



Thomas Wright

May 6, 1932 - April 7, 2024

Tommy's Journey

A native Washingtonian, Thomas Wright (Tommy) began his earthly journey on May 6, 1932. He was the son of the late Maggie and Leon Travis. He answered the call from our Heavenly Father in the wee hours of the morning on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at Hospice of the Chesapeake, Waldorf, MD.

Tommy received his early education in the District of Columbia Public Schools. Following a tour of duty during the Korean Conflict, he continued his education at Cortez Peters Business College in Washington, D.C., receiving an associate's degree. While attending Business College, he began a long and lasting friendship/love affair with a lovely young student who would later become his wife.

On June 29, 1957, Thomas was united in holy matrimony with the love of his life, Vernell Siler. From this union, they were blessed with their beloved son, Don Ricardo (Ricky), who preceded him in death.

Shortly after relocating to the Maryland area with his family, he joined Hunter Memorial A.M.E. Church (renamed Real Power A.M.E.) in Suitland, MD., where he served on the Trustee Board, the Senior and Gospel Choirs, and his beloved Senior Usher Board. A faithful member for over 50 years, Thomas dearly loved his church family. He was an "unofficial" greeter who welcomed long-time members, new members, and visitors to the church.

Thomas was a “people person” and he rarely met a stranger. Gifted with a unique ability to relate to the younger generation, he organized and directed a community teen club, boys’ basketball team, and youth drill team. He delighted in mentoring the youth and offering encouragement in their development.

He was employed by the U.S. Government Printing Office and was the recipient of several awards and commendations for exemplary work performance. He retired from the Government Printing Office in 1987. In 1966, Thomas joined Prince Hall Masonic Lodge #14. He was also a member of the Royal Arch and Consistory and was elevated to the 33rd Degree. For over 50 years, he was a member of MECCA Temple #10 Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. One of his greatest joys in life was his affiliation with the MECCA Temple #10 Championship Drill Team where he served as Captain from 1992 to 1997. He especially cherished the fellowship and camaraderie with his fellow drill team members and other members of the craft both locally and nationally. After retiring from the position of Captain of the Drill Team, he was appointed Imperial Deputy Director in the Youth Department. In 2002, he was appointed to the position of Imperial Director of the Marching Clubs Department, where he served for 10 years and then received Emeritus Status. He was also an Honorary Past Imperial Potentate. He was a member of American Legion Post 275.

Thomas leaves to cherish fond memories his loving and devoted wife of 67 years, Vernell, a devoted daughter-in-law, Joyce and beloved grandson, Justin Tyler Wright, Laurel, MD; three sisters-in-law, Mildred Stokes, Southfield, MI, Gwennette Johnson and Flora Mae Weaver, Siler City, NC; several special loving nieces and nephews; one bonus sister, Brenda McCrae, Washington, DC; three chosen daughters, Rondese and Norlena Mathis and Darlene Barkley; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham , MD 20623

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer AME Church
7707 Allentown Rd
Fort Washington, MD 20744
(301) 248-8833

Service

APR 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Wombles, Ervina, Theresa, Gretchen purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Thomas Wright.*



Wombles, Ervina, Theresa, Gretchen - April 21, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Wright.*



April 20, 2024 at 12:43 PM

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“ *Patricia Payne - Charlotte NC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Wright.*



Patricia Payne - Charlotte NC - April 20, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 09, 2024 at 03:20 PM