



Mary E. Wright

November 2, 1936 - June 1, 2015

Mary E. Wright, 78, of Murphysboro, passed away at 10:05 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2015, in St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro.

Mary was born on November 2, 1936, in Murphysboro, Illinois, to William Dennis Howell and Revil Helen (Shadowens) Howell.

She had worked as a cook at area health care facilities.

Mary enjoyed being with her family, but she could not wait to get to heaven to be reunited with her husband. She was a very faithful follower of Jesus Christ and was a member of Elm Street Baptist Church in Murphysboro.

She married Austin O. Wright on May 9, 1956, in Corinth, Mississippi, and he preceded her in death on December 25, 1995.

Mary is survived by three children Michael A. Wright, Cindy Rose and her husband Craig Rose, and Michelle Joiner, all of Murphysboro;

five grandchildren Nathan Michael Wright and his wife Amy Nicole Wright, Craig Austin Rose, Chad Andrew Rose and his wife Kaitlin Debra Rose, Lesleigh Gayle Wright, and Joseph Drew Joiner;

four great grandchildren Alexys Rose, Lilly Rose, Tinley Rose, and Aven Story;

one brother Alvis Howell of Murphysboro;

and three sisters Patty VanMeter and Helen Howell, both of Murphysboro and Rose Worthen of Grand Tower.

She was preceded in death by one great granddaughter Camryn Rose, five brothers John, Herman, Lyman, Bud, and Jim Howell, and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 4, 2015, at Elm Street Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Allen officiating and burial at Alto Pass Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Pettett Funeral Home and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Elm Street Baptist Church. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Wright*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Mike Cindy and your family I am so sorry for the loss of your mom she was a big part of me loved both like 2nd parents prayers for all of you I will try and make it tomorrow if possible*

Randolph Bagent - June 03, 2015 at 06:47 PM



“ *My heart is sad but I know Aunt Mary is finally home . She has fought a good long fight with many issues the last few years and through all of it she remained unshaken . When I called her and spoke to her I apologized that I did not call more often and she said she was just glad I thought enough of her to call ! She didn't realize how much she was loved ! I enjoyed talking with her and always loved to get a smile from her ! Will miss you Aunt Mary but will see you again someday ! Rest in Peace .*

Debbie Howell Ipox - June 03, 2015 at 06:19 PM

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“ This isn't so much a story but a remembrance of my Grandma. Big Mary was the toughest woman I've ever met. From battling illnesses and injuries in her final years to threatening to come down on the wrestling mat if "that boy hurts you", which she never did but I fully believe she would've had she wanted to. She could best you down with a paper plate like no one you've ever met. She also would hug you though and make you feel all her love. She is now resting and in no more pain and I know that her and my grandpa are reunited in the kingdom of heaven and they'll be there when I walk through the gates. I love and miss you Big Mary!
Craig

Craig Rose (grandson) - June 03, 2015 at 11:17 AM