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Roy Benjamin
Oscar Haynes, Jr.

Sam Gillins

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Benjamin Johnson
Queen Washington

Ronald Owens
Janette Johnson
Eric Washington

Vernon Gaillard

FLORAL BEARERS

Berkeley High School Class of 1974
Mt. Carmel AMEC Ushers

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of
Ernell Wright
is grateful for all expressions of love, kindness, and comfort shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Our lives have been changed by Ernell's passing, yet we remain so wondrously blessed by the preciousness of his memory. The love he shared, the joy he brought, and the memories he leaves behind will forever remain a part of our lives. May the love, joy, and peace of God continue to embrace you and keep you in His care. Special thanks to: MUSC ART – CTICU Staff, the Oakley Community, and the Berkeley High School Class of 1974.

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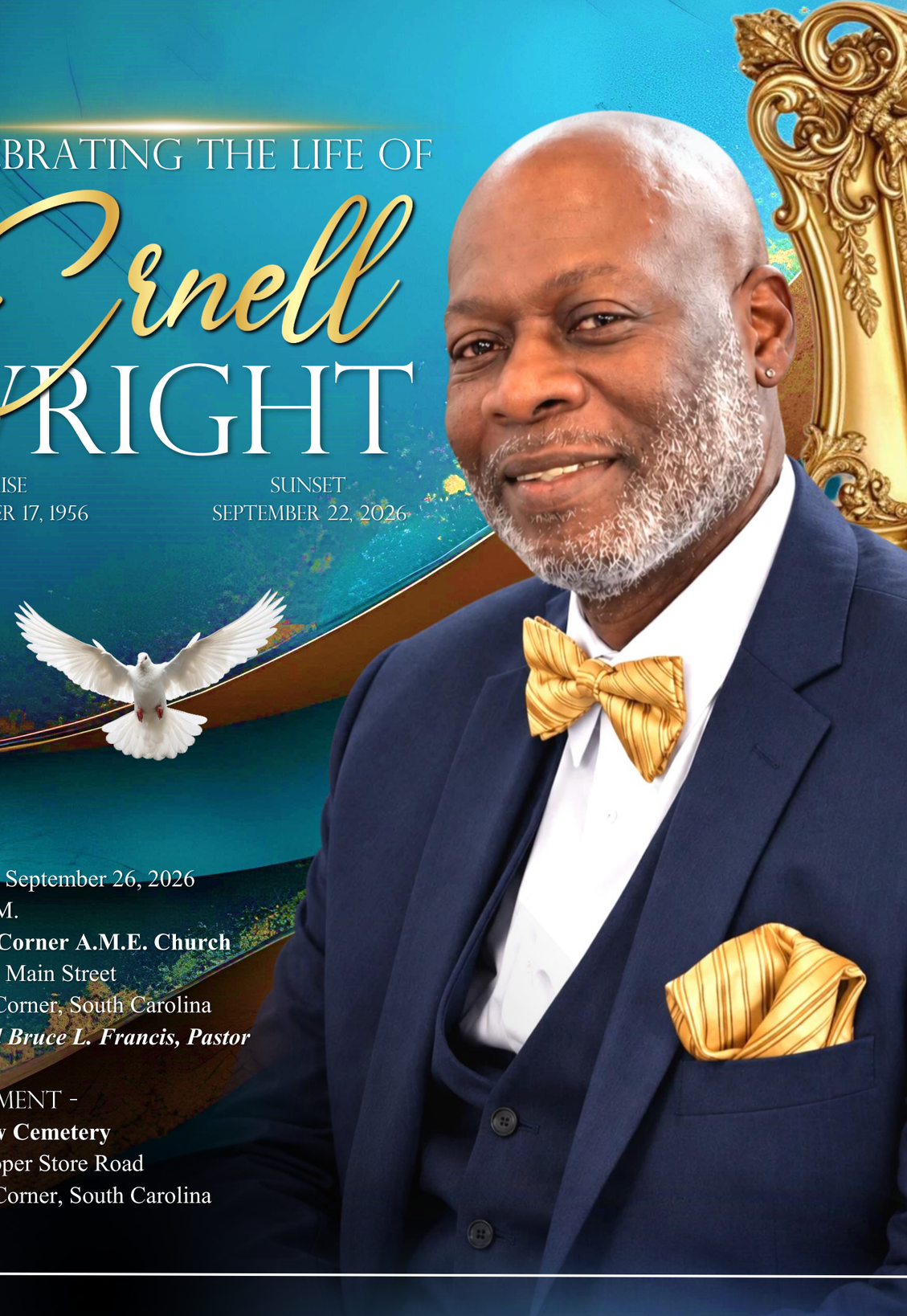
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Ernell WRIGHT

