

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion that family and friends have extended to our family during this difficult time. It has been a blessing to each of us.

You have touched our hearts.

A special thank you to Pastor Matthew K. Thompson, Jubilee Christian Church. A very special thank you to our cousins, Patricia Semedo Ochogu and Juanita Semedo, for their wisdom, guidance and love throughout this process.

May God Bless You All!



IN LOVING MEMORY



Rose Wright

AUGUST 1942 - APRIL 2020

SERVICES

Saturday, April 25, 2020

10:00 AM

ROBERT J. LAWLER & CROSBY FUNERAL HOME

1803 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA



OBITUARY

Rose Wright passed away on April 17, 2020 at the age of 77, after succumbing to complications from a decades-long battle with systemic lupus. She was born August 4, 1942 in Tewksbury, MA to Louis and Mary Wright and was raised as a Catholic in Boston, mostly by her beloved grandmother Mary (Pina) Fontaine. She married Arthur Bright, Jr. at a young age and they had five children.

Rose was a remarkable woman. After her divorce, as a single parent and with a diploma from the Jeremiah Burke High School, she was determined to further pursue her education and career. She attended Harvard Extension School while teaching elementary education at Saint Joseph's Community School in Roxbury. With her work experience and course work, she was able to transition to Antioch College (now Cambridge College) where she received a Master of Education & Administration (1975); and went on to earn a Master of Social Work from Boston College (1981). Rose then provided mental health counseling and administration at several community-based organizations in Boston, MA and in Arlington, VA. She spent the bulk of her career as an administrator in higher education, first at Suffolk University and retiring from Simmons College in 2002 as an Associate Director. After retirement, Rose reinvented herself and became a licensed broker and sold real estate throughout MA for several years.

Rose loved engaging with people. She generously shared her gifts and resources with so many. In the mid-70's, she formed a black women's support group around her kitchen table called *Phenomenal Woman*. At its height, over 40 women participated in advocating for each other and their community. She was known for her jammin' parties that she hosted regularly in her home throughout the late 70's and 80's. -Think lots of friends, family, laughs, good music, plenty of dancing and a collection of great foods. As a young grandmother, she hosted many backyard barbecues for her growing family and extended family, at her home in Waltham. In her later years, she became a devout Christian and was a long serving member of Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan, where she befriended many young people who benefited from her wisdom.

Rose was such a beautiful lady with grit and intelligence and so much love for her family and close friends. She brightened a room while taking up very little space. She had pithy and funny remarks that did not call attention to herself. She had gentle opinions that she was not at all hesitant to voice. Rose had a youthful spirit. Yet, with so much grace, she endured chronic illness and pain for many years and without complaint. She embraced all and will be fondly and forever missed by so many.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents and grandmother, her half-brother Michael Pina, and her grandson Jaquan Majeed. She is survived by the father of her five children, Arthur Bright, Jr. and her children: Sharon Bright, Cheryl Bright, Donna Bright (life partner Charles), Arthur Bright, III (wife Cathy), and David Bright (wife Karen); her grandchildren: Chad Bright Reason (wife LaShauna), Sherrod Bright, Corey Bright, Ahmad Bright, Kamaal Majeed, Kaylah Majeed, Caeden Bright, Arthur Njenga Bright and David Kiruthi Bright; and her great-granddaughters Nayah, Nikita and Zania Bright Reason, and Lynajah and Treasure Bright. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Mary Reed, her grand-daughters in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and a handful of very dear friends.

A wake and funeral service will be held at Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home for the immediate family and invited guests only due to social distancing requirements. The funeral service will be live streamed. Details will be sent to family and friends. As soon as it is safe to have large gatherings, the family will hold a Celebration of Life ceremony to honor Rose, a phenomenal woman indeed. In lieu of flowers and other contributions, the family would be grateful to receive donations for the Lupus Foundation New England.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer	Pastor Matthew K. Thompson
Song	Ave Maria
Scriptures	
Psalm 90	Juanita Semedo
Psalm 23	Corey Bright
Remarks	Family
Obituary	Donna Bright
Acknowledgements	Sharon Bright
Eulogy	Pastor Matthew K. Thompson
Song	Amazing Grace