



Charles Wayne Wright

August 4, 1937 - February 24, 2014

Charles Wayne Wright, age 76 of Searcy, died Monday, February 24, 2014. Wayne was born August 4, 1937, in Judsonia to Lee and Gladys Wright. Wayne grew up in Judsonia and graduated from Judsonia High School. After graduation, Wayne moved to Indiana and worked at Chrysler Automotive for several years. He moved back to Searcy and sold insurance before beginning a career in radio. After several years in the radio business, Wayne took a job at the former Foothills Technical Institute where he retired in 2001.

Wayne was a member of Downtown Church of Christ. He loved to be around people and enjoyed entertaining others. During his radio career, Wayne was known for his comical presentation of "Cedric Weehunt". His passion was country music and did many interviews with country legends such as Dolly Parton, George Jones, Charlie Pride, and many others. He served on the White County Fair Board for many years and was honored as the Grand Marshall of the White County Fair Parade in 2001. Wayne never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone who would listen. He loved to tell stories of his country music days and always had a smile on his face.

Wayne married Delores Key on May 8, 1969. Together, they had five children. Wayne's family was the center of his world. He raised his children in a Godly home and was an example to not only his children and grandchildren, but all of those who knew him.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents, Mr. and

Mrs. Walter Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson. He is survived by his wife, Delores; his children, Bradley (Tonya), Greg, and Brenda Cornett (Ronnie) of Searcy, Richard (Julie) of Judsonia, and Diana Paris (Frank) of Haines City, Florida; his siblings, Jerry (Paula), Bob (Phyllis), and Ricky (Sandra) all of Judsonia, Joann Key (Joe) and Betty Taylor both of Judsonia; grandchildren Josh Paris (Jennifer) and Andi Paris of Haines City, Florida, Angela Simmons (Eric), Amber Brenner, Josh Wright (Kerri), Madison Wright, Peyton Wright, Erika Wright all of Searcy, Tiffany O'Dell (Michael) of Bald Knob, Stephanie Whaley (Ryan) of Griffithville, Jessica Wright of Beebe, and Katie Mantei of Judsonia; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Tuesday from 6:00 until 8:00 pm at Powell Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:00 pm at Downtown Church of Christ with interment to follow at Fredonia Cemetery. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

LW

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all and may God bless you at this difficult time. Love, David & Patty Young, Linda Wecht, David & Dee Young, Bill & Kathy Young

Linda Wecht - May 04, 2016 at 04:47 PM

RE

“ Delorce I am so sorry to hear of this Wayne was a great guy and will be deeply missed, he was a person that made you feel good ,when you was around him I so enjoyed going out and hear him sing and play he loved his music and loved people loved his family. Some of the rememberable times when I worked with his mother for James Fletcher and he would come by the store about every day if he was close by to see her and we would all talk just had a big old time for a few minutes . You can bet he,ll be singing in heaven with all the rest of God,s angles who gone on home like George Jones Johnny Cash and so meny others who loved and sing country music as he did, You all are in my pray,s may the Lord bless and keep his arms around you all in this time of sorry and sad times

Rosie Elliott - February 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

MP

“ Dear family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We were blessed to have known Wayne. May you have peace knowing he is resting with The Lord.

Mike and Kay Price - February 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

PW

“ Bradley & Greg...Just wanted to say sorry for the loss of your father. Praying for you and your family. Love ya!

Pamela (Johnston) Walls - February 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Your family will be in my prayers.

Diann Whitworth Barber - February 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry that I did not receive word of Wayne's passing until the time of his service. I would like to express condolences to Wayne's family, extended family and a host of friends. I had the distinct honor of knowing Wayne and working with him for many years on Gospel Music night at the White County Fair, when he was Director of the Entertainment Committee. He was a great personality in his own right, and will be missed.

Del Hughes - February 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

RB

“ Loving prayers for the family. So very sorry for your loss.

Ramona Lue Bloodworth - February 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

LB

“ I've known Mr. Wayne Wright for many years. Remember he was on the Radio. He certainly will be missed. A finer man cannot be found. My condolences to this family.

Love and prayers Lula Rash Biegaj and Walter

Lula Rash Biegaj - February 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

EG

“ Dear Delores and family, so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of our "younger days" with you and Wayne and the "boys in the band". Wayne was always an encourager and a gentleman, who loved his friends and family and his music. You and your family are in our prayers and pray God will give you comfort that only He can give.

Elaine (Stokes) Griggs - February 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

GW

“ My family and I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support during this difficult time. We appreciate all of the visits, calls, and food. While we mourn our loss, we also want to celebrate that he is free of pain and with his Lord and Saviour. Thanks again for your love and support.

Greg Wright - February 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM