



Martha W. Wright

January 31, 1925 - January 6, 2017

Martha Ellen Wade Wright was born in Rembert, South Carolina on January 31, 1925 and departed this life on January 6, 2017 at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the fifth of eleven children born to the late Reverend Marion L. Wade and Meta Wade Jones.

Mrs. Wright was a prominent member of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church in Rembert, South Carolina. She served faithfully in many capacities which included: Missionary President for 50+ years, Chairperson of the Program Committee, Director of Vacation Bible School, member of the YWA, the Pastor's Aide, Chairperson of the Pastor's Anniversary Committee, the Women's Baptist E&M Convention and the Wateree Baptist Association Lower Division. A staunch minded civic leader and supporter, Mrs. Wright was also a member of the High Hills Rural Water Board, the Sumter Chamber of Commerce and a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Martha graduated from Morris High School, and then went on to Morris College, graduating in 1947. She earned her Master's Degree from Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia in 1968. She taught school in Sumter School Districts #2 and #17, in Naha, Okinawa, and the Lee County Public School System. In 1971, she was hired as the Air Force's first licensed Education Guidance Counselor and became the Base Education Services Officer in 1979 at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. She retired in 2001 after 30 years of

service. She was the first black female Education Service Officer (ESO) in the Air Force's Air Combat Command and the first and only female ESO at Shaw AFB, Sumter. In 1976, Martha was the first female in South Carolina to receive the Silver Beaver Scouting Award for her work as Den Leader for Cub Scout Pack 202.

Martha married William C. Wright on March 1, 1952. To this union three children were born: William S. Wright, Debbie Wright Singletary and Wayne A. Wright.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Wright and son William S. Wright; sisters: Meta W. George and Carolyn Wade; brothers, Marion and Martin Wade; brothers-in-law: Albert George, Rev. Brookward Bush, Ernest King, and James Williams; sisters-in-law: Elizabeth Wade, Edna Wade and Rosa Lee Wade .

Those left to cherish her memories are: daughter, Debbie Singletary; son, Brigadier General Wayne (Jeanette) Wright; daughter-in-law Tanya Wright; six grandchildren: Jessica(Jeremy) Johns , Kelly Wright, Justin (Caitlin) Wright, Adrienne Singletary, Michael C. Wright, and Dawson Wright; two great-grandchildren Noah and Haley Johns, sisters: Mary(Jacob) Moore , Florence Bush, Myrteen King, and Annie Mae Williams, brothers: Simon R. Wade and Horace (Albertha) Wade, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Visitation

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Ceremony

JAN 13. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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Homegoing Celebration

JAN **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church
7355 Camden Hwy.
Rembert, SC 29128
(803) 499-1641

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha W. Wright*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *In God we Trust. To the Wright Family I offer my sincere condolences on the Home-Going of your loved one, Mrs. Wright. She was a pillar that stood tall. She helped everyone who needed help whether we ask for it or not. I remember the many plays and skits we did growing up in Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church under her direction. When my father, the late Deacon Coleman Dennis passed she was there for me and my brother, James. Mrs. Wright did not missed a day from coming to the home to visit and to give instructions. I will always be indebted to her for how she cared for us during our time of bereavement October 2014. She was an angel sent by God. Thank you for sharing your mom, grandmother and great grandmother.*

*Yours In the Master's Name
Minister Daisy Dennis
The Bronx, New York.*

Daisy Dennis - January 14, 2017 at 04:48 PM

DT

“ I have had the honor of knowing Mrs. Martha Wright for over 40 years; including working for her at the Education Services Center for 25 years. She was my mentor and role model as well as a very special friend to me. I have so many wonderful memories of her. She was there for me through many important events in my life. She guided and instilled in me the work ethics I possess today. She was such a caring person and a great blessing to all that know her. I love you Mrs. Wright and will see you again one day!



Denise Thompson - January 13, 2017 at 02:40 PM

DT

“ We Share your loss as we remember a Phenomenal Beautiful Lady. To God be the Glory for a life well lived. Martha Wright

Debora Dennis-Taylor

Debora Dennis Taylor - January 12, 2017 at 07:22 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Martha W. Wright.



January 12, 2017 at 06:16 PM

JO

“ *What a great lady she was! I worked with mrs. Wright at the education office when I was with saint Leo university. I also attended her 90th birthday party. It was such a grand event. Everyone respected her. I think she may have been a little suspicious of me at first, but once she got to know me, & realized that I wanted the best for our students, she became more accepting. I will miss running into her from time to time, but I know where she went, & look forward to seeing her again.*

Janice Oden

janice oden - January 12, 2017 at 10:12 AM

LE

“ *Courageous, Phenomenal, Pioneer..... I could go on and on, but most important a Beautiful Soul. Ms. Wright cared about teaching to people see that the possibilities are endless you just have to step out on faith and do it! I will never forget her, and I am blessed to have her in my life for the time that I did. She was a blessing to all of the young people at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and she was definitely been a blessing to me.*



Latonya (Hunter) English and Family!

Latonya English - January 11, 2017 at 09:37 AM

WF

“ To the family of Mother Wright, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Every time I saw Mrs. Wright, she always had a kind word for me and my family. She particular asked about our 2 boys. I will never forget when she, along with First lady Taylor, gave my wife a presentation after the revival I did at Mt. Pisgah. Such class and beauty. She will be missed..

Pastor George Windley and family

Windley family - January 10, 2017 at 09:07 PM

MF

*My Aunt,
You were the back bone of our family . You will truly be missed.
Meta Finch*

Meta Finch - January 12, 2017 at 08:17 AM

DB

“ *Mrs. Wright was a phenomenal inspiration to so many. She had a profound and positive influence on me. I was so lucky to have her as a mentor and role model. My sincerest condolences to her family.*

Debbie Benito - January 10, 2017 at 07:05 PM