SUNRISE
SEPTEMBER 17, 1956

SUNSET
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



Saturday, September 26, 2026
11:00 A.M.
Moncks Corner A.M.E. Church
306 West Main Street
Moncks Corner, South Carolina
Reverend Bruce L. Francis, Pastor

- INTERMENT -
Westview Cemetery
1010 Cooper Store Road
Moncks Corner, South Carolina

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ernell "Nell" Wright

"Today is a different day and tomorrow won't be the same." – Ernell Wright

Ernell "Nell" Wright, was born on September 17, 1956, in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, to the late Samuel Lee and Isabell Wright. He was a gifted mortician and a friend to everyone; he never met a stranger.

From an early age, Ernell loved to make people laugh. He spent many days going from house to house in Lawrenceville, creating memories with childhood friends. Included in these memories was his recollection of walking to Mt. Carmel AME Church, where he talked about the times he sang in the youth choir. It was also during this time that he accepted Christ as his Savior.

In his teenage years, Ernell worked a variety of jobs, including the summer feeding program, where he met his wife, Annette.

Ernell was a proud graduate of Berkeley High School Class of 1974. At Berkeley High School, he earned the nickname "The Big E" for his skills on the basketball court. After high school, he continued his basketball career playing for Baptist College. He later joined the St. Stephen semi-professional team, where he traveled worldwide playing the sport he loved.

After high school, Ernell achieved one of his proudest accomplishments: he became a mortician. He graduated from Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, where he fulfilled his life's dream of becoming a funeral director and embalmer. Based on his academic achievements, he was initiated into the Pi Sigma Eta National Morticians Fraternity while at Gupton-Jones. Ernell was also an associate member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association.

Ernell excelled in his career as a mortician, creating lasting memories for families during their time of bereavement. Over the course of his career, he formed and cherished relationships with his mortuary mentors, Rev. O.A. Gethers, Jr. and Benjamin E. "Bennie" Holmes, and paid it forward by sharing his mortician skills and talents with those who came after him.

For over 40 years, Ernell was employed at Gethers Funeral Home, and he also worked at Gethers Dry Cleaners. Ernell recognized the significance of his role at Gethers Funeral Home and represented it well. He was embraced by the Gethers Family, and many times, he would say, "I'm a Gethers!" Rev. O.A. and Mrs. Mattie A. Gethers and the Gethers Family will forever be his bonus family. Ernell never missed their birthdays, and every week he would say, "Let me call to see what Mrs. G. is doing… I know she is reading the newspaper."

Ernell possessed the gift of wit and had many sayings! Some of those were: "I Got the Juice", where you would often find him cutting a move to the song, or "Imma baaaad man" in reference to his career as a mortician. Whenever Ernell had a tough case, he would say, "Let me analyze this thing" because he always wanted things to be perfect.



Order of SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Aaron T. Brown, Sr., Presiding
Pastor, Reedy Rivers Missionary Baptist Church
and
Dr. Annette S. Wright, Presiding
Wife

Processional ..... Clergy & Family
"At The Gate I Know"/ "I Heard the Shepherd"

Opening Selection ..... "You Are My Strength"

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament – Psalm 23 ..... Reverend Dr. Terris Green
Pilgrim Baptist Church

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 ..... Reverend Dr. Leon G. Brown
Moncks Corner Baptist Church

New Testament – John 14:1-6 ..... Apostle Sam Gourdine
Abiding Word Family Ministries

Prayer ..... Reverend Dr. Albert Jones
Mt. Carmel AME Church

Solo ..... Brother Joseph Butler

Tribute ..... Ghanaian Family

Solo ..... Brother Michael Beauford

Tribute ..... Gethers Funeral Home Inc.

