



## Greg M. Woodward

June 24, 1971 - January 27, 2016

Woodward, Gregory M., 44, of Colonie - "Woody" passed away suddenly at his home on January 27th. Greg was a graduate of Colonie High School '89 where he was an exceptional athlete. He was a proud Marine, Albany Metro Maller and coach of Colonie youth football and wrestling.

Gregory was survived by his wife: Ebony Woodward, children Chloe, Maxwell and Jaxson Woodward, parents: Robert and Marilyn Woodward; brother: Robert (Tina) Woodward, niece and nephew Jacqueline (Charles) Hewitt and Michael Woodward and many other beloved relatives and close friends.

Friends and family may call at Magin & Keegan Funeral Home, 891 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY on Sunday, January 31st from 3-7pm.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to a trust fund for his children which will be set up at SEFCU in the near future.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Coach Woody, it was hard to hear of your passing. I remember al those practices you and Jeff pushed us through, jump roping in the shower to cut weight, pushing us past the point of exhaustion. I didn't know it at the time but you were setting us up for the future and that's been a driving force behind me since. I don't sport that haircut you gave us all after practice that one day but I'll never forget it or you. May you rest in peace and your family find some comfort knowing you are in a better place.

Robb Hensel - February 03, 2016 at 07:11 AM

SM

“ I was years younger in school than Woody but he was an awesome mentor and friend. So sorry for the loss.

Scott Mitchell - February 02, 2016 at 10:14 PM

JS

“ He used his life to make a positive difference to so many. When I was young coach Woody was a positive influence in my life. His toughness, kindness, ethics and humor shaped my life and that of others.

*I offer my deepest sympathy to your family.*

Joseph Slomka - February 01, 2016 at 02:23 PM

DB

“ always looked for Greg in the game for so many years and we are sorry he is no longer here on this earth - Mellers fans Tim & Devon Baird

Devon Baird - January 31, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ My condolences to the Woodward family. A great man, coach, and mentor will be missed. Thank you for all you did coach.

Timothy Birkett - January 31, 2016 at 02:36 PM

MF

“ My family and I will forever miss him, A man I'm proud to call a friend, and a pleasure to call one of the BEST, my kids called him uncle Woody not so long ago. He had a heart of gold bigger than himself, we love and miss him. I could really use one of his famous monster man hugs right now.

Michael Luizzi & Family - January 31, 2016 at 02:09 PM

TO

We will miss you woody. Your heart was as big as the universe. You were like a brother to me.  
I love you, see you on the other side some day.

Tammy Oliver - January 31, 2016 at 08:20 PM

MI

“ My condolences to the family of a man who always greeted me with a smile, Rest In Peace my friend. Mick

Mick - January 30, 2016 at 07:33 PM

MF

“ Woodward family- I am so sorry to hear about Greg. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Regards-  
Melissa Frank-Williams

Melissa Frank-Williams - January 30, 2016 at 06:42 PM

LE

“ EBONY, A NICE PERSON, GREG,WOODY WAS LIKE A SON TO ME HE WAS MY SONS VERY BEST FRIEND.JOHN IS SOO DEVESTATED. HIS CHILDREN WERE BEAUTIFUL. I WILL SURLY MISS HIM, HE ALWAYS HAD JOHNS BACK. JOHN WILL MISS HIM MORE THEN ANYBODY. IAM SO SORRY FOR HIS FAMILY. HE WILL SURLY BE MISSED. JOHNS MOM LEAH

LEAH EGAN - January 30, 2016 at 12:53 PM

CR

“ RIP Woody, great wrestling coach , an inspiration to us all.

Craft - January 30, 2016 at 10:25 AM

KG

“ *Kathleen Goergen lit a candle in memory of Greg M. Woodward*



Kathleen Goergen - January 30, 2016 at 09:37 AM

KG

*Very sorry for your loss. May the family find peace. ~Kathleen*

Kathleen Goergen - January 30, 2016 at 09:39 AM

LY

“ *Ebony, we are so sorry for your loss. May you come to find comfort in knowing he will be watching over your family and will stay in your heart forever.*  
*Lynne & Mario (neighbors)*

Lynne - January 30, 2016 at 09:19 AM

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“ *To Greg's family I was floored to hear about his passing. Woody was larger than life that's for sure. I had the honor of playing ball with and against him for a couple years and I think I'm still sore from it 20 years later. Toughest SOB I ever met, both on and off the field. Always had everyone's back if you were lucky enough to know him. Please accept my condolences.*

