



Jessie Alberta Lane Wright

December 2, 1927 - October 27, 2012

Jessie Alberta Lane Wright, age 84, of Kingston, TN passed away Saturday October 27, 2012 at Tennova Residential Hospice in Knoxville.

She was preceded in death by her husband J.D. Wright; parents Rufus H. Lane and Mattie Johnston Lane; sisters Clyde Young and Fayola Hartley; brothers Thomas H. Lane and Jim Lane.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law Becky and Billy Long of Leesville, S.C.; Debby and Skip Williams of Kingston; son and daughter-in-law Rusty and Cindy Wright of Kingston; grandchildren John Matthew Wright and Sarah Caroline Wright of Kingston; sister Ernestine Mitchell of Kingston; special friends Emily McDonald and Polk Brown.

Mrs. Wright was a graduate of Roane County High School and Tennessee Technological University. She retired after teaching for 37 years within the Roane County and Harriman City School systems. Those schools included being a teaching principal at Edgewood Elementary School and teaching at Harriman Occupational High School.

Organizations in which Mrs. Wright was involved included being a 67 year member of Laurel Chapter #22 Order of the Eastern Star, Roane County Retired Teachers Association, Tennessee Education Association, National Education Association, Avery Trace Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), and an auxiliary member of the Gideon's.

Mrs. Wright was a lifetime member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and enjoyed positions as Choir Leader, Music Director, Sunday

School Teacher and Vacation Bible School Director. She also held various other positions within the church during her lifetime.

Christian Music was an influential part of Mrs. Wright's life. She traveled throughout the Eastern United States for 20 years with the Wright Family Gospel Singers, ministering through music in churches and concerts. She continued to enthusiastically support Christian music locally throughout the rest of her life.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 3, 2012 at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston. Funeral will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Kyker Chapel with Rev. Kenny Rains, Jr. and Rev. Mason Goodman officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Bradbury United Methodist Church Cemetery on Buttermilk Road. Pallbearers will be Rusty Wright, Matthew Wright, Skip Williams, Mark Melton, Bob Moore and Doug Cook. Honorary pallbearers include Billy Long and Bob Snow.

Tribute Wall

ET

“ We were sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Everett and Carol Crowe Phillips - Kingston, TN - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Rusty & Family,
I am very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are sent up for your family to help with her passing. I know Miss Jessie is in our LORD kingdom having a great time and waiting to see us soon.
Love ,
Rick & Pam Howard

Rick & Pam Howard - Oliver Springs, TN - Friend - November 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Becky, Debbie, and Rusty,
So many memories were created by your mom, dad, and each of
you. Neighbors, friends, student, Christian fellow-ship and singing.*

*Halloween would not have been the same without Jessie's carmel
apples.*

*David and Heather also grew up with the same shared love from
your family.*

Sorry I missed the services.

*As someone stated earlier, Heaven gained an angle and earth lost
a good and caring soul.*

A piece of her lives on in each of you.

She will be missed.

Love Teresa Hafner (Wyatt-Bell)

Teresa Bell - Kingston, TN - neighbor, student, friend - November 09, 2012 at
12:00 AM

CB

“ *This is a message to Sarah and her family. I only know your
grandmother through what I read in the obituary and it makes me
wish I had known her. In fact, i wonder if she ever worked at the
Kingston schools from 1953-1965? I know what it is like to lose a
wonderful parent and so I am extending my condolences.*

Cathy Michener Wacksman - Kingston and tallahassee, FL - aunt to Polk Brown
- November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Heaven gained another angel while we on Earth lost one. We mourn for ourselves but know that Jessie is in a better place. Her passing leaves a large hole in the lives of her family and friends but all of us are better for having known and loved her. Rest in Peace my friend. We loved you more than you ever could have known.*

Tommye Dorrance - Cypress, TX - Friend and Extended Family - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Debby,
I loved seeing your mom's picture on here and imagining lots of laughter and love in your home. I'm so sorry that your heart is hurting, and I will continue to pray in the days and weeks ahead.
Always here ~*

Becky

Becky Gasque - Kingston - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *What a legacy Jessie is leaving behind for her family and friends. She was an inspiration to many people through her involvement in church, music, school, and civic organizations. I was her student at Edgewood, her co-worker and partner in church music for many years, and most of all her friend in Christ. Ronnie and I will miss seeing her at church and singing in the choir.*

To the family - Our love and prayers will be with you in the days ahead.

*Your Friends in Christ,
Ronnie and Sue Kelly*

Sue Kelly - Kingston - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Jessie was such a wonderful and inspiring lady. I remember when I decided to go into teaching, she sat me down and told me I would be poor, I would work harder at this than any job, and I would feel more love and gratification than any other job could offer.

Yes, she was right again. When PaPaw married my mom, Granny Mae, I was much younger than the rest of the "kids" and Jessie helped raise me, too.

I love you Jessie and you would be very proud of the legacy you have left behind.

