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Michael Wood, 69, Darien Resident, Stamford Police Officer, Vietnam Veteran, Master Carpenter

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Michael A. Wood of Darien passed away Nov. 25 following a long illness. He was 69.

Born July 29, 1949 in Stamford, he was predeceased by his parents, George A. Wood Jr. and Wanda V. Stamatel.

Mike grew up in Stamford and graduated from Rippowam High School in 1967, then attended J.M. Wright Technical School.

He served two tours from 1969-1970 in Vietnam in the U.S. [Army](#) as a Sergeant in the 251 Infantry Division, Dai Tieng. He was a decorated soldier and a Purple Heart recipient. After returning home, Mike worked as

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a police officer for 25 years in Stamford.

— [This obituary](#) was previously published by the Stamford Advocate.

Mike was a lifetime member of the Elks Club 899, a member of the VFW, Disabled Veterans Association and the American Legion in Norwalk. He was a master carpenter, and enjoyed cooking, gardening and working on his classic cars.

Most important to Mike was being with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Caron Bott; son, Christopher Wood (Marisa) of Fishkill, New York; daughter, Lauren Wood Gacik of Jupiter, Florida; and brother Mark Wood (Joanne) of Fairfield. He is also survived by two step sons: Nicholas Anselmo of Norwalk and Christopher Anselmo (Nicole) of San Diego; and three grandchildren: Jacob T. Wood, Dorothy Gacik and Charlotte Gacik.

There will be no calling hours and burial will be private.