



Joseph Larry Wright

September 22, 1937 - August 25, 2014

Joseph Larry Wright, 76, went to be with his Lord Monday, August 25, 2014 at home, surrounded by loved ones. Graveside services will be held Saturday, August 30, at 10:00 A.M. at Lake Park Hills Cemetery in Laurel, Mississippi. Pastor Kory Duncan will officiate. Elders of Westminster Presbyterian Church will serve as pallbearers, and honorary pallbearers will be from the Men's Morning Prayer Group. The family will receive visitors afterwards at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Laurel.

Mr. Wright was born on September 22, 1937 in Laurel, Mississippi to the late Otzie Ree Anderson Wright and Willie Wright. He is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Wanda Faye Tullos Wright, two daughters, Janice Crable (Brett) of Richmond, Terri Jo Lawson (Roger) of Ellisville, and son, David Wright (Leslie) of Laurel. He is also survived by his beloved grandsons, Logan, Connor, and Aric Crable, and one granddaughter, Alyssa Wright, and a host of nieces and nephews. In his last days, as his health was declining, he asked for his chair to be turned toward Wanda so he would have a perfect view of her. Their relationship was a perfect example of Christian love, commitment, and marriage.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, Harold, Gerald, James, Bill, George, Jack, and Ellis. He is survived by one sister, Evelyn Holcombe of Magnolia, Texas.

Joseph was proud to be a lifelong resident of Laurel, and a graduate of Shady Grove High School and Jones County Junior College. He was active in Dixie

Youth Baseball, and on the board and a volunteer at Veteran's Memorial Museum. He loved God, and was a deacon and elder and active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where he served as a Sunday School teacher, a choir member, and participated in mission trips to Cuba and Argentina. He loved to work in his yard and enjoyed keeping it looking nice. He was a gifted artist, and his home is filled with his works of art. He worked tirelessly on his family's genealogy, and enjoyed sharing this with his family. In his working life, he worked at Christian Brothers Auto, Reliable Supply Company, and Kim's Toyota. His favorite job was after he retired, when he worked as a substitute teacher. He loved spending time with the students, and earned the nickname, "Mr. Wright Never Wrong". He was known for his humor and positive outlook, and never complained as his health declined.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Veterans Memorial Museum, 920 Hillcrest Drive, Laurel, MS 39440, or the Animal Rescue League, P.O. Box 2671, in Laurel.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Our deepest sympathy. The neighborhood will not be the same without Joe.*

Charlie and Beth Rawls - August 30, 2014 at 05:29 PM

BW

“ *Deepest sympathy*

Bill and Lunette Waltman - August 30, 2014 at 01:18 PM

LW

“ *Really miss the old times we had a Dixie Boys. He got me started in Dixie youth. Lot of fond memories we had and I will cherish those times forever and wish the family the very best in the future. Friends never pass away they just fade away till we meet again. May the good Lord Bless and keep us all. L.V*

L. V. Walters - August 30, 2014 at 09:26 AM

KI

“ *Our Prayers and Thought are with you al! We love you all! Kathy & Jerry Ingram*

Kathy Ingram - August 29, 2014 at 05:05 PM

HD

“*Dave, Leslie, and Terri, My prayers are worth you as you go through this time of grieving. Our God promises that when one is a Christian, "to be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord", so I'm praying you find peace in knowing that your dad is walking streets of gold with a smile on his face even now. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call! With much love, Heather & Chad, Haley & Emily*

Heather Davis - August 27, 2014 at 11:48 PM

CM

“*Aunt Wanda - I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Joe's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of this great man of God. I loved going to Mississippi with dad all those years and visiting with you both. He will be truly missed! But we all know he is rejoicing in heaven. We are remembering you and your family in our prayers.*

Cindy Wright Manzella - August 27, 2014 at 11:33 PM

TF

“*We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

The Rohrer Family - August 27, 2014 at 04:56 PM

WW

“*Aunt Wanda I am sorry, my words are inadequate to express my feelings. I have so many wonderful memories of you and uncle Joe, you both would always take the time to talk to me even as a child, and you never knew how much that impressed me. I loved you both for those moments. I will be praying for you and the family, I love you.*

William E Wright - August 27, 2014 at 02:48 PM

MD

“ Wanda, I am so sorry to hear about Joe's death. May your memories make this time a bit easier. Mary

Mary Daniels - August 26, 2014 at 06:41 PM

JC

“ Wanda,
Judy and I are so sorry about Joe's passing. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our comfort is in the Lord. Joe now rests comfortably with his Lord.
John and Judy Carter

John Carter - August 26, 2014 at 06:38 PM

AB

“ So sorry for your great loss as Joe was such a pleasant person that everyone loved. Wanda, you were such an example of a Godly marriage. My prayers are with you and the family, God bless you.

Amy Busby - August 26, 2014 at 04:15 PM