



## Wanda M. Wright

April 23, 1961 - June 21, 2022

Wanda Meschele Etheridge Wright, lovingly known as “Meschele”, was born on April 23, 1961, in Portsmouth, Virginia to Wasee and the late Mable Virginia Porter Etheridge.

After the birth of her first child Dymyus LeQuai Etheridge, Meschele graduated from Manor High School in 1979 in Portsmouth Virginia. Following High School, she attended Tidewater Community College, earning an Associate's Degree in Social Work and Human Services in 1982. She later went on to further her education at Old Dominion University (ODU). It was at ODU that Meschele received beauty queen status by earning the title of Miss Congeniality and winning 1st runner up in the Miss ODU Pageant in 1983. On June 21, 1986, Meschele wed Thomas Wright and began their journey as husband and wife.

In 1985 after ODU, Meschele enlisted in the United States Air Force (USAF) where she served our country for 4 years. In 1989, after the birth of her daughter Tiffany Lynette Wright, Meschele returned to Hampton Roads to start her professional civilian career as a Social Worker for Hillhaven Nursing Home in Norfolk Virginia. After serving as Social Worker with Hillhaven, Meschele advanced in her career, transitioning to a new management level position as Lead Social worker for Manning Convalescent Home in Portsmouth Virginia. She later received a promotion, to a new position, as Director of Social Work at Autumn Care Nursing Facility where she worked for the next 11 years until she retired.

In later years, Meschele enjoyed retirement and was very active in her church work at

Grove Baptist

Church in Portsmouth Virginia. At Grove, Meschele served in the Missionary Ministry as a Senior

Missionary and on the Banquet Committee. She used her gift of Service to help with funeral arrangements for members and to help feed the less fortunate.

Meschele's favorite pastimes included rooting for her favorite football team the Dallas Cowboys, eating crabs (her absolute favorite food!), bird watching, loving on her dog Kash, spending time with her family & friends, traveling and cruising the world. She had the prettiest smile, was so easy to talk to and could light up the room with laughter. She also really loved to dance! We all loved to see her hand dancing with her favorite partner Thomas at the family BBQs, parties, and other events. She made such a huge impact professionally and personally in so many lives and will truly be missed by all.

In addition to her mother Mable Virginia Porter Etheridge, Meschele joins in glory her dearest nephew

Christian Lamar Alexander Gray. Meschele leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 36 years Thomas Wright, her father Wassee Etheridge, Children: Dymyus and Empress Etheridge, Tiffany Wright, and honorary daughter Jacquita Miffleton, Grand Child: Bianca Etheridge, Siblings: Gennett and Christopher Gray, Robin Etheridge, Wesley and Verna Etheridge, Wayne Etheridge, special cousin Vincent Adams who assisted with care for Meschele during her final months, as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and other beloved family and friends!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 West Norfolk Road  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wanda M. Wright



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 07, 2022 at 07:07 PM

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“ Thomas and family you have my deepest sympathy. Bruce E. Smothers (Holloman)



Bruce Smothers (Holloman) - July 06, 2022 at 03:50 PM

PJ

“ " What do you say when you have lost a piece of your soul. Meschele, you were part of four people friendships that will last a lifetime (You, Marlyn, Sue and myself (Pat). We have been friends of over 30 years. One of the most powerful prayer you can ever pray is "GOD not my will, but let your will be done." His will has been done and I will see you on the other side."

Patricia Jimerson

Patricia Jimerson - June 28, 2022 at 05:56 PM

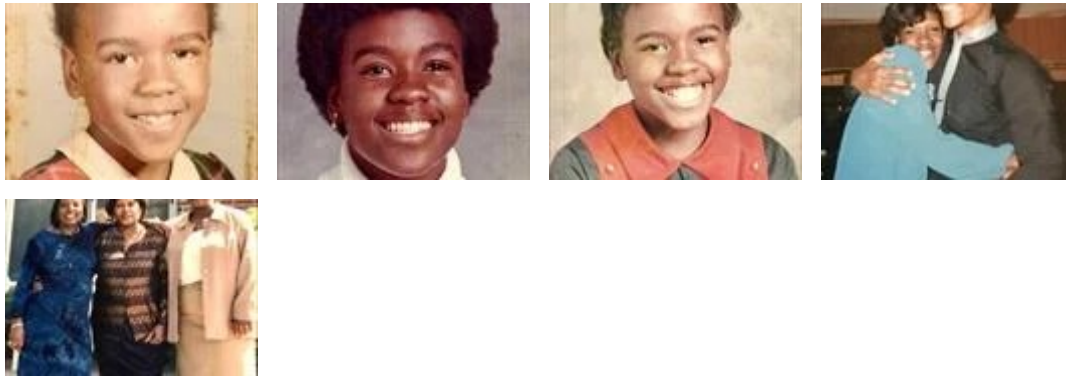
MJ

*I am so deeply grateful and blessed to have met Meschele while stationed at Fairchild AFB. It all started in the dining facility aka chow hall, and blossomed into a 37 year Sister-friendship. We (Meschele, Thomas, Pat, Sue, Linda, and Belinda) became each other's family while being stationed so far from home, and Meschele and Thomas' house became the place where we could find solace. Meschele was so outgoing and would share her talents, wisdom and light with countless others. Her laugh was infectious and she would give you the shirt off her back. She was a beautiful soul. My heart and prayers are with her children, granddaughter, siblings, and relatives during this difficult time. I'm going to miss my friend. 'Til we meet at Jesus' feet.'*

Marlyn (Marty) Josey - June 30, 2022 at 10:05 PM



“ 20 files added to the tribute wall



Porter Gray - June 25, 2022 at 04:02 PM

SH

“ My dearest Friend, you have been a pillar of strength and intelligence in my life for nearly 34 years. You have left me with so much experience and knowledge and love, promise to pay it all forward. My most sincerest condolences to Tiffany, Quai, Thomas and the entire family. You will be missed beyond words; I love you Meschele!

Sue Holloway - June 22, 2022 at 02:57 PM

SW

To Robin and family sorry for your loss you have y deepest condolences Susie Woodley.

Susie Woodley - June 23, 2022 at 07:36 PM

PJ

My deep felt sorry of the passing of your mother. Wanda was in charge of the Senior Ministry for some time and took on the tasks of making sure the seniors had fun each week. She was also an active member of Grove Church Missionary Ministry where she was always eager to help others. We will miss her dearly.  
Paulette Johnson

Paulette Johnson - June 24, 2022 at 06:59 PM

Fleicia Bullock

My condolences and prayers of comfort to her family friends and all who knew and loved her. Remembering our younger days growing up in noble street church. Blessings and rip Beautiful.

Fleicia Bullock - June 27, 2022 at 11:22 AM

RB

*My condolences in Wanda's passing. We moved in the neighborhood and she was right there, letting us know we had Church Family in the neighborhood. What a wonderful friendly smile and always something good to say about Thomas and her Family. Love You!*  
*Ruby Baker-Snead*

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**Ruby Baker-Snead** - June 30, 2022 at 11:31 AM

NT

*Meschele, your heavenly father has called you home to be with him. You will be missed. When you see the rest of our family tell them all we said hello.*  
*Nancy Thomas, Cleveland, Ohio*

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**Nancy Thomas** - June 30, 2022 at 01:40 PM