



Deacon Richard Wright

June 1, 1945 - December 9, 2024

Mr. Richard Wright was born on June 1, 1945 in Pickensville, Alabama to Earlie and Georgia Ellen Wright, Sr. At the age of 79 years, Richard leaves behind a legacy of hard work, generosity and devotion to family and community.

As the fourth of nine siblings Richard's early life was shaped by the values of family and perseverance. He worked at Smith Douglass for many years where he eventually retired. However, retirement did not slow him down. With a strong work ethic and an entrepreneurial spirit, he founded a trucking business that he successfully operated until a back injury forced him to step away. Undeterred, Richard channeled his talents into his passion for cooking. Known for his incredible bar-b-que ribs and homemade ice cream, and boy was it good! Richard's skills became the cornerstone of a new chapter in his life.

Richard later became a cook at Soul Food Caf'e where he and Mary served as the backbone of the establishment. After the restaurant closed, it transitioned to running a catering business, which they operated for 15 fulfilling years.

Richard was a longtime devoted member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for 11 Years. He was also an active participant in the Male Chorus and Senior Choir under the leadership of Dr.

Vincent McMillon. Richard served wherever he was needed in both church and the wider community.

Richard leaves to cherish beautiful memories a loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Mary Wright; three grandchildren, Quintoria Ruth, Asia Jones and Marcus Wright II all of Texas; one great-grandchild, Courtlin Knight. He also leaves four brothers, John (Kaaren) Wright of Villarica, GA, Lunnie Wright of Saginaw, MI, James (Mary) Wright of Moundville, AL, Jeffery (Theresa) Wright of Pottstown, PA; two sisters, Rachel Williams of Washington DC and Earnestine Wright of Brooklyn, NY; one daughter-in-law, Simone Wright; sisters-in-law, Carolene Wright of Pickensville, AL and Ethel (Calvin) Linder of Saginaw; other relatives and friends. Richard was also blessed with the friendship of three very special friends who were always there for a helping hand, Earvine Watkins, Robert Glover and Calvin Linder. The family would also like to thank Region VII, Quanisha Morris and Rose Green of Safe Hands Warm Heart Home Health Care Agency.

Richard was preceded in death by one son, Marcus Wright; one brother, Earlie Wright, Jr. and one sister, Yvonne Wright.

Richard's legacy will forever be remembered in the hearts of all who knew him. His kindness dedication and faith touched the lives of many, leaving behind cherished memories that will endure.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at St. Paul Baptist Church, 120 N. 15th St., Saginaw, MI 48601. Dr. Vincent McMillon will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. The family will be present from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church
120 North 15th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

ER

“ *My condolences to the entire Wright family. Mary was my classmate and I remember her a Richard fondly. Richard kept me laughing. He was such a joker when we were growing up.*

Elizabeth Washington Ragland - January 23, 2025 at 10:35 PM

CL

“ *Cheryl Washington Locke*



Cheryl Locke - December 22, 2024 at 12:43 AM

MS

“ *My condolence to the family and prayers*



Margie Shakespeare - December 21, 2024 at 08:48 PM

GD

“ *Gregory LeVOY Daniel lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Gregory LeVOY Daniel - December 20, 2024 at 11:26 AM

JW

“ *Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook - December 19, 2024 at 10:49 PM

SS

“ *Praying for the family
Shirley Latham Stovall*



Shirley Latham Stovall - December 18, 2024 at 10:46 AM

SW

“ *Sara Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of
Deacon Richard Wright*



Sara Walker - December 18, 2024 at 09:05 AM

CW

“ *Constance Webb lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Richard Wright*



Constance Webb - December 18, 2024 at 06:30 AM

AP

“ *Rest in heaven Brother Richard.
you will for ever be missed.*



Auther and Toni Pringle - December 18, 2024 at 05:34 AM

ML

“ *Sending our Deepest Condolences to the
family and friends God Bless you All 🙏
John Lewis and Mary J Givan Lewis*



Mary J Givan Lewis - December 17, 2024 at 06:54 PM

JB

“ *Prayers For His Family.*



Juanita Boyd - December 17, 2024 at 06:08 PM

TN

“ *My condolences to Mary and all the Wright family. Every time I was
with Rich he always had a smile and a laugh. I will remember his
kindness. Prayers to all that was close to him.*

Tom Nichols - December 17, 2024 at 01:56 PM

MW

“ *My condolences to family. I pray for peace, comfort and strength. .*
Marsha Wright

Marsha Wright - December 16, 2024 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ *Donna Shipman lit a candle in memory of*
Deacon Richard Wright



Donna Shipman - December 16, 2024 at 07:22 PM

LG

“ *Lillie Williams Grays sent a virtual gift in*
memory of Deacon Richard Wright



Lillie Williams Grays - December 16, 2024 at 06:38 AM

VB

“ *Velvet Baker lit a candle in memory of*
Deacon Richard Wright



Velvet Baker - December 15, 2024 at 07:43 PM

RR

“ Rosalyn Reese lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Richard Wright



Rosalyn Reese - December 15, 2024 at 10:18 AM

MC

“ God please bless you and your family with all
the strength you need to get through.



