

Pallbearers

Trustees of Trinity United Methodist Church

Flower Attendants

Family Members and Friends

Repast

Please join us for an **Ice Cream Social** to honor Dr. Wright at Dairy Cream on Sadler Road near the beach in Fernandina following Interment.

Acknowledgement

God knew that we needed you doing these precious hours. We sincerely thank everyone who gave us support and strength to ease our pain and giving us comfort. May God richly bless each of you!

~ The Wright Family ~

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A Celebration of Life for *Rev. Dr. Howard James Wright*



Sunrise
April 3, 1946

Sunset
May 21, 2022

Service

12:00 PM, Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Trinity United Methodist Church

715 Ash Street
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

Pastor Granardo L. Felix, Officiating

Obituary



Reverend Dr. Howard J. Wright passed away peacefully on May 21, 2022, in Fernandina Beach, FL after a life filled with music and reverence for worship in the ministry of Jesus Christ. He was born on April 3, 1946, in Jacksonville, Florida with a twin brother, William to loving parents, Willie Lee and Alma Louise Wright. Howard learned to play the trumpet in high school which led to a music scholarship, and he enrolled at Florida A&M University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, FL in 1964 and joined the Famous Marching 100s. He mastered a variety of musical instruments, became a songwriter, composer, and arranger. He backed up icons such as BB King, Jackie Wilson, and Lou Rawls and other musicians of that era. After graduating FAMU in 1968, the Army recruited Howard into the U.S. Army Ceremonial Band at Ft. McPherson, GA and promoted to Army Specialist Five receiving an honorable discharge. He was also an entrepreneur, salesman, and professor of music at Georgia State University.

Howard earned a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary; Master of Divinity from Interdenominational Theological Seminary; Master of Music from Georgia State University and Bachelor of Science from FAMU. On July 1, 1988, he was ordained minister and later became Supervising Pastor and Elder in the North Georgia United Methodist Church Conference accepting seven pastoral church assignments. Dr. Wright accepted an appointment to the Bishop's Cabinet of the North Georgia Conference and served as District Superintendent of the LaGrange Georgia District supervising 104 churches. One year before retirement, Dr. Wright served as the transitional Senior Pastor of the 1700 member Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in McDonough, GA. He was a recognized Crisis Counselor of the American Association of Christian Counselors. He served 35 years in the ministry prior to retiring July 1, 2011.

Dr. Wright had a blessed marriage to Hester B. Wright. Howard is survived by Son: Arturo Williams (Jacqueline) Jacara and Ajaya; Daughter: Chye' Uphaw-Hardnett (Phillip), Chene' (George), and Laila - great grand, Gabriel, Lady-Renata, Kaylan, and Jaylan; Daughter: Desni Henderson (Anthony), Kera, Bobimarie, James, Sugarlyn, and Bambam; Siblings: twin brother, William E. Wright, Sr. (Nancy); Sisters: Emily I. Timmons, Naomi E. Mungin (Larenza), Magadelene McDuffie and Dorothy J. Wilson; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family. Howard was pre-deceased by his parents, a brother, and five sisters.

Dr. Wright was committed to God, Mission, Ministry, Family, and the Church as a true child of God... Amen and Amen.

Order of Service

Pastor Granardo L. Felix, Presiding

- Family Processional** *(Soft music upon entrance)*
- Invocation** **Pastor Granardo Felix**
- Song of Praise** *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*
- Prayer** **Pastor Johnnie Green**
St. James Baptist Church (visiting) - Yulee
- Reading of Scriptures: Family**
 - Matthew 6:33**
 - Hebrews 12:2-4**
 - Joshua 1:9**
- Personal Song Tribute** *"May the Life I Live Speak for Me"*
- Reading of Obituary** *(Quiet reading)*
- Celebration and Reflections** **Mr. William E. Wright, Sr.**
(Limited speakers)
- Acknowledgements and Appreciations**
- Tribute in Song to Dr. Wright** **Pastor Granardo L Felix**
- Words of Comfort** **Pastor Granardo L. Felix**
- Benediction**
- Recessional** *(Soft music upon exits)*

Interment

2:30 PM, Tuesday, May 31, 2022, Lane #2
Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, FL 32218