



Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.

March 30, 1940 - October 20, 2024

WRIGHT, Mr. Arthur B. Age- 84 passed away Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Landings of Genesee Valley.

Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, November 1, 2024, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, Mi. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Funeral Home 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Wright will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed during the family hour. Mr. Arthur B. Wright, Jr. was born March 30, 1940, to the late Arthur B. and Viva Wright, Sr. in Pontotoc, Mississippi. Arthur accepted Christ as a young man at the McDonald Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Pontotoc, MS. Prior to attending college he was formally educated in the public schools of Pontotoc, MS. Arthur completed his service in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1969. During his time in the Army, Arthur earned a Good Conduct Medal, Expert (Rifle M-14), and Sharpshooter (Rifle) awards. After leaving the military, Arthur moved to Flint, Michigan. He worked at General Motors and Wright Funeral Home while transitioning into the field of Education.

Arthur received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Rust College in Holly Springs, MS and his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI. Arthur had a rich and long standing career in Flint Community Schools. In 1967, Arthur served as a Mathematics

Teacher and Staff Specialist at Lowell Junior High School. Arthur continued to soar and demonstrate his administrative leadership with the Flint community. In 1979, he was promoted to Assistant Principal of Whittier Middle school and served in that capacity until 1986. In 1988, Arthur became the Principal of Bryant Middle School and that same year became the Assistant Principal of Holmes Middle School. In 1990, Arthur was appointed as the principal of Holmes Middle School. Now if you know anything about working with middle school students, it is no easy feat; however, Arthur was up for the challenge! Arthur was a dedicated educator and visionary leader, he exemplified a standard of excellence. Holmes was a labor of love. Not only did he have a love for the students and families, he LOVED the staff. He led, modeled, coached, supported and encouraged staff to give and do their very best. It is impossible to quantify the magnitude of his direct reach in cultivating the lives, professional talents and gifts of those that were blessed to work with him. Arthur led the Physical Altercation Campaign, a student action team, which consisted of mayors and student teams working collaboratively to bring positive changes within their school and community. Visitors from all over the world came to observe students and teachers at Holmes Middle School. Several partnerships were developed with business and community entities. Holmes continued to be a model for building learning communities within the classroom and school. Arthur formed the "21 Club" to mentor and motivate students to achieve the highest score possible for the ACT, a standardized test used for college admissions in the United States. Arthur gave students hope, opportunities and new perspectives to strive beyond their current circumstances. Not only was Arthur generous with his time, but his financial resources as well for student-mentee lunches and dinners. He also paid for prom outfits for students, family members and friends. His wife, Diana fully supported his servatitude's heart, by sewing custom prom dresses with the fabric Arthur purchased. Arthur's hard work and leadership had a profound impact on Holmes Middle School and was acknowledged by local, state and national leaders. Arthur received an Appreciation Plaque from the City of Flint

in 1978. On September 29, 1993, Arthur was bestowed the City of Flint Office of the Mayor Proclamation from the late Mayor Woodrow Stanley. In 2001, the former secretary of Education, Richard Wilson Riley (former President Bill Clinton's administration) visited Holmes and presented the United States of America Department of Education Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program Promising Site plaque to Arthur on behalf of Holmes Middle School. Arthur retired from Flint Community Schools in 2003. Although he stepped away from the day-to-day administrative duties of leading Holmes Middle School, he continued to serve as an Educational Leadership consultant with Joyce Beasley and the BBP Group, providing mentorship and professional learning to principal leaders and school districts across the country for a number of years. Arthur was always impeccably dressed, he was a dapper and distinguished man! He wore suits to work every day as a principal and consultant. In his leisure, at home or running errands, his clothes were well coordinated from head to toe with a matching baseball cap. Arthur was charismatic, thoughtful, intelligent and humble. He used humor as his knack for connecting with all people. Arthur loved sports, especially football, particularly his beloved Detroit Lions. Arthur thoroughly enjoyed traveling across the country visiting various casinos.