Scott Lawson (o-lineman) - January 30, 2016 at 08:20 AM

KK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Rip*

kim keegan - January 30, 2016 at 08:19 AM

 Anthony  
Cipollo

“ *I am sorry sorry for your loss. Woody was a great guy. He will be missed*

Anthony Cipollo - January 30, 2016 at 06:34 AM

JW

“Ebony my dear friend it breaks my heart to see another friend of mine gone at such a young age. But where he is now there is only beauty and everlasting freedom from any pain or disparities. He is your rock, your strength ,your Angel and he will watch over you and the kids and protect you. Ebony you are a strong beautiful woman, time will heal, but the memories will always be in your heart. You need to keep those memories strong for your kids. If there is anything you need or I can do for you Let me know, love you girl. Janine WoodArd

janine woodard - January 30, 2016 at 02:38 AM

CJ

“ Growing up with him was a privelege and an honor,,i always held his friendship with pride,from walking into school together,,to walking our own kids into school together,i am deeply saddened by his passing so soon,anything the sheffields can do to help please dont hesitate,we are here for you.



Christopher J.Sheffield - January 30, 2016 at 02:06 AM

RB

“Ebony so sorry for your loss  
from your neighbors  
Henry and Rose Bleichert  
P.S. your old school bus driver



Rose Bleichert - January 29, 2016 at 11:50 PM

PF

“Ebony, so sorry for you and your children's loss, may he RIP..

Patty Fisher - January 29, 2016 at 10:27 PM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Woodward family we are so sorry for your loss your neighbors Dan Bleichert and family!

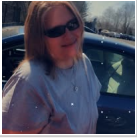
Dan Bleichert - January 29, 2016 at 10:23 PM



“ *Gigi Shumway Francis lit a candle in memory of Greg M. Woodward*



**Gigi Shumway Francis** - January 29, 2016 at 10:22 PM



“ *He was one of my sons favorite coaches, he always looked out for the kids,taught them well. I'm so sorry for your loss*

**Gigi Shumway Francis** - January 29, 2016 at 10:21 PM

MT

“ *Greg, you molded me into the strong, dependable, and hard working man I am today... If you didn't teach me the hard lessons of reality 18 years ago in wrestling, there's no way I would have been able to accomplish any of the things I was able to! Thank you for helping me win a state title, and always being in my corner. Now I hope you can watch over all of us in heaven, we will all be there for your little ones and your family like you were there for all of us!*

**matt tarullo** - January 29, 2016 at 09:09 PM

MM

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences. I continue to pray for strength and comfort for your family. Molly Moak (Roessleville Elem.)*

**Molly Moak** - January 29, 2016 at 07:57 PM

CA

“ *To the Woodward family,  
My thoughts and prayers go out to you all for your loss. I grew up with Woody at West Albany and on through Colonie High. Woody was always such a big presence wherever he was and many of us shared so many great memories. He was an amazing person and will be missed by so many.*

**Chritine Zeccola Arpin** - January 29, 2016 at 07:46 PM

ME

*On behalf of the whole Roessleville family we are all so very sorry for your loss. Please know we will be there to watch over Jaxson and all the children are on our thoughts and prayers!*

**Marybeth Tedisco (RV Elementary)** - January 29, 2016 at 09:21 PM



“ *Ebony and family .I am so sorry for your loss.He was a fantastic man and will be missed by man. REST IN PARADISE*

**Irene Coy** - January 29, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *Ebony and Family, I am so sorry for you loss.my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I remember your children from Roessleville. I used to work in the cafeteria with Mrs Fish.*

**Colleen Murphy** - January 29, 2016 at 06:45 PM



“ *Woodward Family,*

*I am truly sorry to hear the news of Greg's passing. Although I haven't seen Greg since we finished high school, I thought of him often -- as a friend during our days at West Albany Elementary, as a teammate on the lacrosse field, as someone who always brought a big smile and positive energy to the room.*

*Greg was a special guy, and he will surely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jeff Tomaso*

**Jeff Tomaso** - January 29, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ *Woody, you are gone way to soon bro. Even though we hadn't seen each other in years, I've thought about you and all the fun we had back in school. Rest in Peace Bro.*

*Condolences to the Woodward family.*

*Mike Sposato*

**Mike Sposato** - January 29, 2016 at 06:17 PM



*Gone way too soon Woody. I pray for your family. You were a great Lacrosse teammate and friend at Colonie HS.*

*Chris Boyle*

**Chris Boyle** - January 30, 2016 at 05:56 PM