

Obituaries

NANCY "KATHY" WOOD

Nov 17, 1942 - Apr 29, 2026



Wichita, Kansas - Nancy "Kathy" Wood, 83, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2026, in Wichita, Kansas. A celebration of her life is being held today, Tuesday, May 12th, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cozine Life Events Center.

Kathy was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Sam; her parents, Mickey and Gladys Wiley; her brothers, Mike and

Rod Wiley; and her nephew, Sam Wiley.

She is survived by her children, Jeff (Shana) Wood and Scott (Tana) Wood of Houston, Texas, and Becky (Robert) Kipperman of Morristown, New Jersey; her cherished grandchildren, Jeffrey (Crystal) Wood, Elizabeth (Jason) Edgeworth, Connor (Madeline) Wood, Carter Wood, Max Kipperman, and Sam Kipperman; her treasured great-grandchildren, Madison and Brady Wood; William and Luke Edgeworth; and Annie, Margaret, Caroline, and Robert Wood; her brother, Greg Wiley; her step-sister, Cindy (Mike) Wilson; her step-mother, Lorena Wiley, all of El Dorado, Kansas; and her nephew, Jay (Charity) Wiley of Morgan Hill, California.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established with Meals on Wheels and the Kansas Humane Society. View expanded obituary and share condolences at www.cozine.com. Services by Cozine Memorial Group.

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Parable of the Lion King

By : Pastor Kurt Spivey,
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Today I am going to use the story of the Lion King to tell as a parable how it can be like the Kingdom of God. Sounds crazy right. Stick with me and I hope you see how it matches up.

In the story of the Lion King Mufasa was the king of Pride Rock. He had a son named Simba and he loved his son very much. There was an enemy to the king by the name of Scar. Scar lied to Simba one day and lead him to the valley where he should not have been. Scar set up a trap for Mufasa because he knew Mufasa would try to save his son. Scar killed Mufasa and made Simba believe he was responsible for Mufasa's death and Scar planned to kill Simba but Simba ran away from Pride Rock and was living with Timon and

Pumbaa who had found Simba and raised him as their own. How does any of this have to do with God and His kingdom. Stick with me I am getting there.

Simba left a kingdom that was meant for him. He left it because of lies from an enemy. The kingdom was suffering because Simba was not in his place in the kingdom. Here is how it all compares to God's kingdom.

When God created you he created you with a purpose in the kingdom. His purpose He planned for you from the beginning. You would have been protected in that kingdom, loved in that kingdom and serving God in that kingdom. But for whatever reason you listened to your enemy Satan. Satan is just like Scar in the Lion King. Satan is selfish and he wanted to destroy God's kingdom or have it for himself just like Scar. Simba listened

to the lies and ran away from the kingdom because Simba believed the lies and through he was not worthy of the kingdom any longer. Then one day Simba listened to wise counsel. Rafiki (The wise monkey) came to Simba and told him he belonged in the kingdom. The monkey showed Simba the past did hurt by hitting him in the head. But Simba could continue to run from it or put it in his past. We can put our past behind us as well. We have to face the truth, repent from it and ask for forgiveness and then move back to the kingdom where you belong. See just like Simba his absence from Pride Rock affected many others. Naia, Zazu, Timon and Pumbaa all had places in the kingdom, but because Simba failed to live up to his responsibility they were all suffering because of his absence. Timon and

Pumbaa are like non-believers. They were out of God's kingdom, but because they followed Simba back to Pride Rock they also became part of Simba's kingdom. Just as important as ones who had been there all along.

When you are absent from God's kingdom others around you suffer. Family, friends, people who look to you for guidance. The Kingdom is missing something when you are not in it. Many of us run from God when we are not living Godly lives. We try to hide someplace we think God can not find us. (God is every where). Simba had to face the truth and go back to Pride Rock. It was not easy, but in the movie it was worth it. Coming back to God's kingdom and addressing the reason you left in the first place is not easy, but it is worth it. Come back to God today.

Late for Time Management

I don't know what this says about me, but I was late for a time management seminar. And I could have used every minute of it too. Theoretically, we all have the same 168 hours in our weeks, but I consistently come up short by around 35 hours. There's clearly some leakage somewhere. Or some time mismanagement. What follows are tips I picked up at that part of the seminar I did make it to.

1) Focus! Let me demonstrate what a time-waster lack of focus can be. I type the paragraph above at 6 a.m. Then it occurs to me that I could probably find some good time management tips online, including the ones I



missed during the first ten minutes of the seminar. I go to the internet and up pops the headline "What diet experts order at Burger King." That could be interesting. I check it out and now I'm hungry. I make and eat breakfast, load the dishwasher, throw in a load of laundry, and finally return to my computer at 7:10. I check my email, glance at Facebook

and read the paragraph I've just written. Then it occurs to me, I could probably find some good time management tips online.

2) Plan. The seminar leader suggested that each week, we make a plan for the upcoming one. Then, at the end of every day, we jot down our list of what needs to be accomplished the next day in order to stay on track for the week. This sounds like an old-fashioned to-do list to me, and that's something I am particularly good at. My to-do lists are so effective that I'm often able to use the same one three or four days in a row.

3) Handle email efficiently. The presenter at the time management

seminar suggested we set aside time for dealing with emails, say first thing in the morning, just after lunch, and at the end of the day. He also said he clears his inbox every single day by doing one of five things with each message: reply, forward, schedule, file or delete with an emphasis on delete. This sounds clever to me since I check my email every time I hear that little ding and I still never get below 150 emails in my inbox. Now I finally understand why: I've been neglecting the reply, forward, schedule, file, or delete part. Especially the delete part.

4) Handle paper only once. Pay it, file it or toss it immediately with

tossing being the preferred choice. I've been known to handle the same piece of junk mail 20 or 30 times. Junk mail arrives at my home by the truckload daily. Sometimes we open it; quite often we do not. Either way, it winds up next to our toaster though we have no intention of toasting it. At any rate, it takes at least one touch to get it from the mailbox to the toaster, a couple more to rifle through to see if there is anything important, at least one to stack it on top of yesterday's mail when I realize there is not, and a few more to shove it all aside when I butter my toast.

5) Eat your frog the first thing in the morning. The

frog, of course, is a metaphor for those tasks so unpleasant that you simply cannot bring yourself to do them. It's important you summon your courage and swallow them first thing in the morning because frogs left uneaten have a way stinking up the whole house while you're shuffling through yesterday's junk mail or checking online for time management tips.

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GM MOTORS RECALLS MORE THAN 40K BOTTLES OF BRAKE FLUID

GM Motors is recalling more than 40,400 bottles of brake and clutch fluid after testing found visible sediment in some containers, which may interfere with brake performance.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the recall covers ACDelco GMW DOT 3 brake and clutch fluid with part number 19353126. The fluid was produced between Oct. 19, 2022, and Dec. 28 of that year. The recall applies specifically to bottles from lot number 01977 091222.

According to Car and Driver, the issue was discovered during an investigation by a third-party test lab on Aug. 7, 2025, which found the fluid to be in violation of FMVSS regulations.

"General Motors opened an internal investigation the same day and found sediment in the brake fluids," reports Car and Driver.

"Chemical analysis of the tested samples completed by GM's supplier confirmed that the visible sediment is a precipitate from two additives in the brake fluid, and is not external contamination," GM



Under the recall, GM will reimburse dealers and ACDelco's direct purchasers for any containers with the suspect lot number. Purchasers can contact GM customer service at (866) 467-9700 using recall reference number N262552830.
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