Mary Harrison Carter - December 15, 2024 at 06:29 AM

DW

“ Dwandra Williams lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Richard Wright



Dwandra Williams - December 14, 2024 at 10:40 PM

JN

“ Joyce Neal lit a candle in memory of Deacon
Richard Wright



Joyce Neal - December 14, 2024 at 07:15 PM

MC

“ *May Your Memories of Richard Bring You Peace and Comfort.
Cousin Mozella Pope Caudle*

Mozella Pope Caudle - December 14, 2024 at 02:29 PM

BF

“ *Sending condolences and deepest sympathy. Love and prayers to
the family.*

Buddy Linder and family - December 14, 2024 at 10:33 AM

PW

“ *Sending prayers Mary and condolences to you
and your entire family Deacon Richard Wright
will be missed by all Loved his smile 🙏❤️*



patrice Williams - December 14, 2024 at 08:06 AM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Richard Wright*



Yvette Wofford - December 14, 2024 at 01:15 AM

SL

“ *Mary, so sorry for your loss. Sending my prayers and condolences
to you and your family.*

Sharon Lockhart

Sharon Lockhart - December 13, 2024 at 08:49 PM

JA

“ To my family, especially my Aunt May, I love you all so much. Uncle Rich was more than just an uncle to me. He was always always supportive of whatever I was doing and was just always there. He will truly be missed. I am sure if he was still here he would be singing, "Get right church and let's go home." Until we meet again Unc. I love you

Jeanetta Arrington - December 13, 2024 at 08:40 PM

MC

My deepest condolences and prayers to the family!

Mable Curry - December 14, 2024 at 07:00 PM

CJ

“ Sending condolences to the family. My name is Cora Jones Richard and I were classmate at PCTS in Carrollton, Alabama may God bless you at this time of your loss 🙏



Cora Jones - December 13, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ With deepest sympathy sending Love and prayers to you and the family.

Elnora Macklin - December 13, 2024 at 07:23 PM

JP

“ To Mrs. Mary Wright, and the entire family of Mr. Richard Wright: Our prayers and condolences to you for your loss! Praying that God will bless you with comfort, peace, and strength during your time of bereavement! 🙏🙏❤️



*Much love and sympathy,
Josephine Pelt and Family*

Josephine Pelt - December 13, 2024 at 06:18 PM

GA

Sending sincere condolences to the family of Richard Wright. I am a school mate of Richard Wright, 1965 graduate of PCTS. Praying for the family.

Georgia Bonner Alexander - December 13, 2024 at 06:49 PM

KC

“ K. Renee (Moten) Curry lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright



K. Renee (Moten) Curry - December 13, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ Ramona Palmer lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright



Ramona Palmer - December 13, 2024 at 02:21 PM

SW

“ Brother wright was one I called my buddy, we could laugh and joke all the time, he was always down to earth. But we connected when they catered for us, and Mary told me brother wright had fixed the fried corn, it was on and poppin from then on, I would always try to get my bid in for some every time, and he would crack up laughing at me. I'm so glad I got a chance for him to hear from me before thanksgiving. Rest well brother Wright, no more pain. Love you Mary.

Sandra Wooten - December 13, 2024 at 12:55 PM

RK

“ Renee Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright



Renee Kaiser - December 13, 2024 at 11:39 AM

DM

“ Doris R Morris lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright



Doris R Morris - December 13, 2024 at 10:45 AM

DB

“ *Deborah Harrisin- Blanks lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Deborah Harrisin- Blanks - December 13, 2024 at 10:10 AM

BC

“ *Sending heartfelt prayers, hugs, love and my deepest condolences to the Wright family! To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!*

Brian and Kim Cole - December 13, 2024 at 09:38 AM

FK

“ *Florence & Kelcei lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Florence & Kelcei - December 13, 2024 at 08:11 AM

CH

“ *Clifford Harris lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Clifford Harris - December 12, 2024 at 09:31 PM



“ *James Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



James Johnson - December 12, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ *Our heartfelt prayers to Mary and the family Rest in heaven Bro.Richard.*



Auther &Toni Pringle - December 12, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ *We Send Our Deepest Sympathy & Heartfelt Condolences To The Family.*



Deacon Bobby & Thelma (Moten) Kelley - December 12, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ *Audrey Watkins Savage lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Audrey Watkins Savage - December 12, 2024 at 12:26 PM

SC

“ *Silva Casey lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Silva Casey - December 12, 2024 at 10:47 AM

DH

“ *Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Deidre Hunter - December 12, 2024 at 09:54 AM

JJ

“ *Joyce Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Joyce Jones - December 11, 2024 at 07:56 PM

TF

“ *Tammy P. N Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Tammy p. N family - December 11, 2024 at 07:42 PM

VC

“ I'm sorry to hear about your loss St.Paul
Daycare Cook



Vera Clark - December 11, 2024 at 05:17 PM

VG

“ Vivian Grayson lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Richard Wright



Vivian Grayson - December 11, 2024 at 05:15 PM

VC

“ Vera Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of
Deacon Richard Wright



Vera Clark - December 11, 2024 at 05:12 PM

MF

“ Mrs. Patricia Frierson sent a virtual gift in
memory of Deacon Richard Wright



Mrs. Patricia Frierson - December 11, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ *My Condolences to the Wright family*

James Johnson - December 10, 2024 at 11:58 PM



“ *Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Deidre Hunter - December 10, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *Larry&Gwen Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Richard Wright*



Larry&Gwen Conway - December 10, 2024 at 02:29 PM