Frank H. Wood

Frank Wood passed away at age 94, peacefully at home surrounded by friends and family, on Monday December 11th. Prospect Hill Friends Meeting (quaker) and family met in the home later that day for worship and singing and sharing memories.
There will be a memorial on January 27th at Friends School of Minnesota,1365 Englewood Ave in St. Paul, at 10 AM. Light refreshments will follow. There will be Zoom meeting participation, details are not yet available.

From the Minneapolis Star Tribune:

https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000477071/

Dr. Frank Henderson Wood

Wood, Dr. Frank Henderson 1929 - 2023 Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and teacher, was born Thanksgiving Day, in Cherryvale, KS. As a child he worked in the family dairy, and following his father's footsteps, Frank attended Choate and Harvard (1951). He took a Masters in Education at Haverford Quaker College. Frank married Raquel Kaufman at the Radnor Friends Meeting in 1953. In '54, Frank, Raquel, and baby Matthew embarked on a great adventure when Frank became a teacher on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian

Reservation in the Everglades. Here they participated as community members: Teacher Frank in a one room schoolhouse and Dietitian Raquel - the native Mikasuki was still the dominant language. In 1956, they came to Minneapolis where Edmund (Ned) was born and Frank worked for the Mpls Public Schools. He became the first teacher in the district for children with behavioral problems. When Special Education became a discipline, he joined the Ph.D program at the U of MN, graduating in 1965. He remained at the U as a professor of Special Education from 1965-84. Child Mina was born in '66. Frank and Raquel were lifelong Quakers, members of the Twin Cities Friends Meeting, where they raised their children, and Prospect Hill Meeting; active in regional and national Quaker life, the American Friends Service Committee, Friends for a Non-Violent World, were founders of the Friends School of MN, supporters of the Scattergood Friends School of Iowa and the Ramallah Friends School. Frank was a storyteller and dog lover, carpenter, boatwright, self-taught musician and photographer. He was a gifted conversationalist, genuinely interested in all, had great compassion for those who were "different," and encouraged his children, students and friends to follow their inner leading, however unusual. He enjoyed a contemplative life with books and the natural world. Frank is preceded in death by his parents, Mina and Willis Wood, sister Libby, sister-in-law Dixie and grandson Dan. He is survived by wife Raquel, brother Bill and children Matthew, Ned (Veronica) and Mina (Greg), grandchildren Avram (Grace), Andie and Ash. Memorial at the Friends School of MN, 1/27/24, 10AM.
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In memoriam: Frank Henderson Wood

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Department of Educational Psychology Professor Emeritus Frank Henderson Wood recently passed away. He was 94 years old. Wood dedicated his career to improving outcomes for children with emotional and behavioral disabilities. His contributions to the field of special education are prolific; and yet, his career began humbly in the public school classroom. Wood was drawn to teaching students with special

needs; however, he felt his effectiveness as an instructor was limited due to the number of students in the general education classroom. He left general education to become the first public school teacher for students classified as emotionally disturbed. When special education became a discipline, he joined the PhD program at the U and graduated in 1965. He was the first U of M PhD student to graduate with a specialization in emotional and behavioral disabilities. Following graduation, Professor Wood became a faculty member of the Department of Educational Psychology's special education program, serving from 1965 to 1984. [Read the full obituary](#).