Margaret Ferguson Phillips - Chattanooga, TN - step - sister in law - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Ms. Jessie. She was my 6th grade teacher, but the Principal at Edgewood Elementary the entire 6 years I attended. I loved her, but feared her at the same time....which is how it should be. I hated the sound of someone in the office getting a paddling by her and made sure that was never me in there.....although I probably came close one time. If schools today were how they were then....there would be much more respect from children and a lot less violence in the schools. She went out of her way to teach the girls how to be young ladies and taught us all to respect one another, especially our elders. She truly cared about every child she came in contact with. I'm so glad she was able to attend the Edgewood Reunion we had in 2009. That meant a lot to all of us kids but I think it meant the world to her that we all thought enough about our Edgewood days that we would want to have a reunion to honor those memories.....that she was such a huge part of. I feel very blessed to have known her and had her in my life during those 6, very impressionable years, of my young life. Rest in peace, Ms. Jessie. You will never be forgotten!

Barbara Ragsdale Salmons - Kingston, TN - Friend - October 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I was lucky to have you in my life and as my friend. Your smile was warm and comforting and your laugh was contagious. Save me seat in heaven Mrs. Jessie.

God please bless and watch over the entire Wright family.

Kathy McKinzie - Houston, TX - Family - October 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Will miss seeing that smiling face at church and hearing her sing. She was an inspiration to me at church, was always there for others. She always asked how everyone in the family was doing and was and always asked how Kendra and Ben was doing or as she said her kids. Will miss you Ms Jessie but will see you again in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Debbie Creekmore and family - Kingston, TN - October 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Jessie's smile was always a joy to behold. Even when she had reason to frown, she would still smile. Knowing her was a great pleasure; her good influence on hundreds of folks will long be remembered. I extend my condolences to all her family.

Mark Barker - Kingston, TN - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ A very sweet lady who helped mold many lives. There's not many left like her. Beautiful lady....beautiful angel.

Jill Adams Turnbull - Harriman, TN - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I will never forget how you used to call or write me ever so often just to check on me and my family. You never judged, just truly loved. I miss you, but as my eyes start to fill with tears, I think of you being the 4th to join the Wright Family Gospel Singers quartet with Uncle J.D, Aunt Armena, and Uncle Clyde. I know heaven is that much sweeter now. I love you and thank God for you always beautiful lady!

Mary Jane Lockett Boyd - Memphis, TN - niece - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Becky and family ,
So sorry for the loss of your mom, My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Don Gardner

Don Gardner - Bayview, ID - friend - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Such a sweet lady,always smiling.Was a pleasure to have known her .Thinking about the family during this time.

Jack and Eva BULLENS - Harriman , TN - FRIENDS - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time. Just wanted to let you know that you all had a VERY VERY special "MOM". She loved everyone she came in contact with. Always had a smile for me. She taught me and my brothers and sisters at Edgewood for many years. We all loved her very much.

Lisa (Stiles) Russell - Kingston, TN - Friend - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.

John W. and Elaine Wright - Livonia, MI - Cousin - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Words fail me to be able to tell you what your Mother meant to me for all of my life. Your Dad was there when my Mom and Dad married so that takes our families back a long way....Your Mom was my school teacher in the 4th and 6th grades at Edgewood and more importantly she was my Sunday School teacher and probably one of my Training Union teachers too and an all around spiritual influence. When I am asked about my favorite school teacher I never have to think twice...it's always your Mom! I am so glad we had the Edgewood reunion and were able to somewhat honor her during that event. We had a funny story that she told about when Bug and I started dating.... We were at a singing in Harriman and when she saw us together she thought I was with Bug's brother, Gene. (who by the way had several children at that time!) She became so upset she could hardly go onstage! But we all have laughed many times since about the 'mistaken identity'. I have tried to keep in touch with her for all the years since but haven't done a very good job of it this past year. She was on my Christmas Letter list and will be missed this year. I just want you as a family to know, I loved her so.... Her works will continue on in my life....Love, thoughts and prayers for all of you at this time.

Amy Gamble - Kingston, TN - Friend of the Family - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *"The Lighthouse" is my favorite song and it goes back to when the Wright Family sang together years ago. I also loved to hear her sing "Fill My Cup Lord". I love Ms. Jessie and I love all of you, her family. Prayers for peace and comfort to each of you in the days ahead.*

Rita Snow Johnson - Kingston, TN - Friend-Family and Church - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Mrs. Wright was one of the best teachers I had in school. My prayers and thoughts are with her family and friends. God Bless*

Valerie Brown Carroll - Kingston, TN - Previous Student - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Rusty/Cindy; so sorry for loss of "Mom". If there is anything I can do for you and your family, just let me know.*

Sharon Bays - Lenoir City, TN - Co-worker/friend of Rusty - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Ms. Jessie, tears come to my eyes just to say your beautiful name. My memories of you go back to Edgewood Elementary School. You were my 4th and 6th grade teacher. My sister Sharon was born while I was in your 4th grade class. You brought the most beautiful little dress for her, but it was so special to me. You took our 6th grade class roller skating and you got on skates with us. You continued after many falls, but we were all there to help you up. That's the way you were Ms. Jessie, always there to "pick up" who ever needed it. You have touched so many lives many more than you might have known. We enjoyed The Wright Family Singing and always so special when you and J.D. sang specials at church. I will always see you in the choir Ms. Jessie, remembering your years as choir director, the beautiful programs performed. You are leaving us with a seat that will never be filled. Growing up with Becky, Debby and Rusty in school and church was special. My heart breaks for them at this time, it just to hard to say goodbye. So with that I'll close Ms. Jessie, I'll say this from a song you and J.D. sang many times " I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You"...with you someday... Love and Prayers to the family

Debbie Templeton Cook - Kingston, TN - friend of the family - October 29, 2012
at 12:00 AM