



Joan Wright

January 25, 1943 - May 5, 2006

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 15, 2006 at Lewis Temple C.O.G.I.C., 3300 Hess. Bishop Fred Lewis will officiate with interment in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Joan Obella Wright departed this life for the next at her home on May 5, 2006 at the age of 63 years. She was born January 25, 1943 in Saginaw, Michigan. She married Willie Rob Wright, Sr. on May 7, 1959 in Saginaw, Michigan. Joan was a member of Lewis Temple Church of God in Christ for all of her adult life. She was a Youth Sunday School teacher and a member of the Usher Board. Joan touched many lives and made many friends. She was a soft-spoken woman who had no problem making herself heard. She loved to travel with the church and her family. Joan was preceded in death by her infant son, Robert Wright; brother, James Bates, Jr.; mother-in-law, Vacey (Chapman) Wright; and father-in-law, Warren Wright. Joan is survived by her husband, Willie Rob Wright, Sr.; three children, Regina Wright Ryan of Saginaw and Willie (Dawn) Wright, Jr. and Cynthia (Donell) Clayton, both of Lansing; five grandchildren, Antrell Wright, Sr., DeVona (Charles) Carethers, SaRina (Darell) Gaines, Clifton Ryan IV and Christopher Ryan; and one great-grandson, Antrell Wright, Jr. Also surviving her are her parents, James and Lorraine Bates; seven sister, Joyce Williams, Jacqueline (Thomas) Triplett, Jeraldine Burnell, Julia (Tonza) Price, Jocelyn (Maurice) Jackson, Jeanetta Bates and Jennifer Bates; two brothers,

Jeffrey Bates and John Bates; a special great-niece and godchild, Jamia Bates; aunts, Sylvia McCurdy, Emma Bates, Dorothy Thomas, Edith Peterson and other loved aunts, uncles, sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family would like to express special thanks to Heartland Hospice and Hospice nurse, Marilyn.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Willie, Devonna, and Cynthia I am so sorry that this has happened. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Ronda Thomas Smith - May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *To The Wright Family: God has called home another soldier home. Joan and I used to bowl together back in the day. She was one of the sweetest women you could ever meet. My prayers are with her families and remember the word of God say," To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Indeed that is where Joan is now present with the Lord. To Diane and Ms. Austin you are in my prayers along with the rest of the families. May the Lord comfort her husband and children.*

Ann Bailey - May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ *To the Wright family, my deepest sympathy. May god be with you at this sad time. Hello, Cynthia, Willie, and Regina I know it's been a long time since we've seen each other but, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Beverly Vaughn - May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *To Regina and the entire Wright Family. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time and in the days ahead. May your heart soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well-live. My prayers and thought are with you.*

Lorraine Green - May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To the Wright/Bates Families- I am so sorry for your loss of a precious family member. May God be with you in this time of sorrow and homegoing for Joan.

Myself as well as my family will keep you and yours in our prayers.

Also to Mr. & Mrs. Bates think of it as Joan going to prepare a place for all of us.

God Speed and I send my love.

Joan Crawford

RIVAS STEWART - May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Regina,
You & your family have my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. I pray for you & your family to gain strength & stand strong together. Comfort each other & hold on to your memories, for they will always remain in your heart & our prayers. I Love you,

Nora Hollis & Family

Nora Hollis - May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I can not tell you how much it hurts my heart to know that my Joanie will not be there to see and hug the next time I come home. All of you know the same relief that I feel knowing that Joanie is not in any more physical pain. We know that she's gone to a better place, a kinder place, and a place without pain. We must remember Joanie for the wonderful daughter, sister, mother, friend and person she was to all of us. You can believe that Joanie is in Heaven making a way for us to join her, because she loves us just as much as we love her.

Julia Bates Price - May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Regina you have my deepest sympathy, I too know what it's like to lose a mother. Keep her in your heart and she will always be with you.

Ronda Thomas Smith - May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM