Lake Catholic - '98

Meghan Gaydos - August 18, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JO

“ Coach Woods was a great person. I got to know him about 5 years ago when I fixed his riding mower. He was always happy to lend me his lawn roller tool every year. Such a kind person he will be missed. God Bless my friend.
Joe and Joey OBrien

Joe OBrien - August 18, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis T. Woods Sr..



August 18, 2025 at 07:07 AM



“ Savonia Smalls Calloway lit a candle in memory of Dennis T. Woods Sr.



Savonia Smalls Calloway - August 17, 2025 at 08:30 PM



Rest in Heaven Coach.

Savonia Smalls Calloway - August 17, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ My condolences! They don't make them like him anymore.
Tanya Allen
Glenville 74'

Tanya Apple - August 17, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Danielle Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Dennis T. Woods Sr.



Danielle Dilworth - August 17, 2025 at 10:21 AM



Thank you Mr. Woods for being the best Student Council Advisor! Your guidance and words of wisdom stayed with us into our adulthood.

Danielle Dilworth - August 17, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis T. Woods Sr..*



August 17, 2025 at 07:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis T. Woods Sr..

August 17, 2025 at 07:08 AM



“ *Mr. Woods was always upbeat and delightful. I send my condolences to his wonderful family.*

Jerome Perry - August 17, 2025 at 06:11 AM



“ *Mr. Woods was my brother's baseball coach at Glenville. He was a friend to many, on and off the team. My sincerest condolences to his family. RIH Mr. Woods.
Sharon Grattan Thomas*



Sharon Grattan Thomas - August 16, 2025 at 10:19 PM



I had the pleasure of golfing with Dennis and many of his friends for years. A kinder and more considerate true friend you could never find . He will be missed by all .

Kenneth Rosenberg - August 17, 2025 at 07:14 AM

MG

“ He was a very nice person, and he was my coach in 1972. RIH.

Melvin Garthrite. - August 16, 2025 at 10:03 PM

KB

“ I had the honor of playing baseball for Coach Woods at Glenville High School from 87-89. Coach Woods was an awesome man, and left a lasting impact on me. My condolences to his family. 🙏

With Deepest Sympathy,

Kevin Brown

Kevin Brown - August 16, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis T. Woods Sr..



August 16, 2025 at 06:23 PM

LD

“ Love, Anthony, Liz, and Rick DiGeronimo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis T. Woods Sr..



Love, Anthony, Liz, and Rick DiGeronimo - August 16, 2025 at 04:11 PM