



Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr.

August 11, 1944 - April 13, 2024

A Rare Breed of a man, that went all in. He always kept his word and gave his all, always going the extra mile for all those projects and people he cared for. Oftentimes never receiving thanks or recognition, nor the same passion or effort in return, yet he never changed but continued to give his all until he was called home. That was my Butch.

Clarence Edward “Butch” Wright, Jr., although he left me so suddenly and unexpectedly, I thank God for the 40 plus years we had together.

He joined, was baptized and attended Madison Light Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late great Pastor R. B. Bland.

“Butch”, as most called him, came here from Roanoke, VA via Atlanta, GA. Seeing so much potential in the Delta, and that people here were not given the opportunities or monies that other places received, he began formulating a plan. After much discussion with the Save the Children Federation officials out of Connecticut, he asked to be sent here.

The eldest son of four children, he was preceded in death by his sister, Jacqueline Wright Slade of Danville, VA and his parents. His dad, Clarence Edward “Ed” Wright Sr., who was a well-known trombone player with the Aristocrats Orchestra. His mom, Arnesia Wise Wright, was known for teaching

the kids tennis in the community. One of her more famous tutees was Arthur Ashe. She taught Butch and his brother, Steven, so well that they received scholarships to Arkansas AM&N College, (now UAPB) Pine Bluff, AR. This was during a time when it was a rarity to see Black tennis players. He went on to finish for AM&N and became a history teacher briefly. But realizing his passion was people, he changed directions and began a career of service, making a difference in the lives of others. He attended Haverford College, Haverford, PA for a fifth year of post-baccalaureate study, and graduate school at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. Butch was a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship recipient. An unassuming person whose mind was constantly thinking and planning, Butch brought the Arkansas Delta Project (field office of the international Save the Children Project) that started in a two-story framed house in Madison, AR in 1979. Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation (ALFDC) in Brinkley, AR, Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center of Marvell, AR (BGADC), Gurdon Development Inc., Home Instruction for Pre-School Youngsters Program in Madison, AR (HIPPY), Arkansas Delta Housing/Self Help Project of Forrest City were all started by him. He motivated and hired local folk to work and head up the projects. He didn't just stop at thinking and planning, Butch put the ideas in motion. He was that Rare Breed. There is a saying, "Be the change you want to see." Clarence Wright Jr. was that change.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Robinson-Wright; two sons, Kevin J. (Marion) Wright of Atlanta, GA; Steven Charles (Erica) Wright of Jacksonville, FL; daughter, Kelley York, Atlanta, GA; Christopher D. (Constance) Chatters, Bonaire, GA; Calandra (Henry) Henderson, Forrest City, AR; and Carmillia L. Chatters, Forrest City, AR; one brother, Steven Wise (Mary) Wright, Charlottesville, VA; one sister, Joyce Wright White, Roanoke, VA; thirteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law: Charles L. (Lola) Robinson, Ocala, FL; two sisters in law: Emily R. Holley, Forrest City, AR; Antoinette (Donell) Pelt, Toney, AL; several nieces, nephews, friends and

former coworkers.

I ask each of you as we celebrate his life to remember Shirley Caesar's song: "May the Works I've Done Speak for Me", When I'm resting in my grave, there is nothing that can be said, may the works I've done speak for me.

Previous Events

Family and Friends Gathering

APR **27**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
1900 South Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-1914
mjkimble@yahoo.com
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

Repast

APR **27**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Forrest City Civic Center
1335 North Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Jackie White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr.



Jackie White - April 30, 2024 at 09:47 PM

BS

“ We extend our sincerest condolences to the Wright Family! Words simply cannot express the gratitude that we have for Mr. Wright and the impact that he has had on the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center (BGACDC) in Marvell, Arkansas! We will forever cherish the memories and sacrifices he made on behalf of the Center and the community. Beatrice Shelby (Executive Dir.) and the BGACDC Family



Beatrice Shelby - April 27, 2024 at 02:03 PM

JK

“ I first met Butch when I was working at Housing Assistance Council (HAC), a non-profit corporation that assisted in providing affordable housing for persons living in rural America. If my memory serves me correctly, HAC worked with Arkansas Delta Housing. Another song comes to mind that's appropriate for Butch: Mahalia Jackson's "If I can help somebody...then my living shall not be in vain".

