



Deacon John William Wright

November 14, 1948 - April 13, 2020

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." – Psalms 37:23

Deacon John William Wright was called home by his heavenly father on Monday, April 13, 2020. He was the youngest of six children born to Willie and Theodosia (Bennett) Wright, on November 14, 1948, in Saginaw, Michigan, where he lived for 71 years.

After graduating from Saginaw High School, class of 1966, John joined the United States Air Force, and served for four years during the Vietnam War, working in Aircraft Maintenance. Upon returning home to Saginaw, John enrolled in Delta college, where he earned an Associate of Science degree in 1972. Afterward, John began a career as a Radiologic Technologist, and a Cardiac Catheterization Tech at Covenant HealthCare Hospital (formerly St. Luke's Hospital). John's career and life's work at Covenant HealthCare lasted for 42 years before he retired in 2015. He was beloved by his coworkers. His warm smile, infectious laugh, and strong work ethic brought joy to everyone who knew him.

John professed faith in Christ and was baptized at an early age. He loved his church family and was a devoted member of "Greater Williams Temple, Church of God in Christ". He was appointed Deacon under the leadership of

his late pastor Bishop H. J. Williams. Under the leadership of his current pastor, Superintendent Arthur L. Aikin, he served as Vice-President of the Trustee Board, Co-Chair of the Deacon Board and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. He was always a willing volunteer to support his pastor and church. He was loved by his church family who were very diligent in praying for him; he is greatly missed.

John was united in marriage to Lucinda Scott, and from that union they had two children: daughter, Cortney Lynn Wright, and son, John William Wright II.

John loved sports, and was an avid fan of basketball, baseball, football, and bowling, recording a 300 game on more than one occasion as a member of a bowling league. He loved going on trips to visit family and friends, and took great pride in attending family reunions. John's passion for life will be remembered and celebrated by all who knew and loved him.

John was preceded in death by his parents Willie L. and Theodosia Wright; sisters, Ora L. Johnson and Mary A. Scott; and brother, Martin E. Wright. In addition to his children, Cortney L. Wright, and John W. Wright II, he is survived by his sister, Annie P. Wright of Saginaw, Michigan; brother, Lester E. Wright of Converse, Texas; god-brothers, Joseph Bady and Terry Triplett; former spouse, Lucinda Scott Jones; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank and acknowledge Superintendent Arthur L. Aikin and his wife Missionary Lera J. Aikin, and Deacon Wright's church family at Greater Williams Temple Church of God in Christ; the Covenant Visiting Nurses Association/Hospice Care Nurses, Brianna, Nayma, Megan, and aides, Haria, Jojo and Lisa; Dr. Minoo Khetarpal, the members of her office, nurses, and staff; the Saginaw County Commission on aging, Tanya S. Monville, and Meals on Wheels; the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, visiting

nurses, nurses, doctors, Anne Milko-Delpier, Mark Kaczmarek, and staff of Covenant Cooper & Harrison Hospital, nurses, doctors, and staff, many of whom were cherished coworkers; Covenant Transitional Care Unit, nurses, doctors, Jody Webb, and staff of Covenant Radiation Center, nurses, doctors, and staff.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude and sincerest appreciation for all of the kindness and thoughtfulness that has been shown throughout this very difficult period. To all those who called, sent cards, well-wishes and prayers, please know that we will be forever grateful to the love you showered our father. May the Lord be with you and Bless you always.

“May the Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.” Genesis 31:49

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Arthur L. Aikin will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the funeral Home on Monday from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m.

*****At Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, we value the safety and health of our customers, staff and the general public. Therefore, we will adhere to EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-42 issued by our Governor Gretchen Whitmer, regarding assemblages in the wake of the unprecedented health challenge our state and nation is facing. The Executive Order is as follows: Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following: 1. Beginning on April 10, 2020 at 4:00 pm, and continuing through May 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all assemblages of more than 10 people in a single indoor shared

space and all events of more than 10 people are prohibited in this state. A single indoor shared space includes but is not limited to a room, hall, cafeteria, auditorium, theater, or gallery. The prohibition on assemblages set forth in this section does not apply to: The prohibition set forth in this section does not abridge protections guaranteed by the state or federal constitution under these emergency circumstances. We do understand that this may pose a challenge to you and your family, but our dedicated staff is here to help guide you towards making the best decisions in memorializing your loved one.*

