



## Mr. Sherwood "Woody" Joseph DeAmbrose

December 8, 1943 - February 26, 2021

Sherwood "Woody" Joseph DeAmbrose, 77, of Lakeland, Florida, born in Tampa on December 8, 1943, entered into the eternal rest on February 26, 2021. He formerly owned Insultech Group, and was the former president and coach of the Blackwatch Soccer Club and the Plant City Lancers. He was an avid Alabama Crimson Tide fan, and enjoyed traveling. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Wendy T. DeAmbrose; children, Samantha and Ronnie Lewis of Riverview, Scott DeAmbrose (Rachel) of Tampa, and Brian Lewis (Angela) of Duluth, Georgia; grandchildren, Sinjin Lewis of Honolulu, Hawaii, Griffin Lewis of Riverview, Walker Lewis of Duluth, Audrey DeAmbrose of Tampa, Taylor Lewis of Duluth, Gaines DeAmbrose of Tampa, and Kerim Nizam of the Netherlands; siblings, Sandra Newkirk (Tim) of Naperville, Illinois, Shon DeAmbrose of Palatka, Donna Stelly (Kenny) of Oxford, North Carolina, and Penny Ray (Johnny) of Oxford, North Carolina; four-legged children, Snowball, Sweetie, and Cotty; and many other nieces, nephews, family, and friends throughout the world. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 3 at 1:00 P.M. at Bay Life Church, 1017 Kingsway Rd, Brandon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Moffitt Cancer Center at [moffitt.org](http://moffitt.org). Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bay Life Church  
1017 Kingsway Road  
Brandon, FL 33510  
<http://www.baylife.org>

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ I met Woody in June 1984. He was my boss, but to say that just doesn't touch the surface. He will be deeply missed.  
God Speed Woody.  
God Bless Wendy.

Jeff Toney - March 03, 2021 at 08:58 AM

KF

“ Wendy,  
I know it's been a long time but I'm so sorry to hear about Woody. You were both such an upbeat couple, always and I thank you for the time I got to spend in your lives. My prayers are with you and family.  
Karen Farmer

Karen Farmer - March 02, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Sherwood "Woody" Joseph DeAmbrose.



March 02, 2021 at 07:50 AM

RH

“ Wendy,  
I am so sorry for your loss, Woody was an amazing guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Rick Harrod



Rick Harrod - March 01, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Sherwood "Woody" Joseph DeAmbrose.



March 01, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Sherwood "Woody" Joseph DeAmbrose.



March 01, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Sherwood "Woody" Joseph DeAmbrose.



March 01, 2021 at 10:53 AM



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**Gaines** - March 01, 2021 at 09:31 AM

MS

“ I had the privilege of working for Woody when he left the field and entered the white collar world of management at George L Simons. He was such a great mentor who helped me grow and understand the insulation industry. Shortly after meeting Woody I drew him a cartoon drawing of Woody the Wood Pecker. He proudly displayed it in his office. We became great friends. Distance and life took us in different directions. I am sorry I didn't keep in closer contact Woody. Miss you 😞. I'm here for you, Wendy. 😊

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**Mary Swiderski** - March 01, 2021 at 08:43 AM

WN

“ Woody was the owner of Insultek and I had the pleasure of working with him 35 years ago  
We reunited when I showed up at his house to install Christmas lights and lo and behold my old supervisor Wayne was sitting at the bottom of my ladder looking up and at the same time my brother come walking around the corner and we all went into shock how often is it that you run into people that you have not seen in 20 years and I just was like yesterday .  
Woody and Wendy are like my surrogate parents I love them just like they were my own mother and father that he rest in peace because you know he left his mark on the world in each and everyone of us he was always a teacher of innovations that some people will never understand  
With all our love Bill aka Cowboy and Tammy Nicholson

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**Will Nicholson** - March 01, 2021 at 08:32 AM

JO

“ Prayers from the Openlander family

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**Johnny opnlander** - February 28, 2021 at 10:50 PM

KS

“ I met Woody on the project in Bartow in December of 2018. He immediately made a major impression on my life. One of the most genuine men I have ever met. After the project ended, I called from time to time just to say hi and hear his voice. God's speed Woody and hope to see you again one day.  
My deepest condolences to his entire family and friends. GBNF



Ken Streich - February 28, 2021 at 04:34 PM

WD

I remember him talking about you. Thank you so much.

WENDY T DEAMBROSE - February 28, 2021 at 06:11 PM

JK

“ Hard for me to believe Woody is gone we've always worked so well together and had so many experiences. We spoke on the phone last week and as he always would tell me how lucky he was that God gave him Wendy. I will miss you my friend. Jerry Knox

Jerry knox - February 28, 2021 at 12:30 PM

WD



WENDY T DEAMBROSE - February 28, 2021 at 06:14 PM

YN

“ *Your cousin, his niece and your family- Vanessa N purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Sherwood "Woody" Joseph DeAmbrose.*



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**Your cousin, his niece and your family- Vanessa N** - February 28, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Sherwood "Woody" Joseph DeAmbrose.*



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February 27, 2021 at 11:35 PM

LF

“ *Love The Burton Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Mr. Sherwood "Woody" Joseph DeAmbrose.*



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**Love The Burton Family** - February 27, 2021 at 07:05 PM

KE

“ I met Woody and Wendy in 2006 while I was working a cruise ship as they were my guests. They kept on looking at me with these big eyes and I really thought I was doing something wrong. They said I was a spitting image of their grandson Sinjin. As soon as they showed me his picture I understood...I was! While they were on the cruise we bonded more and more until they left and we met for lunch in Rotterdam. They invited me to come to their home in Florida. I said yes but I thought they were just being nice..they thought I was kidding but they really meant it. Two weeks after my contract I flew to Florida. I had a 5 hour delay and I thought I would get lost as I didn't have so much money and back then I hadn't travelled that much so I was scared as well. I arrived in Tampa and when I left the gate..there they were..waiting for this 24 year old stranger from the Netherlands..I felt so relieved. From day one they showed me so much love and they took me in as one of their own grandchildren.

Grandpa Woody was a strict but fair man, he taught me how to work on myself and to work hard, he was so funny, wise and he beat me at poker constantly, but most of all he showed me how much he loved his family.

Thank you for letting me into your family and for being a huge inspiration. I miss you and you will be in my heart forever Granddaddy.

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Kerim - February 27, 2021 at 06:12 PM