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January 9, 1934 - July 2, 2020

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Winter Haven – William Roosevelt Wright, 86, passed away July 2, 2020.

Mr. Wright was born in Forksville, VA on Jan. 9, 1934. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. He was retired from Hill Nissan in Winter Haven.

Mr. Wright is survived by his wife, Ruth Wright; daughter, Michelle (Joseph) Malouin; grandchildren, Lauren & Megan Malouin; nephew, Dr. Luther Wright; as well as his cousins and extended family. He was preceded in death by four brothers.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, July 11th at 11 am at Faith Baptist Church, 2140 Crystal Beach Road, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

Comments



“ Our beloved friend, Bill Wright, has gone to be with the Lord. We're glad that we can say he trusted Jesus as his Lord. He was a dear friend and an avid gardener too. He also loved to wet a hook. Fishing is what he loved to do. He loved Ruth, his drear wife and was a strong family man and he loved everybody counted in his dear clan. Although we know his passing will grieve us through and through we also know he'd wish for us to do as Christ would have us to do. He'd want us to proclaim to all the message of God's love for the only way he'll see us now is, for us, to come above. He's waiting with Jesus in heaven. He'd love to see you there too. If you'll see him or not depends on what, with Jesus, you do. Only the saved will join him so you need to count the cost. Accept Jesus as your Savior and you'll cease being lost. Though death can bring no comfort to loved ones left behind those who trust in Jesus search His word and find some comfort from his teachings, some joy in the midst of sorrow for we know we'll be united in heaven on the morrow. Though our souls yearn for comfort from the void left in each heart, this comfort comes from knowing that, in heaven, we'll never part. Jesus said, "to be absent from the body would be present with the Lord, Jesus, for all eternity."

Mr. Bill and Ruth will always have a special place in our hearts.
Love and Prayers Kermit and Vicki Holt

Kermit R Holt - July 11 at 10:17 AM



“ William was 1 of 5 boys, 3rd in line ahead of my dad, Luther Sr. He and my dad’s younger brother, Douglas, were the ones I felt closest to over the years. The life of my uncle, as I knew it, was filled with love for his family and friends. In return, we loved him without reservation. I find it difficult to sum up all of my memories of Uncle William in this small space but suffice it to say there are a few that are always attached to my daily life particularly in the summertime. In 1975, my family and I drove to Florida to visit him for a week or so; I was just 8 yrs old then. He took us out to eat at the original Red Lobster restaurant in Lakeland. I remember a long wait but he always seemed patient. Afterwards, we all went to see the movie, “Jaws”. My mom sat between my dad and Uncle William. She kept screaming so loud that Uncle William moved two rows back so no one would know he was with her! Perhaps that was the only time I recall him NOT having patience. To this day, I laugh out loud every time I either return to the beach or the Discovery Channel “Shark week” debuts. I also remember him going with us to Disney World and all the other tourist sites. At the end of that first trip, I remembered not wanting to leave and cried out loud all the way to Georgia.

As I grew older, our Florida summertime family excursions tapered off but he made a point of visiting us. Uncle William would never fly to visit us here in Virginia - he always drove his Oldsmobile. I never knew the story as to why he wouldn’t get on a plane but I think it had something to do with his U.S. Marine days during the Korean War conflict. Nevertheless, I would count down the summer days until he, Aunt Ruth and daughter Michelle arrived. I would sit amongst my family listening to some of his great stories. He had a magnetic personality that never changed. During my teenage years, I became closer to them and would vacation at their house in Winter Haven. He always encouraged me to push onward in my academics to achieve my life’s calling as a physician, no matter how much others discouraged me. I thank him and Aunt Ruth for that. To this end, a part of him will always be a part of me.

Of course he was more than a favored uncle - He was a man who others could model his way of treating folks with compassion, grace, and dignity. He always expressed himself with a smile or chuckle. He had many hobbies, loved sharing things he grew in his hydroponic garden, and was humbly proud of being a loving husband and dad. As my cousin Angie said, he will be missed but clearly not forgotten. Luther Jr.

Luther Wright, Jr. MD - July 10 at 10:12 PM



“ William has been my Brother-in-Law for over 54 years . My husband Douglas was his Brother. I could always depend on William for Brotherly advice. We shared family history, recipes, gardening, and just plain old memories good and bad. He would ask about all his nieces, nephews, cousins and my family members when we talked. He could remember names and events with no problem. He will surely be missed by all who loved him and live forever in our hearts. Thinking of you Ruth with love and prayers. Joyce

Joyce Wright - July 03 at 12:13 PM



“ Uncle William will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful man with a big heart and larger than life personality. He was never at a loss for words, stories or memories, even when he was ill. I know Dad was there to greet him with a big smile and open arms, as well as Grandma, Granddaddy, Page, Junior, and Luther Sr; and I know they are having a grand reunion. We continue to hold you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love to you all!

Angela, Michael, Trevor, Geoffrey and Jonathan

Angela Wright Tozzi - July 03 at 10:53 AM