



Mr. Willie B. Solomon Wright

March 18, 1925 - June 13, 2025

Willie was born to George and Jeanette Wright (Dessasure) on March 18, 1925 in Eutawville, South Carolina. As a child in Eutawville, he grew up farming with his parents and 5 siblings, James, Eva, George, Jr., Marie and Nellie.

At an early age he joined and attended St. James Baptist church. Bill joined the U.S. Navy in November 1943 and was Honorably discharged June 1946. Along with several Naval friends, he settled in Kansas City, Missouri where he met his wife, Ruthie Mae Crenshaw. They married and went on to have 2 children Dena and Ewon.

Bill worked for over 30 years with the Santa Fe Railroad as an electrician as well as serving as a Naval reservist until 1985. Bill loved travelling, bowling, and cooking (no one could beat him making a delicious roast beef), watching his beloved Kansas City baseball and football teams play and spending time on his boat relaxing and fishing for hours.

Bill was a member of Ward Chapel AME Church and sang in the men's choir. He served his church faithfully until his advanced age prevented him from attending on a regular

basis.

Throughout his entire life, he held an unwavering faith in God, which he shared with those who surrounded him.

Willie joins his wife Ruthie, his daughter Dena, his son Ewon, his brothers James and George, Jr., his sisters, Eva and Marie in Heaven. He is survived by his sister Nellie of Queens, N.Y.

He leaves behind to mourn, his grandchildren, his great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Now that Willie has passed into the arms of our Lord, we should remind ourselves that while this is the end of Willie's physical life on Earth, it's the beginning of an eternal and beautiful journey for him.

Funeral services Tuesday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Ward Chapel /Cain Grant AME Church. Interment: Leavenworth National Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. Visitation: 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. at the Church. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com. Services will be Livestreamed: www.mstcsunet.com

Cemetery Details

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 East Muncie Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Ward Chapel / Cain Grant AME Church
2126 Prospect Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64127

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

EM

“ As you take your eternal rest today there are no tears to shed 100 years is *TRULY A BLESSING*. You’ve seen and done so much and wore many hats but the best thing was being My Favorite Uncle. Your charm, humor, friendly spirit and you and my grandmas banter during your visits will be missed but held close to my heart. ❤️ Rest in Peace My Uncle Bill I love You



Elyse C Martinez - June 24, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ Thank you for the love and life and protection you gave to us all. Grateful my children knew you. We love you!



Choc Choc - June 23, 2025 at 02:35 PM

KS

“ Kelvin Paxton and family, Columbia SC purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Mr. Willie B. Solomon Wright.



Kelvin Paxton and family, Columbia SC - June 23, 2025 at 01:44 PM

KS

“ Kelvin Paxton and family, Columbia SC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie B. Solomon Wright.

Kelvin Paxton and family, Columbia SC - June 23, 2025 at 01:44 PM

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“ My Dear Uncle Bill,

You asked it of me, and I accepted the task. It has been an Honor and a Pleasure to handle your affairs and to make sure you were well taken care of in your twilight years. I did my best and I'd like to think you were happy and comfortable. I'm going to miss our phone conversations telling me how you were doing, whether you won at bingo, who you played cards with and of course I asked if you were cheating, which always made you laugh or to ask me to send you more word search puzzle books. Although we were miles apart, those times we shared on the telephone will always remain dear to me. When I think of you, I don't cry, I only smile as I'm remembering your joking ways, the family memories, your warm smile and the mischievous twinkle in your eyes when we teased each other.

Uncle Bill, you've lived a Good long life doing what you enjoyed best and now you have gained your wings, taking your Eternal Rest. Gone but Never Forgotten!

Vivian (Pannie) - June 23, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie B. Solomon Wright.



June 22, 2025 at 04:12 PM

VF

“ Vivian (Pannie) & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Willie B. Solomon Wright.



Vivian (Pannie) & Family - June 21, 2025 at 04:46 PM

NE

“ Nellie purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Mr. Willie B. Solomon Wright.



Nellie - June 21, 2025 at 04:37 PM

PR

“ Perscilla R. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie B. Solomon Wright.



Perscilla R. - June 18, 2025 at 03:56 PM

SE

“ Uncle Bill you will surely be missed your pleasant attitude and your sense of humor you are with your siblings Riep we ❤️ you love your niece Sandra and family SIEP

Sandra Eberhart - June 17, 2025 at 08:28 AM

SW

“ Sandra W. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie B. Solomon Wright.



Sandra W. - June 17, 2025 at 08:23 AM

KW

“ We send our deepest condolences to the loss of Uncle Bill he truly will be missed thank God he made it to be 100 years old what a blessing sorry we won't be able to make the funeral but know our hearts are with you. Love Always Karen And Dalaya Wright 🙏❤️🙏
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karen wright - June 16, 2025 at 10:32 PM

KR

“ I met him as Grandpa even though he said I could call him Bill. He will always be Grandpa to me. Love his family and his stories. He was a special man and a wonderful person. Keep smiling, flirting, give the ones that went before you a hug for me. Thank you for your Service. RIP Brother in Arms. Family may God provide you comfort in this time Love you. Kathy Roe

Kathy Roe - June 16, 2025 at 09:10 AM

KW

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❤️🙏 Love Karen and Dalaya Wright

karen wright - June 16, 2025 at 10:14 PM