



Mary Wright

May 8, 1929 - October 16, 2021

On Saturday, October 16, 2021, in the morning God called our beloved mother and grandmother Mary E. Wright aka (Mama Liz) home to God's eternal rest. Mary Elizabeth Wright was born May 8, 1929, to the late Willie William Jones and the late Mattie Spellman Jones of Pasquotank County, NC. Unfortunately, Mary's mother passed away when she was 2 years old leaving her to be raised by her late aunt Ethel Jones-Baker of Elizabeth City, NC. She was educated in the North Carolina School System. Mary came to Virginia in her early 20's to live with her sister, the late Carrie Morris and Clarence Morris of Chesapeake where she met and married James Wright. She worked at Sunset Manor as a housekeeper until she started working at Hagwood's Cleaners as a shirt presser until she retired there and started being a caregiver for one of her friends until she passed away. Mary continued to spread God's word to anyone who would listen. The words she would say that stood out was "You better get right with God. He's coming back". On March 9, 1957, James and Mary were married and stayed married until death.

James Wright was born July 17, 1930, to the late John Mills Wright and Sidney Cahoon Wright of Creswell, NC. Unfortunately, James' mother passed a year after he was born. At that time, he was bought to live with his aunt and uncle, the late Earnest and Minnie Cahoon Watson. He was educated in Norfolk County Schools; he also served in the United States Army. James

went on to be a long-distance truck driver. He worked until he retired, and later started doing lawn care until no longer permitted by his health.

During their marriage, they both joined New Light Baptist Church on Cedar Rd in Chesapeake, VA., James Wright became a deacon and trustee. Mary joined the Usher Board and became a deaconess until she became a part of the Missionary Society. Later on in life, Mary Wright received her license for ministry. She was also a member of the Helping Hand Prayer Band.

After spending a lot of years at New Light Baptist Church, they both left and connected with St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. There, James and Mary Wright continued to serve God with their works at the church and outside of the building. By spreading God's Word through ministry, they were known as "live wires to the ministry". Mary's favorite words were "If it's God's will", "don't rush God, but trust God". Her most favorite was "if you are tired of your god, try my God". Mary Wright was a mother to many and a stranger to none. As it was written, she was "the wind bean beneath our wings". Mary and James Wright were predeceased by their siblings, two daughters, Betty Lou Smith of Chesapeake, VA. Mattie Mills Artis of Norfolk, VA, two grandsons, Tyrone C. Artis of Norfolk, VA, and Derwin (Turk) Mills of Norfolk, VA. They both leave to cherish their memories: Son: Curtis Whidbee (Mary), a special cousin Geraldine Baker of Elizabeth City, NC; granddaughters, Cynthia Mills Ellis, whom they raised, of Portsmouth, VA, Darvina Nichols of Portsmouth, VA, Ebony Morrison of Portsmouth VA, Krystal Whidbee of Chesapeake, VA and Trina Williams of Norfolk, VA; grandsons Willie Mills of Virginia Beach, VA, Anthony, and Cornelius Artis, both of Chesapeake, VA, Victor Ingram of New York, a special great-granddaughter, Tonya Mills of Portsmouth, VA, and a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Church Service

OCT 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Mark Missionary Baptist Church
2714 Frederick Blvd
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall

CA

“ My grandmother was a praying woman, a godly woman and a preaching woman and she knew the Lord very well and remember her telling me do the right thing baby and get right with god before it's too late.


Cornelius Artis - November 30, 2021 at 03:24 PM

EB

“ Condolences to the Wright family. Mrs Wright was a very nice lady who loved the Lord. I grew up down the street from her on Basie Crescent and was friends with her son Curtis. My prayers go out to Curtis and the Wright family. The Word of God says, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning".

Elder Russell B Bullock - October 25, 2021 at 01:01 PM

GM

“ I was heart broken  with this call. Not only the Mother of our church (St. Mark Missionary Baptist), she favored my Mother so much that I 'adopted' her. That warm smile, words of inspiration will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family.

Gloria Maddux - October 23, 2021 at 09:47 AM

RJ

“ To the Wright family, she was like a mother to me @St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. She is one of the mothers of our church. The love, sweet spirit, and smiles she we will miss about her. Elder Robert & Jerrica Stephenson, Be bless!

Robert Stephenson Jr. - October 21, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JJ

“ *Mother Wright was a Blessing from God to St Mark Family especially to the Veterans Ministry. She was the sweetest person with so much Godly Wisdom. She will be truly missed Love You Mother Wright. R.I.H.*



Jacqueline Jacobs - October 21, 2021 at 11:31 AM

VP

“ *It broke my heart to get that phone call that she had passed . The Love that she had for her Family and Friends was Amazing .I will miss her dearly . Praying for the Family that God will give you Strength to walk down this Journey .*



Vicky Porter - October 20, 2021 at 04:14 PM

PB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



patricia brown - October 20, 2021 at 11:50 AM

PB

*Someone with you? My question
JESUS ! Your answer*

Prayers for God's comfort for Brother James Wright and family! She will be missed! 🌹❤️

Patricia Brown - October 20, 2021 at 11:15 PM

CA

That's my sweet grandmother

Cornelius Artis - November 30, 2021 at 01:29 PM

CA

My grandmother was a praying woman, godly woman and a sweet woman and she always used to tell me do the right thing baby and I miss her so much each and everyday and she will be missed dearly.

Cornelius Artis - November 30, 2021 at 01:31 PM

LT

“*Condolences to the Wright family. Willing worker missionary Wright always was helpful in bringing a smile, a gift, and words of encouragement. I have never seen her with a partner visiting. Her drive-by was from St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church packed with love, and a caring spirit. My prayers are with the family. RIP*



Louvenia Davis Taylor - October 20, 2021 at 09:00 AM

PC

“*I'm so sorry to hear the passing of your love one. She was truly a woman of God. I saw her the last Sunday that she was at church and we said "I love you" to one another. She's definitely going to be missed. Heaven is going to welcome her with open arms, because she definitely loves the Lord.*

Pearlie Chatman - October 19, 2021 at 11:46 AM



Mother Wright, rise up in heaven like you told me to do! God has given us a legacy that we own grown from. Rest on Mother. You have truly been Blessing to our family and to the entire St. Mark And Portsmouth Va Community!

Tony Palmer - October 20, 2021 at 03:54 AM

PB

"Anyone with you?" My question

"Jesus!" Your answer

Rest on Sister Wright, you will forever be missed!❤️

Patricia Brown and daughter, Dr. LaKendra Hardware

Patricia Brown - October 20, 2021 at 11:33 AM