Choir Selection ..... "Answer To Your Name"
A Journey Through Old Favorites

Words of Comfort ..... Overseer H.E. Dixon
Ministries of Truth Tabernacle

Choir Selection ..... "May The Work I've Done Speak for Me"
A Journey Through Old Favorites

Committal

Benediction

Recessional ..... "He Saw The Best in Me"

He would get a piece of paper, pencil, and his glasses and begin mapping out his plan for when he returned to the embalming room. His most beloved sayings were, *"Nobody comes to the Father but by me", "People are dying to come see me", and "There is not a church in Moncks Corner where I have not had a funeral; I'm a member of ALL churches." He was "Mr. Mortician" or "Tha Undertaker."*

Ernell's hobbies were fishing, salvaging cars, and gardening. Over the years, his garden has produced large watermelons, his favorite vegetable, okra, and most recently, humongous squash. He loved to cut his grass, often twice a week where he "competed" with his neighbor Vernon. Ernell had a kind spirit and always gave a helping hand. You could spot him in his green Honda or white Jeep driving around Moncks Corner. He enjoyed taking Mr. Rentie and Ben to Mackie's Barbershop for a trim or just "Barber Shop Talk", then to Captain D's for lunch.

Ernell was the life of the party, loved music, and could always be found on the dance floor. He enjoyed grilling and was famous for his smoked turkey during Thanksgiving. He enjoyed watching old western shows, Law and Order, Court TV, and First Take. He was a Miami Dolphins fan, and because his daughters went to the University of South Carolina, an avid Gamecock fan. No matter the occasion, from football games and graduations to major moves across states and continents, if his daughters were going, he had to go too. Ernell was always there for his daughters. Most of all, Ernell was big on "family values," loved his family, and often hosted gatherings for family and friends.

Ernell was welcomed by everyone and quickly made lasting connections with those around him. Before meeting his wife, Annette shared a lifelong friendship with three friends she had known since first grade. Ernell fit right in with the friend group as if he had known them all his life. Ernell, Annette, Ronald, Doris, Ben, Janette, Queen, and Eric have one of the most unique bonds friendships can have. For more than 30 years, they traveled, gathered "just because," and created lasting memories together, and Ernell's absence leaves an irreplaceable void in their close-knit group.

Ghana, West Africa, holds a special place in Ernell's heart. He was especially loved by everyone in the Ayipey community. Each time he left the village to return to the United States, people came to see him off and wished him farewell. He loved telling people, "I'm going to Ghana for one month" or "I'm going to move to Ghana." Ernell loved Ghana so much that whenever it was time for an event, he said, "I'm going to wear my tailor-made African clothes."

On Tuesday, September 22, 2026, Ernell peacefully departed this earthly life surrounded by his wife, daughters, and family and entered his heavenly home.

Ernell Wright was married to Annette Singleton for 43 loving years, and they were baptized together in 2016. Annette was the apple of his eye, and she stayed beside him through sickness and health. From their union, they were blessed with two daughters, Brittanni Nichole Wright and Cheryl Alexandria Wright.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Lee and Isabell Wright; his brother, George Lee Wright; nephew, Michael Wright, Jr.; grandnephew, Richmond Wright; and godmother, Christine Buncum. He was also preceded in death by a host of family members whom he loved dearly.

Though he is no longer with us in the body, the love and memories he leaves behind will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew him.