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Katrina Warren lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Katrina Warren - March 22, 2022 at 05:37 PM

ME

“ *I worked with John for many years at St. Luke's and Covenant. My heartfelt condolences to all of his family and friends.*

Mick Enright - May 13, 2020 at 02:58 PM

SS

“ *So sorry to hear the passing of John I worked with him for many years . John was always professional and great to work with. Thoughts and prayers to his family.*

Sue Schlitt - May 12, 2020 at 10:19 PM

VG

“ *John was always so kind and upbeat. My heart is heavy. My condolences to your family. RIP, John.*



Vivian Gallofin - May 12, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ I worked with John at St. Lukes/ Covenant and have very fond memories of him. I extend my sympathy to his family.
Doreen Schrems

Doreen Schrems - May 12, 2020 at 12:44 PM

DC

“ I was so sad to hear of John's passing. I loved working with John at Covenant. My condolences to his family and friends ❤️



Debbie Colvin - May 12, 2020 at 11:14 AM

DE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Deborah(Schmidt)Carmichael - May 12, 2020 at 09:01 AM

VI

“ I am saddened deeply to learn of John's passing. I worked with John for many years at Covenant. I loved working with him!!! He always had a smile and a kind word. Often in our work caring for cardiac patients it was intense and stressful. John always remained calm and focused. I will always have good memories of John. I pray that the Lord will find a special place in heaven for John because he certainly deserves it! ❤️



Virginia - May 12, 2020 at 06:50 AM

BO

“ *BobbieGaines lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



BobbieGaines - April 27, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ *James Weston lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



James Weston - April 23, 2020 at 03:13 AM

CR

“ *Ceciel Reed lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Ceciel Reed - April 22, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Otis W Jackson lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Otis W Jackson - April 21, 2020 at 06:03 PM

VB

“ Vicki Bradley lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Vick Bradley - April 21, 2020 at 05:49 PM

AW

“ I don't know you but rip cousin sending prayers and condolences to your family



arnold welch - April 21, 2020 at 05:49 PM

JW

“ May you rest in peace, Johnny. You have always been a wonderful person since we've known you. May God continue to comfort, strengthen, keep and bless your family.



Love,
Cousins Janet, Carl, Carlos Wright and Carole Clark

Janet Wright - April 21, 2020 at 05:38 PM

LM

“ Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Larry Martin - April 21, 2020 at 12:49 PM

DR

“ Dear Cousin,
You fought a good fight, you have finished
your course, and kept the faith. Now it is time
to take your rest and receive your crown of
righteousness. RIP Johnny. My condolences
to the family.
Leon and Deborah Reed.



Deborah Brown Reed - April 21, 2020 at 11:42 AM

LW

“Gone from our sight, But never from our
hearts.”
Cousin Johnny you will be truly missed.

Lance & Krestal Wright



Lance Wright - April 20, 2020 at 09:31 PM

DA

“ You will be missed! It is now your time to rest. May you RIP. My
prayers are continually with the family during this time. Doris Adams

Doris Adams - April 20, 2020 at 06:25 AM

BB

“ Love always cousin RIP. Barbara Bennett and
Family



Barbara Bennett - April 19, 2020 at 03:21 PM

DD

“ My condolences to John's family. John was a great neighbor. I always looked forward to seeing him and chatting with him. I will remember him always and greatly miss his smile and friendship. I learned from John that he had completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base several months after I did and that he had cared for me at Covenant when I was a patient there. As a tribute to John I quote the words of a great man. "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made in the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead" Nelson Mandela David Dogger

David Dogger - April 19, 2020 at 02:23 PM

CS

“ I will miss you but you will not be forgotten.
Love you cousin



Crystal Simmons - April 19, 2020 at 01:54 PM

PW

“ I send my love to my dear nephew who had such a kind spirit. Though I can't attend your services my prayers will be with your family, and my thoughts will be with you and your legacy. God, you know the sadness that we have in our hearts.
Love,
Your Uncle A.G. Wright and Aunt Willie Etta Wright

Pastor Augustus Wright - April 19, 2020 at 01:21 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Hood lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Cynthia Hood - April 19, 2020 at 02:10 AM



“ Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Frank Johnson - April 18, 2020 at 09:44 PM

DJ

“ Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Doris Jones - April 18, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MM

Our sincere condolences to the Wright family upon the Home-Going of Deacon John William Wright. May the Grace of our Heavenly Father strengthen you as you go through this time. Love and Peace my family.

