

Pallbearers

Officers of Charleston Police Department

Honorary Pallbearers

Officers of Charleston Police Department
Captain Gary Tillman and the Reserve Officers Unit

Floral Bearers

Ushers and St. James Bethel A. M. E. Church

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mr. Thomas Wright, Sr., would like to express our sincere gratitude to those of you who so kindly celebrated her life along with us. Your kindness and support will always remain in our hearts. In loving memory of Thomas Wright, Sr., thank you all.



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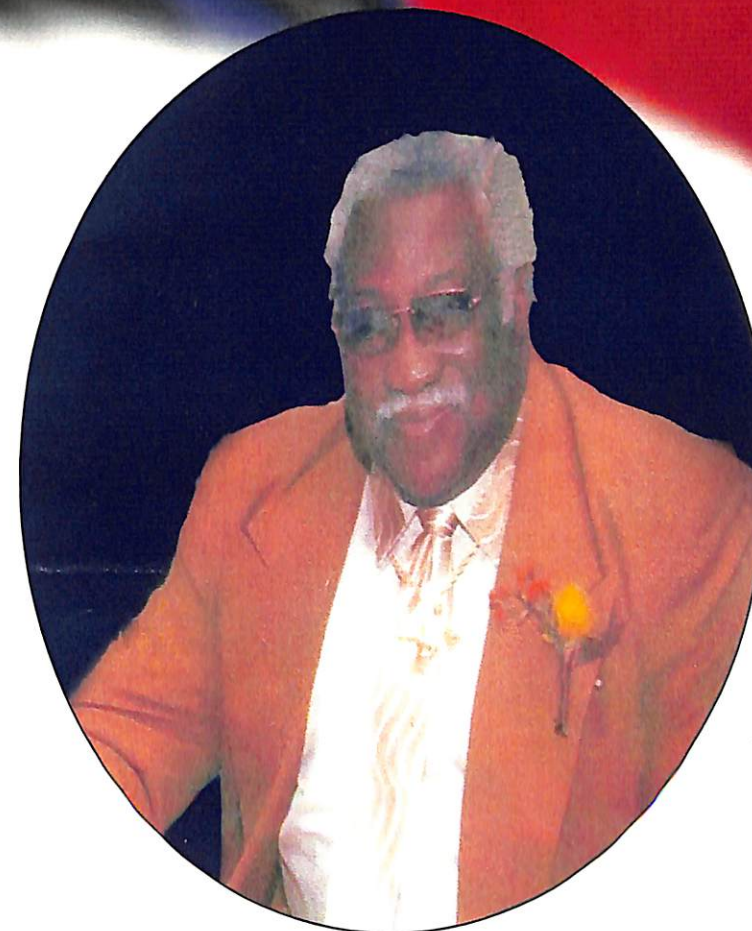
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Home-Going Celebration

Mr. Thomas Wright, Sr.

Alpha
1935

Omega
2010



11 o'clock in the morning

Friday, July 30, 2010

New St. James Bethel A. M. E. Church

5505 Maybank Highway

James Island, South Carolina

Reverend William R. Jones, Pastor



Life's Reflection

"May the life I lived speak for me".

Thomas Wright, Sr., affectionately known as "Tommy or Big Wright", was born to the late Thomas Wright, Sr. and the late Anna Wheelings Wright on June 27, 1935 in Charleston, South Carolina. He lost his father, Thomas Wright, Sr., at the early age of five.

Thomas attended the public schools of Charleston County. He was a 1953 graduate of Burke High School. In the summer of 1953, Thomas joined the United States Army with the intentions of taking care of his mother, Anna Wright, whom he cherished so much. After serving his tour, he was honorably discharged.

Thomas came from a small family but wanted a large family of his own, so he set out to find his lifelong mate. He met the love of his life, Julia Mae Smith. They were married on March 11, 1956. To this union eight children, Thomas, Jr., William Eugene, Sharon Elaine, Theresa Rona, Jacqueline Denise, Anna Maria, Timothy Lamont, and Tyrone Lamar, were born.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great great-grandfather. Thomas was well liked by everyone that knew him. He was a kind, gentle man who touched people with his warmth.