Arthur B. Wright Jr. will be forever cherished in the memories of his loving and devoted wife for over 27 years, Diana D. Wright; daughter, Aretha Tina (Anthony) Wright-Giles, Sr. of Dyer, IN; son, Arthur B. Wright, III of Farmington Hills, MI; grandchildren, Alexis Giles of Dyer, IN and Anthony Giles, Jr. of Hammond, IN; bonus sons, Maurice Dantzler of Memphis, TN, Douglas (Bobbie) Dantzler, Sr. of Flint, MI and Jeremy Dantzler of Ann Arbor, MI; bonus grandchildren, Eliyana Floyd of Washington, DC, Marissa Dantzler of Memphis, TN, Douglas Dantzler, II and RaVeen Coleman of Flint, MI, Manuela Rodriguez-Dantzler of Ann Arbor, MI and Sofia Dantzler of New York City, NY; sister, Willa Roberta Crowley; father-in-law, Calvin (Betty) Maberry, Sr. of Flint, MI; brother-in-law, Calvin (Abigail) Maberry, Jr. of Jackson, MS; sisters-in-law,

Tammy (Charles) Marshall of Grand Blanc, MI and Corey (Darius) Brown of Parkland, FL; cousins, Memory (Freddie) Wright of Indiana and Victoria (Frank) Garrett of Flint, MI; nieces, Ramona Shonte Crowley of Pontiac, MI, Marquita (Leroy) Collins III, of Flint, MI; Kimberly Maberry of Conyers, GA, LaTonya, Jonique and Tasha Donald of Flint, MI, and Tabitha (Eric) Taylor, Sr. of Waxahachie, TX; nephews, Rubin Whitmore II of Milwaukee, WI, Chad (Angelica) Crowley of Flint, MI, Dexter (Codeona) Johnson, and Marcell Kelly all of Flint, MI; a host of family and friends including best friend of almost 30 years, Elnora "Cookie" Urquhart of Harvest, AL, the Holmes Middle School Family, Flint Community Schools and greater Flint community.

Arthur was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur B. and Viva Wright, Sr.; sister, Vivian Whitmore; mother-in-law, Eunice Maberry; brother-in-law, Cornelius Maberry, Sr.; sisters-in-law, Michelle Peterson, Candia Payne, and nephews, Cornelius "Ton" Maberry and Jerome Maberry

Mr. Wright was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Family hour & viewing

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - November 01, 2024 at 11:19 AM

VN

“ *Veronica Nickens lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wright*



Veronica Nickens - November 08, 2024 at 04:41 PM

AL

“ *Antoinette Lockett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.*



Antoinette Lockett - November 02, 2024 at 10:37 AM

IH

“ Ivy Herron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Ivy Herron - November 01, 2024 at 11:50 PM

CB

“ Since condolences to Mrs. Wright and family. Praying for you.



Carolyn Blair - November 01, 2024 at 09:41 PM

MI

“ Rest in peace Mr. Wright. He was my principle at Holmes Middle School....



Millie - November 01, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DM

“ My heartfelt condolences go out the family. May the precious memories bring you comfort. Uplifting you in prayer.

Deborah Smith Miller



Deborah Smith Miller - October 31, 2024 at 11:49 PM

BB

“ *Bridget L. Browne-Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.*



Bridget L. Browne-Hayes - October 31, 2024 at 11:35 PM

CB

“ *To Diana and the Wright family we send our Deepest Condolences. Art was true Mentor and Brother to me and my Administrative career.. I will never forget Art B because he was the BEST. Clyde Bell and Family*

Clyde James Bell - October 31, 2024 at 09:47 PM

CR

“ *Cynthia Render-Williams purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr..*



Cynthia Render-Williams - October 31, 2024 at 04:05 PM

CR

“ *Cynthia Render-Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr..*

Cynthia Render-Williams - October 31, 2024 at 04:05 PM

TM

“ Tammy And Charles Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Tammy and Charles Marshall - October 31, 2024 at 03:48 PM

SN

“ Sha'Lona NewtonThomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Sha'Lona NewtonThomas - October 31, 2024 at 03:21 PM

CA

“ Cheryl Adkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Cheryl Adkins - October 31, 2024 at 01:14 PM

NR

“ Nancy Rozier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Nancy Rozier - October 31, 2024 at 01:10 PM

IK

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family



I. Kirkland - October 31, 2024 at 12:54 PM

EP

“ EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY - October 31, 2024 at 12:46 PM

DW

“ Dennetta Dunn Waters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Dennetta Dunn Waters - October 31, 2024 at 12:31 PM

BF

“ Brown, Swan and Washington Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr..