Jennifer Kinney - April 27, 2024 at 01:17 PM

DS

“ Peggy,

You and your family are in my prayers.



Denise Siddell-Perry - April 27, 2024 at 09:08 AM

ST

“ Wright Family, Sorry for the passing of your love one. Sincere condolences to you at this difficult time. I attended college with his brother and sister at A.M&N in the late Sixties. Awesome tennis players.. Praying for comfort strengthen and Peace today and the days ahead.



Shirley W. Thorn - April 26, 2024 at 10:30 AM

RF

“ Rev. Vernon And Dorothy Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr.



Rev. Vernon and Dorothy Faulkner - April 26, 2024 at 03:51 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..



April 25, 2024 at 11:21 PM

SK

“ *Shelvy & Robbia Kegl* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..



Shelvy & Robbia Kegl - April 25, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..



April 24, 2024 at 10:54 AM

TF

“ *The Wilson Family* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..



The Wilson Family - April 24, 2024 at 07:21 AM

TF

“ *The Wilson Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..

The Wilson Family - April 24, 2024 at 07:21 AM

SY

“ Susan Youngblood purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..



Susan Youngblood - April 23, 2024 at 12:17 PM

SY

“ Susan Youngblood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..

Susan Youngblood - April 23, 2024 at 12:17 PM

RW

“ Rosie Winston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr.



Rosie Winston - April 23, 2024 at 09:39 AM

RW

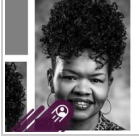
With deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband.

Rosie Winston - April 23, 2024 at 09:42 AM

DM

“ So sorry to hear about your lost. May God continue to bless you in a mighty way!

Dr. Arine Bradley McConico - April 23, 2024 at 07:55 AM



“ With deepest sympathy during this difficult time. *Lillie Fears* ”



Lillie Fears - April 22, 2024 at 02:07 PM

RW

“ With deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband. *Rosie Winston* ”

Rosie Winston - April 22, 2024 at 06:12 PM

DW

“ *Diana Albritton Wright purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..* ”



Diana Albritton Wright - April 22, 2024 at 10:01 AM

JA

“ You have deepest condolences. Praying for the family. ”



Johnnie Akins-McKissick - April 21, 2024 at 09:44 AM

DM

“ Extending my deepest sympathy to Peggy Wright and her family. ”

Darlister Mitchell - April 23, 2024 at 01:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..*



April 18, 2024 at 11:35 PM



“ *Stephanie Patton Covington and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..*

Stephanie Patton Covington and Family - April 18, 2024 at 11:35 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Stephanie Patton Covington - April 18, 2024 at 11:25 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Wright family on the loss of your love one. From the Bradley/Rhodes family.*



Bradley family - April 18, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..*



April 18, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *John & Jennifer Baine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..*

John & Jennifer Baine - April 18, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *To Mrs. Peggy Wright, and the entire family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright: Our heartfelt prayers, thoughts, and condolences are with your family during your time of bereavement! We pray God bless you with comfort, peace, and strength to get through this difficult time of loss! 🙏🙏🙏 Much love to you all! ❤️❤️❤️*



*With deepest sympathy,
Josephine Pelt and Family
Saginaw, Michigan*

Josephine Pelt - April 18, 2024 at 03:02 PM



*PEGGY. With deepest sympathy . Connection to the yard. (AM&N) small world. May the lord confort you during your hour of need. Give you strength to get through this difficult time of loss! Much love to you all! To my friend, ex neighbor, you are in my prays!
Love Priscilla PT. Pinelton*

Priscilla PT. PINELTON - April 20, 2024 at 10:49 AM

JT

“ *Judy Triggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr.*



Judy Triggs - April 18, 2024 at 10:20 AM

SU

“ *Sincere condolences to the Wright family. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

Stephanie Ugbaja - April 18, 2024 at 01:53 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..*



April 17, 2024 at 09:57 PM

DR

“ *Debra West and Rod Risley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr..*

Debra West and Rod Risley - April 17, 2024 at 09:57 PM



“ *Phyllis Suggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Edward Wright, Jr.*



Phyllis Suggs - April 17, 2024 at 07:40 PM

CS

My condolences to you and your family..

Clent and Gail Stewart - April 18, 2024 at 12:35 AM

BS

Many Prayers and strength to the entire Wright and Robinson family

Barbara Ann Smith - May 14, 2024 at 12:47 PM