In 1965, Thomas was employed by Mac Pace Patrol Company. He was hired as a security guard for various businesses in the City of Charleston. He patrolled places such as County Hall, the Municipal Auditorium, and the Dock Street Theater just to name a few.

Thomas was dedicated and well liked by his employers, Mac Pace, who offered him a private security job with Sam Solomon. Although he was hired by Sam Solomon, he continued to provide security for other businesses.

As Thomas continued his journey through life, he gained employment in 1970 at the Charleston Air Force Base. There he worked at the Flight Terminal loading and unloading military cargo for the soldiers. He worked diligently there for 36 years until he retired. Thomas life was still not complete because he ventured away from something he loved so much and that was to be the best public servant he could be. In 1977, Thomas joined the Charleston Police Department and got back what he was missing, a career in law enforcement. Thomas was very clear on his responsibilities as an officer. He loved his job and was very committed. Thomas worked relentless hours at the Joe Riley Stadium where the management and employees considered him as the Ambassador of the stadium.

In 2006, Thomas found himself at home taking care of his wife Julia, after she suffered a stroke. He made sure she had the best care possible. Thomas loved her unconditionally. He was her caregiver until his health failed.

Thomas served 36 years as an officer and retired in May 2010 as a Lieutenant from the City of Charleston Police Department. Retiring for him was one of the most difficult things he had to ever do in his life, but he knew it was time to call it quits. If he was given the chance, he would have returned to his world of law enforcement at the age of 75. Protecting the citizens of the City of Charleston brought him much joy.

Thomas has left to celebrate his new life with God, but his memories will linger in the hearts of his beloved and loving wife, Julia Mae Smith Wright; his children, Thomas, Jr. (Janice), William (Mary), Sharon Washington (Lavern), Theresa Mozzee (Nathaniel), Jacqueline Brabbam (James), Anna Young (Charles), Timothy (Mary), and Tyrone Wright; his 24 grandchildren; his 20 great grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; his brother-in-law, Charles Smith; his sisters-in-law, Rosalee Morrison (Harold), Geneva Smith, Rena Smith, and Rose Smith; his adopted daughters, Ruthann Harrison, Angeline Henderson and Ballentine Plummer; his adopted son, Michael Buncum; his adopted granddaughter, Kristine Pippin; his nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



The Love I Lost

How do I let go of my childhood sweetheart?
Tell me baby, what am I to do?
The day you slipped away from me,
my life stopped too.

I have only just loss you,
the pain is hard to bear.
Do I have to go through life,
knowing you're not there?

Please someone explain to me,
why he had to go.
Are there any reasons?
I really need to know.

I sit here and remember
all the lovely times we share,
the talks, the laughter,
of everyone who know you cared.

I am told the pain will ease in time,
I will think of him without a tear.
But that will be impossible,
as I need to have you here.

He was the world to me,
my ever guiding star.
Just kiss me softly on the cheek
and tell me where you are.

I love and miss you.

Your wife,

Julia Mae Smith Wright

Order of Service

Reverend William R. Jones, Officiating

Prelude.....Organist

Processional Hymn....."Nearer, My God To Thee"

Hymn #227....."Come Ye Disconsolate"

Invocation.....Rev. Robert Capers

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Psalm 90.....Rev. Shelley Mayck

New Testament..John 14: 1-6...Bro. Bernard Brown

Solo.....Ms. Sharon Smith

Remarks.....Rev. Henrietta Mayck
Spiritual Family

Rev. Robert Capers
Family Friend

Solo.....Mrs. Ruthann Harrison
"Safe in His Arms"

Poem.....Miracle Mozzee
Granddaughter

Hymn #487

Eulogy.....Reverend William R. Jones
New St. James Bethel A. M. E. Church, Pastor

Acknowledgement and Condolences

Committal

Benediction

Parting View

Recessional

~Interment~

New St. James Bethel A. M. E. Church Cemetery
James Island, South Carolina