



# *Home-Going Celebration*

*for the Late*

*Mrs. Julia M. Wright*

*Earthly Arrival*  
*June 12, 1937*



*Heavenly Departure*  
*June 30, 2012*

*Friday, July 6, 2012*  
*11 O'clock a.m.*

*New St. James Bethel AME Church*  
*5305 Maybank Highway*  
*Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina*

*Reverend William Jones, Pastor*

*~Interment~*

*New St. James Bethel AME Church Cemetery*  
*Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina*

*Order of Service & Poem*

*The Obituary*

*Footprints in the Sand*

Reverend William R. Jones, Officiating

Prelude.....Organist

Processional Hymn.....“It’s a Highway to Heaven”

Hymn of Praise.....“My Hope Is Built”

Prayer

Scripture Readings

    Old Testament – Psalm 27.....Reverend Robert Capers

    New Testament – John 14: 1-10.....Pastor Walter Hill, *Friend*

Solo.....Minister Jarell Smalls  
                                *“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*

Remarks.....Sister Maggie McGill  
                                *Class Leader*

Resolution

Solo.....Ms. Ruthann Harrison  
                                *“Safe In His Arms”*

Remarks.....Sister Elizabeth Brisbane  
                                *Spiritual Mother*

Solo.....Bishop Floyd Knowlin  
                                *“I Won’t Complain”*

Eulogy.....Reverend William R. Jones  
                                *New St. James Bethel AME Church, Pastor*

Committal

Benediction

Parting View

Recessional

Interment.....New St. James Bethel AME Church Cemetery

*To Our Parents*

*Sunrise*  
1935

*Sunset*  
2010



*Sunrise*  
1937

*Sunset*  
2012

*Mom and Dad, thank you for being the greatest parents anyone could ask for. Our lives have been enriched with love and care over the years and we were so ever blessed to have two of you for 47 to 55 years. The love you gave to each and every one of us will not be forgotten. When we feel hurt, all we have to do is think about your beautiful smiles.*

*Words cannot express the holes in our hearts.*

*Thank you for being there.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

*Thank you for being in our lives.*

*We know that Heaven is rejoicing with the two of you.*

*You two will be missed by everyone but we will miss you more.*

# Reflection of Life

*"A Virtuous Woman"..... Proverbs 31: 10-31*

Julia M. Wright affectionately known as "Pinky" was born to the late Reverend William and Mamie Green Smith on June 12, 1937, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Julia attended the public schools of Charleston County. She was a 1955 graduate of Haut Gap and Gresham Meggett Schools. As a youth she began working to provide clothing for her brother, Charles Smith and her niece, Carolyn McClair.

In 1956, she married the love of her life, Thomas Wright, Sr. She and Thomas were married for fifty-four blissful years. During their marriage they were blessed with eight children. From those eight children they received additional blessings of twenty-four grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren. She was a loving and devoted wife to Thomas, helping him to achieve his high rank of Lieutenant as a City of Charleston Police Officer. Her beloved husband, Thomas, preceded her in death.

While married and caring for her family and working full time, she continued to strive for academic excellence by receiving her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development at The Citadel and the College of Charleston with a minor in Teacher's Education. Because of her desire to be the best at her chosen profession she attended Shaw University, Charleston Chapter, graduating with the honor of Cum laude. She received a Masters Degree in Psychology. Julia's faith and love of people lead her to attend and graduate from Seminary School.

Julia's work history included Director of DSS Head Start Program, assistant Director of Shaw Day Care Center and as an administrative Assistant; giving her a total of 28 years of service under the Department of Social Services. She was owner and sole proprietor of Wright's Day Care Center. Her work history also included Philco Ford and Dillard's Department Store. Julia was a faithful worker until her retirement in 2003. After retiring, she spent loving hours with her grandchildren and traveling with her family until her illness in 2006.

Julia and Thomas were family oriented. Family meant everything to them. Their early rising in the morning and their laying down at night began and ended with family. Momma was a true believer in discipline, but it was always with love.

We never felt unloved, she was always there to teach us God's word and provide us with knowledge. She encouraged us to strive to be more and to always keep family first.

Julia was a faithful and life long member of St. James Bethel AME Church. She served in many capacities that expanded more then 30 years. She served as Class Leader of Class #10, as head of the class Leaders Council, she wrote and presented, the first Leaders Guide Book which provided valuable insight to then present and incoming leaders. She was an Usher, served as recording secretary, correspondence secretary, Sunday School Superintendent, member of the Pastor's Aide Board, Ushers Council and the Steward Board.

She was a member of various organizations where she gave her service freely. Past President of Arabian Temple #139, (United Order of Tent St. Mary Division), Youth Department Parent Committee, a member of St. Mary's Tent # 6, and of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Julia's new life in Heaven has reunited her with her beloved Thomas. We will miss her dearly but we know she's resting in the arms of God, Our Father.

She leaves to cherish her life: Thomas Wright, Jr. (Janice), William Wright (Mary), Sharon Washington (Lavern), Theresa Mozzee (Nathaniel), Jacqueline Braham (James), Ann Young (Charles), Timothy Wright (Mary) and Tyrone Wright (Veina); twenty-four grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren; siblings: Rosalee Morrison (the late Harold) and Charles Smith; sisters-in-law: Geneva Smith and Rose Smith; adopted daughters: Ruthann Harrison, Angeline Henderson and Ballentine Plummer; adopted son, William A. Johnson (JJ), Reverend Darryl Lee and Denton Carter; adopted granddaughter, Kristine Pippin; very dear friends: Gloria Mikell, Juanita Palmer, Florence Robinson, Audrey Moore, Pearl Simmons, friend and Spiritual leader, Reverend Harriet Mazyck; her many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. Julia's smiling face and loving kindness toward all will never be forgotten.

## *An Open Gate*

*There is an open gate at the end of the road.*

*Through which each must go alone*

*and there is light we cannot see.*

*Our Father claims His own.*

*Beyond the gate your loved one finds happiness and rest.*

*and there is comfort in the thought*

*that a loving God knows best.*

*Author Unknown*

## *Footprints In the Sand*

*One night I had a dream.*

*I dreamed I was walking*

*along the beach with the Lord.*

*Across the sky flashed scenes from my life.*

*For each scene, I noticed*

*two sets of footprints in the sand;*

*One belonged to me and the other to the Lord.*

*When the last scene of my life flashed before me,*

*I looked back at the footprints in sand.*

*I noticed that many times along the path  
of my life there was only one set of footprints.*

*I also noticed that it happened at  
the very lowest and saddest times of my life.*

*This really bothered me*

*and I questioned the Lord about it.*

*"Lord, you said that once*

*I decided to follow you,*

*You'd walk with me all the way.*

*But I have noticed that during  
the most troublesome times in my life,*

*there is only one set of footprints.*

*I don't understand why when*

*I needed you most you would leave me"*

*The Lord replied, "my precious, precious child,*

*I love you and would not leave you.*

*During your times of trials and suffering,*

*When you see only one set of footprints,*

*It was then that, I carried YOU."*



## *Honorary Pallbearers*

*Thomas Wright, Jr.  
Timothy Wright  
James Brabham*

*William E. Wright  
Tyrone Wright  
William Wright*

## *Pallbearers*

*Levern Washington  
Charles Smith  
Milton Johnson*

*Anthony Mozzee  
Taevin Middleton  
Delbert Washington*

## *Floral Bearers*

*Ushers*



## *Acknowledgements*

*The family of the Late*

*~Mrs. Julia M. Wright*

*wishes to extend sincere gratitude for all expressions of  
kindness and comfort shown during their period of bereavement.*

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