Brown, Swan and Washington Family - October 31, 2024 at 09:15 AM

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear about the death of your husband. You are in my prayers

Remel Murrell Searcy - October 30, 2024 at 05:52 PM

LW

“ I can remember when Mr Wright was my middle school principal at Holmes. He was a great person sending prayers and condolences



latrecia woodley - October 30, 2024 at 05:44 PM

PA

“ Pamela Altheimer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Pamela Altheimer - October 30, 2024 at 04:20 PM

TW

“ My heart and prayers goes out to you Diana and the loving children and family of Mr. Arthur B. Wright. Art was my beloved friend, mentor/co-worker, and Rust College alumni. Please accept my deepest condolences in the great loss of Art. An incredible and amazing legacy will always shine and live on in our hearts.



Teresa Walton Williams ATL

Teresa Walton Williams - October 30, 2024 at 09:14 AM

MG

“ *My sincere condolences to Diana and family. I have many fond memories working with Art. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Marsha Anne Gonzales - October 29, 2024 at 04:47 PM

OH

“ *Condolences to the family of Mr. Wright. Prays for strength, comfort and peace to each of you. Your loved may have left this life, but he will remain in your hearts forever.*



Odessa Hearn - October 29, 2024 at 01:09 PM

EL

“ *Elder Michael And Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.*



Elder Michael and Phyllis Leslie - October 28, 2024 at 11:33 PM

PT

“ *Pamela Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.*



Pamela Tipper - October 28, 2024 at 03:34 PM

BC

“ To open this and see you here is heart breaking many days you kept me out of trouble knowing I was doing wrong lol. But you were the best at the school you will truly be missed rest in heaven.



BETTY L COLLINS - October 28, 2024 at 01:04 PM

LG

“ LaDonna Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



LaDonna Gamble - October 27, 2024 at 06:56 PM

JM

“ Jaquetta Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Jaquetta Moore - October 27, 2024 at 02:41 PM

CJ

“ Cynthia Y. & Sid Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Cynthia Y. & Sid Jones - October 27, 2024 at 02:26 PM

F2

“ From all of your Sands (TNT) Apr 2002 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr..



From all of your Sands (TNT) Apr 2002 - October 26, 2024 at 09:46 PM

RS

“ Extending heartfelt condolences to my friend and Sister-in-Christ on the loss of your dear husband and life partner. He will remain ever present in you heart ❤️ Reta Stanley

Reta Stanley - October 26, 2024 at 09:37 AM

BC

“ Brenda Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Brenda Calhoun - October 25, 2024 at 09:27 PM

DN

“ While I didn't know Mr. Wright very well myself, my husband taught under his administration, and greatly admired and respected him. My prayers are with all of his family today and in the days to come. Sincerely, Diane Nelson.

Diane Nelson - October 25, 2024 at 08:18 AM

AR

“ Anita Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Anita Riley - October 25, 2024 at 04:44 AM

CE

“ Sending heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to Diana and the entire family. Thoughts and prayers are with you. 🙏🕊️🙏



Corinne Edwards - October 24, 2024 at 07:33 PM

SD

“ Sid DeCou lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Sid DeCou - October 24, 2024 at 02:19 PM

SL

“ My Condolences to Mr. Arthur Wright ‘s family and friends. He was an outstanding Principal and friend to everyone. I enjoyed working at Holmes Middle School.
Shirley Luckado-McReynolds

Shirley Luckado-McReynolds - October 24, 2024 at 02:16 PM

LN

“ *Lara Nkume lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.*



Lara Nkume - October 24, 2024 at 12:50 PM

CG

“ *Sending prayers to the family!*



Cynthia George - October 24, 2024 at 12:18 PM

EB

“ *Ebonie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.*



Ebonie - October 23, 2024 at 09:43 PM

DM

“ *David & Versie Munerlyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.*



David & Versie Munerlyn - October 23, 2024 at 08:51 PM

TT

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family.



Tasheka Tiggs - October 23, 2024 at 06:30 PM

CH

“ Cassandra Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Cassandra Hughes - October 23, 2024 at 05:14 PM

MB

“ Melody Bondon-McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Melody Bondon-McGee - October 23, 2024 at 04:09 PM

MS

“ My condolences 🙏 are with Mrs. Diana Wright and the family...



