

The Celebration of Life for



Mother Marie Brown Wright

A Beautiful Life Remembered



Mother Marie Brown Wright was born on April 6, 1946, in Smithville, Georgia, to the late Richard Brown, Sr. and Mary Emma Coleman Brown.



A brilliant student from her youth, Marie graduated as the Valedictorian of the Class of 1963 from Lee County Training School. Driven by a passion for knowledge and community advancement, she continued her education at Albany State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Education, and later obtained her Master's in Education from the University of Georgia.



Marie accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age, beginning a lifelong walk of faith at New Hope AME Church in Smithville, Georgia. Her spiritual journey later led her to become a founding member and the dedicated First Lady of Marthanna Living Way of Christ Church in Desoto, Georgia. She also served as First Lady of other churches in the community. In her later years, she found joy in fellowshiping with the Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Cordele, Georgia.



As an educator and a leader, Mother Wright poured her wisdom into countless students through her work with Darton College, Lee County High School, and Dooly County High School. Beyond the classroom, she was a driven entrepreneur and small business owner of W, H, & L, LLC.



When she wasn't serving her community or church, Marie found joy in life's simple pleasures: gardening, singing, traveling, watching her favorite game shows, and solving crossword and word search puzzles. Above all, she cherished the time spent with her beloved family and friends.

Mother Wright transitioned peacefully to her heavenly home on Sunday, May 31, 2026. She is reunited in eternal rest with her beloved husband, Reverend Lem Wright; her parents, Richard Brown, Sr. and Mary Emma Coleman Brown; her siblings: Mary Bell Rivers, Dorothy Ann Smith, Raymond Brown, Richard Brown, Jr., Melvin Brown, and Michael Brown and her grandparents: Oscar Coleman, Sr., Clara Bell Anderson Coleman, Jessie Brown, and Julie Ann Belcher Brown.

The legacy of her love, wisdom, and faith will live on through her devoted family: her children, Dr. Deane Wright Holsey (Minister Johnnie Holsey) of Cordele, Georgia, Marcia Wright Lane of Leesburg, Georgia, and Timothy Dodson (Monica) of Louisville, Kentucky; her foster daughter, Cynthia Wilson of Albany, Georgia; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; her in-laws, Virginia (Archie) Chatmon of Albany, Georgia, Dorothy (Willie) Sneed and Ronnie Wright of Desoto, Georgia, Lewis Carter of Miami, Florida, Jeremiah (Betty) Carter of Browns Mills, New Jersey, Ruthie Brown of Flint, Michigan, Clinton Williams, Sr. of Miami, Florida, Imogene Wright and Judith Wright of Jersey City, New Jersey, Shenika Brown of Homestead, Florida, and Constance Carter of Miami, Florida; her aunt and uncle-in-law, Virginia (Willard) Austin of Miami, Florida; her dear friends, Ozie Pace and Judy Glass of Albany, Georgia; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.





Bloom Where You are Planted

*Bloom where you are planted,
Shine where you are sent,
Know that God has used you here,
Just the way He meant.*

*Love where you are living.
Serve where it's His will,
Know that God has plans for you,
Only He can fill.*

*Grow where you are going,
Weep when you're in pain,
Know that God restores your soul,
Makes you whole again.*

*Pray when you are breathing,
Laugh when you exhale,
Know that God is near you,
Never will he fail.*

*Cherish all the memories,
Make a brand new start,
Know that God has placed you
Forever in our hearts.*



CHERISHED MEMORIES



The Order of Service

Friday | June 5, 2026 | 3:30 PM

**J. W. Williams
Funeral Home Chapel**

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

Dr. Deane Holsey | Officiant

Musical Prelude - Sister Melanie Sheppard

Processional - Led by Clergy

The Final Viewing

The Final Sealing of the Batesville OE2 Silver Claret Full Couch Casket

Hymn - Deacon Bobby Robinson, Jr.

Scriptures:

Old Testament | Minister Johnnie Holsey

New Testament | Reverend Christopher Perry

Musical Selection | Sister Rosemary Jones

Expressions of Love

“As a Coworker”

Ms. Ozie Pace, Mrs. Judy Glass and LCSS Educators

“As a First Lady”

Poem by Sister Tamara Clark

Family Tribute

Deacon Jeremiah Carter and Sister Dorothy Sneed

Resolution

New Hope AME Church, Smithville, Georgia

Sister Kimberly Paige and Steward Lawrence Gay

Selection | Dr. Brenda Jones

Eulogy - Dr. Deane Holsey

Echoes of Sympathy, Heirloom Bible & Memorial Blanket Presentation

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional | Postlude

The Committal Service

Marthanna Memorial Garden Cemetery

2765 US 280 East | Desoto, Georgia

*Dinner will be served at the Cordele Community Clubhouse
108 15th Avenue East | Cordele Georgia
following the committal service.*

Honorary Flower Attendants

Nieces
and
Friends of the Family



Pallbearers

Grandsons
and
Nephews



In Appreciation

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward each of you who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, love, presence and service has sustained us. Your cards, emails, flowers and gifts of food were warmly appreciated. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you have done to console our hearts, we thank you so very much. A very special thank you to her special caregivers: Dr. Brenda Jones, Sister Helen Rogers, Sister Carol Johnson, and Sister Angela Wilcox. We would also like to thank her nurses: Joel Gravitt, Haley Keltz and the Pruitt Hospice Staff of Cordele, Georgia. May God bless each of you.

The Marie Brown Wright Family

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