Marshall McGee - April 21, 2020 at 07:36 PM

MM

Love, Grace, and Peace!!!

Marshall McGee - April 21, 2020 at 07:37 PM

SS

“ Sue Surles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Sue Surles-McDole - April 18, 2020 at 11:13 AM

LW

“ Love and prayers are sent to the family!



Lois R Watkins - April 18, 2020 at 10:49 AM

JM

“ As your next-door neighbor, you will be missed. my sympathy goes out to John, Jr. and Courtney. From Jim Mills

James Mills - April 18, 2020 at 06:18 AM

KJ

“ I will miss uncle Johnny playing jokes with me pretending that he was my dad on the phone when he would come to visit my parents during the summer. I will cherish the memories of him coming by Grandma Nora's house to eat, he seem to always know when she had just finished baking something.
Love your niece Katrina Wright Johnson and family



Katrina Wright Johnson - April 18, 2020 at 12:17 AM

LJ

“ Deacon Wright was one of the coolest deacons! He will definitely be missed!!!
Johnnie and Lakeisha Johnson and family....



Lakeisha Johnson - April 18, 2020 at 12:03 AM

VP

“ Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Vyethel Kemp Peterson - April 17, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Lorraine Bond-Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Lorraine Bond-Riley - April 17, 2020 at 08:27 PM

MM

“ Melvin & Bessie McKandes lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Melvin & Bessie McKandes - April 17, 2020 at 06:33 PM

GM

“ *Gayle Miller lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Gayle Miller - April 17, 2020 at 11:12 AM

GM

So sorry for your loss

Gayle Miller - April 17, 2020 at 11:12 AM

DK

“ *Deacon Bobby &Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Deacon Bobby &Thelma Kelley - April 17, 2020 at 11:11 AM

AJ

“ *ALICE JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



ALICE JOHNSON - April 16, 2020 at 11:41 PM

DJ

“ *Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Doris Jones - April 16, 2020 at 07:54 PM

DH

“ *Dennis & Jerry Hall lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Dennis & Jerry Hall - April 16, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ *Theonas Barry lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Theonas Barry - April 16, 2020 at 05:12 PM

ED

“ *Emma Donald lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Emma Donald - April 16, 2020 at 03:21 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Barbara Land-Jones - April 16, 2020 at 08:38 AM

TT

“ *Elder John W. Wright, who i would relate to as J.W. Frist of all my condolences to the family's. He and I had a special bond with one another. Elder and myself was very supportive of each other .traveling,seeing each other to Doctors appointments, Was together with me and my family's for Christmas,Thanksgiving gatherings and dinners for over twenty years. Thanks for your kindness,kinship,friendship. God has spoken let the church say Amen: Terry & Denise Triplett & family*



Terry Triplett - April 15, 2020 at 05:59 PM

SH

I am so sad to hear that John has passed on. I worked with him at St Luke's and Covenant for atleast a hundred years! He was always there when we needed him. He always took the time to say hi and give that warm smile of his. Enjoy your new home. I will miss you.

Sally Hornsby - May 12, 2020 at 07:03 PM

AM

“ My wife, Wendy and I were so very saddened to learn of John's passing.
I worked with John for the 29 years we were in Saginaw. Every day that we worked together was a joy. John was a special person --- hard working and still able to enliven the day for all those around him.
He was kind and considerate to the patients he interacted with in his role as a specialized angiographic technologist.
He will be missed by all that knew him, but he will not be forgotten.

Allen J Solomon M.D.