Ernell leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Annette S. Wright; his children, Monica B. Wright (niece), Terrence O. Wright (VaShondra) (nephew), Brittanni N. Wright (Nii Noi) (daughter), and Cheryl A. Wright (daughter); grandnephew, Ryland D. Harrison; his beloved dog, Belle; brothers, Richard Wright (Betty), Rev. Michael Wright (Althea), and cousin/brother, Robert Lee Johnson (Sennette); sisters, Barbara J. Whitaker, Evelina Hodges, Janie L. Williams, and Beverly A. Green (Isaac); aunts, Jessie M. Whitfield, Hattie Coad, Althea Coad, Lillie Lloyd, and Alberta Smalls; uncles, Benjamin Lloyd and Jessie Lloyd (Gladys); his loving nieces and nephews, Corey Wright, Ashleigh Wright, Justin Wright, Jason Wright (Jessica), Carlene Wyatt (Ben), Shayla Peace (Laron), Reco Whitaker (Trecia), Forrest Green, Diamonte Green, Alisa Williams (Tavoris), and Lamot Williams (Alana); mother-in-law, Ruthey M. Golden; sisters-in-law, Mona Wells, Sandra Bess, Melissia Chamberlain (Marcus), Contencie Singleton, Benzenia S. Pinckney, and Angela Singleton; brothers-in-law, Stanley Singleton, Steven J. Golden (Carolyn), and Benjamin Singleton, Jr. (Myrtle); godson, Craydell Duane Bess (Edrina) (nephew); his Gethers Funeral Home Family; his Oakley "guys," whom he loved hanging out with and who will undoubtedly miss Ernell. If one of them was headed to Moncks Corner, they would stop by the house just to ride together; Mackie McGhee and the Class of 1974, who were very dear to him and whom he loved immensely, always looking forward to attending class reunions and special events with them; his Ghanaian grandchildren, Cherilyn Kekeli Amediku and Ernell Klenam Wright Amediku; his Ghanaian family, Joyce, Joshua, Gifty, Bright, Amina, Elorm, Irene, Nana, Micheal, Maa Atta, Mr. Larbi, and Anita; a host of cousins; and too many friends to name because he was a friend to everyone.

He never met a stranger!

MR. MORTICIAN

For more than forty years he served,
With gifted hands and heart;
Comforting families in their sorrow,
He faithfully did his part.

"Mr. Mortician," "The Big E,"
A friend wherever he went;
With laughter, love, and kindness,
A life of service well spent.

Now the hands that served so many
Have answered Heaven's call.
Rest well, Ernell "Nell" Wright—
You gave your very best to all.

He never met a stranger,
And his memory will live on;
Though we'll miss his smile and laughter,
His legacy carries on.

Tributes

A LIFE WELL LIVED.
A HEART SO TRUE.
FOREVER LOVED.
NEVER FORGOTTEN.

BRITTANNI'S TRIBUTE TO DAD

Daddy,
Thank you for being the best dad ever. There's so much more that I want to say, but the most important is that you were the greatest dad ever. You were my traveling buddy. We traveled the world together. I know you don't have favorites, but you and I would kick it all day in the house, just laughing, and reminiscing about life. I never thought that you would leave me. Even as a kid, I always knew that you buried other people; I just knew that you were going to live forever. I'm going to miss our daily calls, multiple calls a day, and you reminding me that if I needed anything, you were only a phone call away. When people would ask me who my best friend was, I always said, "my dad." Best friend, I'm going to miss you!

Love always,
Bunny

CHERYL'S TRIBUTE

You gave me wings and made me fly
You touched my hand, I could touch the sky
I lost my faith, you gave it back to me
You said no star was out of reach
You stood by me, and I stood tall
I had your love; I had it all
I'm grateful for each day you gave me
Maybe I don't know that much
But I know this much is true
I was blessed because I was loved by you.
- Celine Dion

Because you loved me, nothing in the world was ever out of reach, and I always believed that I could do anything! I will miss you immensely but will carry with me the values, talents, and love that you gave me during your time on earth. Forever and ALWAYS Wright… your favorite "debate" partner, or, in your words, your daughter the lawyer… ***Cheryl A. Wright***