



Mr. Gordon Wright, Sr.

December 18, 1921 - May 9, 2009

Mr. Gordon McHenry Wright, Sr., was born to Hunter and Artelia Wright on December 18, 1921, in Newport News, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his wife, Theora; his son, Gordon, Jr.; and his older brother, Reynold.

A spiritual person by nature, Mr. Wright was a founding member of the Mighty Sunset Travelers, a legendary gospel singing group that performed throughout the greater tidewater region for some 50 years.

The beloved Mr. Wright managed Maxine's and Chic A Sea restaurants, and worked at Phillip and Levy and Porter's Cab Company for many years. Most recently he hosted Gordon Wright's Gospel Hour, a Sunday morning program on WKGM 940AM where he played special requests for his listening audience.

Mr. Wright was a remarkably talented visionary who kept pace with the changing world. He shared his love, understanding and gift of repairing anything that was broken. From an early age, Mr. Wright had a mechanical aptitude that rivaled the best. He could repair household appliances, cars and anything else the neighbors would place in front of him. He was affectionately called "Copperhead" because of his distinctive red, curly hair. Mr. Wright loved people and they loved him back. He never met a stranger.

Although his easy smile and kind words embodied his being, Mr. Wright is remembered by many as being an impeccably-tailored gentleman with a personal wardrobe of colorful suits and perfectly shined shoes.

After Mr. Wright's son, Gordon, Jr., departed his life in 2000, Mr. Wright

continued the Black History program at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, initiated by his son. He often invited gospel music groups that performed to near-capacity audiences. Mr. Wright was a member of West End Baptist Church.

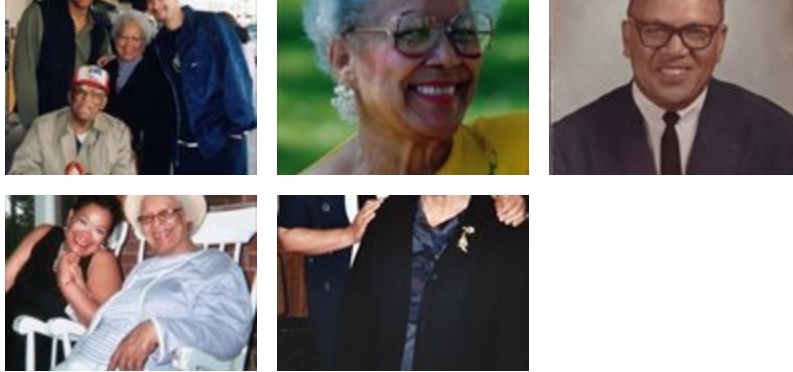
Mr. Wright's favorite song was "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," a popular spiritual that he performed with resounding enthusiasm and passion. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Myrtle W. Raiford of Hillcrest, New York; his special nieces, Mrs. Janice Raiford Shaw (Kenneth) of New York; Mrs. Sharon Raiford Bush (Grand) of California; granddaughter, Cheryl Wright of Mississippi; a great-granddaughter, Aaliyah; two great-grandsons, Charles and Drevon and nieces, nephews, cousins and longtime friends.

Visitation also on Friday, June 5, 2009, 12 – 5 pm at M. E. Fisher Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 6th, 2009 at 1:00 PM at West End Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ 58 files added to the album Memories Album



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - July 31, 2014 at 11:37 AM

LF

“ Dear Myrtle, Janice, & family, Our sincerest sympathies are with you on your loss of Gordon. Thank you for sharing your loving memories of him and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Linda and Jim Fowler - June 07, 2009 at 02:45 PM

KB

“ To Mrs. Raiford, Janice and the entire family; Losing a loved one is never easy but take comfort in knowing that others care and have you constantly in our prayers. We love you and pray for safe travel.
Kevin-Tilda-Nicole Bruce

Kevin,Tilda and Nicole Bruce - June 04, 2009 at 07:40 PM

MB

“ Dear Gordon:

I will miss your smile and your kind and gracious temperament. I will always remember enjoying my summer vacations with you when I was a child.

I've never met a man who could make cornbread as well as you. Each time I would ask you what your recipe was, you'd wrap your arms around me and say, "Just put a lot of love in it, that's all." You then gave me another slice.

As the years raced by, it was easy for me to place a lot of love in you and everything you've done to make the world a better place. I love you today and forevermore.

Mrs. Sharon Raiford Bush - June 04, 2009 at 10:02 AM