Allen J Solomon M.D. - April 15, 2020 at 05:17 PM

BC

“ *Billy And Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Billy and Karen Cork - April 15, 2020 at 04:33 PM

MJ

“ *Marie Hinton Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Marie Hinton Jones - April 15, 2020 at 12:57 PM

DB

“ my classmate, Johnnie was such a kind and friendly person, with a beautiful attitude it was always good to see him and talk to him. Family you were blessed with a wonderful, godly man of integrity. I will miss him. Dorothy Burch



Dorothy Burch - April 15, 2020 at 12:14 PM

AH

“ Aretha Hairston sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Aretha Hairston - April 15, 2020 at 12:06 PM

DA

“ A friend from childhood. An easygoing, level headed man of God. Rest well Johnnie 🙏

Dempsey Allen - April 15, 2020 at 11:25 AM

JM

“ John Wright was a very special person. He began his career in 1971 at Saint Luke hospital x ray department young slim friendly and with a large afro . Loved working with him, He was a good knowledgeable technologist friendly compassionate and caring .We enjoyed him all these years .We will miss you John. We send our sympathy to all your many friends and your family who also loved you and will miss you. Joseph E. Talbot MD and Jean Talbot St Luke Covenant Radiology Dept.

joseph e talbot md - April 15, 2020 at 10:32 AM

JP

“ *Janice Powell-Coleman lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Janice Powell-Coleman - April 15, 2020 at 08:59 AM

AM

“ *Audrey McKandes lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Audrey McKandes - April 15, 2020 at 07:04 AM



“ *Nedra Ann RileyWilliams lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Nedra Ann RileyWilliams - April 15, 2020 at 12:59 AM

SB

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family of Elder John Wright.*



Shurly Brown - April 15, 2020 at 12:12 AM

MN

“ *Mary (Georgia) L Nettles lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Mary (Georgia) L Nettles - April 14, 2020 at 10:26 PM

LK

“ *RIH my Brother-n-Law,, my classmate from SHS 1966, and most of all my friend, My love and prayers to Cindy, Cortney, and John.*



Lois Kelley - April 14, 2020 at 09:21 PM

CR

“ *Carl And Rosemary Ruth lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Carl and Rosemary Ruth - April 14, 2020 at 07:12 PM

GB

“ *Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Gwen White Bowman - April 14, 2020 at 07:09 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Derrell Martin - April 14, 2020 at 06:58 PM

BM

“ *Bernice McGlothin lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Bernice McGlothin - April 14, 2020 at 06:37 PM

IH

“ *Ida Helton lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Ida Helton - April 14, 2020 at 06:19 PM

JC

“ *Condolences and prayers to Elder Johnny Wright's family. Long time high school friend. RIH* 🤍🙏

Jamie Christian - April 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM

GC

“ Gloria Cormier lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Gloria Cormier - April 14, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Lorraine Bond-Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Lorraine Bond-Riley - April 14, 2020 at 04:31 PM

JH

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Elder John Wright. We grew up in the same neighborhood of 4th, 5th, and Johnson Streets.

Joyce Williams Harvin & Family

Joyce W. Harvin - April 14, 2020 at 02:39 PM

RF

“ Praying for the Wright family. Had good fortune of seeing Johnnie a few years ago. Rest in peace class mate.



Ralph Ford - April 14, 2020 at 02:38 PM

BV

“ Bobby And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Bobby and Linda Veasley - April 14, 2020 at 01:53 PM

JW

“ Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Joanie Williams - April 14, 2020 at 01:29 PM

IC

“ TO MY FRIEND AND CO-WORKER AT COVENANT HEALTH CARE. HE WILL BE MISSED. PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

IRMA CHISM - April 14, 2020 at 12:25 PM

LM

“ Loudean Moultrie lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright



Loudean Moultrie - April 14, 2020 at 12:17 PM

DW

“ *My Sincere Condolences To The Entire Family Of Mr. Johnny Wright. Mr. Wright was a great person working as a X-RAY Technician. He always calmed my nerves when I had to have test done.*



Doretta Joyce Williams - April 14, 2020 at 12:04 PM

RS

“ *My friend since childhood may God bless your family and keep you strong*

Ray Smith - April 14, 2020 at 09:49 AM

BC

“ *Billy And Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Billy and Karen Cork - April 14, 2020 at 09:41 AM

NM

“ *To the family of Deacon Wright! He will truly be missed.*



Natalie McLaurin-Johnson - April 14, 2020 at 07:30 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon John William Wright*



Brenda Jones - April 14, 2020 at 12:36 AM

MP

“ *You will be missed* 🙏🏻



Missionary Pamela - April 13, 2020 at 09:36 PM