Monica Southward - October 23, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JG

“ Jeanette Golden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Jeanette Golden - October 23, 2024 at 02:27 PM

AL

“ Praying for the family 🙏🕊️



Aisha Lott - October 23, 2024 at 12:32 PM

QM

“ Queen Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Queen Marshall - October 23, 2024 at 10:44 AM

LR

“ Praying for Dianne and family. May God comfort and strengthen you.



Laura Payton Rahmaad - October 23, 2024 at 08:39 AM

ER

“ Eugene Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Eugene Rutledge - October 23, 2024 at 12:30 AM

SS

“ I happened to work at Holmes Middle School with Mr. Wright years ago. Condolences and Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏



Sabrena Sanders - October 22, 2024 at 11:42 PM

KG

“ Keta Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Keta Gibson - October 22, 2024 at 10:26 PM



“ Diana, you and Art were the ultimate duo. I am so sorry for your loss. I hope it gives you some comfort knowing what a stellar legacy he leaves behind. He will live on in you as well as the students, staff, colleagues, and parents who were fortunate enough to know him.



Wanda Bady - October 22, 2024 at 08:45 PM

WB

“ So sorry for your loss of Mr. Wright. May God Comfort you Mrs Wright and your family .



Wanda Pierce Bondon - October 22, 2024 at 06:53 PM

IS

“ I worked for and with Art until my retirement in 2002. We developed a friendship and a respectful work relationship. Mr. Wright, support staff, teachers and volunteer parents made Holmes Middle School among the best in Genesee County.

“Parting is all we know of heaven and all we need of hell”.

Imhotep Sekou - October 22, 2024 at 06:30 PM

EJ

“ R. I. H. P. Mr. Wright. Mrs. Wright u r in my prayers. I will always remember the Best time in my career, serving as a Holmes Middle School Employee. My deepest condolences to the family.



Ella Jacobs - October 22, 2024 at 06:01 PM

DS

“ I extend my condolences and prayers to Mrs. Diana Wright and Family. Mr. Art Wright was a dedicated and innovative principal at Holmes Middle School. He was committed to serving his staff, students and parents, well. He was truly an asset to the Flint Community Schools. May he rest in peace.
Dr. Dana S. Simmons



Dr. Dana Simmons - October 22, 2024 at 05:48 PM

LD

“ La Jean T Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



La Jean T Duncan - October 22, 2024 at 03:15 PM

DB

“ My sincere condolences to Mrs. Wright and family. My prayers and love are with you all. God bless!



Dara Benton - October 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM

MN

“ *Marvin Nunn lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wright*



Marvin Nunn - October 22, 2024 at 09:28 AM

BD

“ *Bushee' Dabney lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wright*



Bushee' Dabney - October 21, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DH

“ *Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker lit a candle in memory of Arthur Wright*



Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker - October 21, 2024 at 09:16 PM

RM

“ *Sending condolences, love, and prayers for Diana and her family.*



Rev Phyllis McCree - October 21, 2024 at 07:55 PM

MA

“ *Melinda Mosley Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Arthur Wright*



Melinda Mosley Anderson - October 21, 2024 at 05:27 PM

DP

“ *Grace and Peace Mrs. Diana Wright and Family! My prayers and condolences to your entire family. God is there to love and strengthen you.*

Darryl Pettway - October 21, 2024 at 01:54 PM

RW

“ *Lit a candle for Mr. Arthur B. Wright. My condolences to the family.*



Rudolph Wheaton,DDS - October 21, 2024 at 01:11 PM

CH

“ *Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.*



Cynthia Higgins - October 21, 2024 at 11:46 AM

MA

“ Dear Diana and family,

I pray God holds you in his arms during this journey. Mr. Wright was an extraordinary man. I referred to him as "Joe Cool". He was a mentor, a surrogate uncle and a wonderful man. I truly loved this man. We often spoke about his daughter.

Mary - October 21, 2024 at 08:33 AM

TJ

“ Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Tanya Jefferson - October 21, 2024 at 04:49 AM

VP

“ Diana Wright and Family
Mr. Wright was a special man who served the Flint Community Schools with honor and respect. Anyone who had the opportunity to interact with him met a kind and special person. You all have my deepest sympathy as you go through this most difficult time. May God Bless ❤️ 🙏

Vera J Perry - October 20, 2024 at 01:42 PM

LW

“ Larry Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Wright Jr.



Larry Williams - October 20, 2024 at 12:47 PM