



Olive Lynette Wright

July 21, 1926 - January 3, 2015

Olive Lynette (Glenn) Wright, 88, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday morning, January 3, 2015, after passing at her home.

Born July 21, 1926 at home in Chickamauga, GA to Elder G. and Elizabeth Archer Glenn, Olive graduated with honors from Gordon Lee High School in 1943. During those early years, Olive played H.S. basketball, was elected president of her senior class, and loved riding her horse, Boots, with her best friend June Hall Jewell. She then attended 2 years at Shorter College before enrolling in the University of Chattanooga where she met her husband, Collins Wright. He had just finished football practice when she walked in to the "malt shop" where he was sitting, and love bloomed. While at U.C., Olive studied at the Cadek Conservatory, earning her degree in Voice with a minor in Organ; at least once a week, you could hear Olive singing on the local radio.

After graduation Olive and Collins moved to Chickamauga where she taught Music, Voice, Piano, and Glee Club at Gordon Lee until in a couple of years, along came little Mike. Olive loved her church and was a member of First Baptist Church of Chickamauga for 82 years, where she served as Music Director for 32 years plus 2 years during her high school days; an auto wreck cut short her music career. During her service time, Olive directed 4 graded school choirs, the adult choir, and an ensemble group along with playing the piano for rehearsals while teaching choir; she played the organ for church

services while directing the choir with her hand and head and singing alto all at the same time. Olive influenced and instilled values in hundreds of children during those "days gone by" of "choir mothers" and little cherub-looking white robes with black bows. As one former music student quoted, "nothing impressed us more than the compassion that Olive showed in dealing with the least of us".

Olive was proud to be a part of her lifelong community of Chickamauga and tirelessly gave back to it. She organized, then directed the Chickamauga Community Chorus for 10 years. Olive has served as Chairman of the Walker County Library Board, Chmn. of the Cherokee Regional Library Board, and Chmn. of the Chickamauga Library Board where she was a member over 40 years. In the year 2000, Olive was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award from her Gordon Lee H.S. Alumni Society for her contributions to her community. Olive is Past President of the Hutcheson Hospital Auxiliary and a member, where she "just loved being one of the girls", for 33 years since its inception in 1979; in 2010 she received the Life Time Achievement Award from Hutcheson for her selfless service.

As an avid reader Olive was a member of the Chickamauga Quid Nunc Study Club for 25 years; she had a passion for bridge playing, was a longtime square dancer, a recreational slalom water skier, and made her family very proud when she quit smoking after 57 years. Not surprisingly, Olive joined her husband Collins in one of her main interests though, pulling for the Georgia Bulldogs. Their passion for the Dawgs included supporting the UGA/FCA Chaplains' Program, where they were awarded the prestigious Tom Landry Award in 2008. But most importantly, Olive always brought a bit of God given grace and friendliness to everyone with whom she came in contact.

Olive was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years N. Collins Wright, father Elder G. Glenn, Sr., mother Elizabeth Archer Glenn, and brothers Elder

Glenn, Jr. and J. Archer Glenn. She is survived by her loving children, son Michael (Carolyn) Wright, daughter Lynn (Jerry) Campbell, 2 grandsons Andy and Nick Campbell, 1 great-granddaughter Haylei Cain, sisters-in-law Jo Ann Glenn and Sarah Glenn, and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends and family from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Wilson Funeral Home in Chickamauga. Funeral Services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Chickamauga, Sunday January 11th at 2:30 P.M. with UGA Chaplain Kevin Hynes and Rev. Thad Key presiding. Burial will follow in Chickamauga Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Chickamauga Music or Building Funds at P.O. Box 239, Chickamauga, GA 30707 or to the Friends of the Chickamauga Public Library at 306 Cove Road, Chickamauga, GA 30707.

Pallbearers are Charlie Berry, Jimmy Cooley, Gary Gossett, Ken Jones, Harry Kythas, John McCollum, Jeff McDaniel, Alan Najjar, Ken Pilgrim, and Glen Trundle. Honorary Pallbearers are the Seminar Sunday School Class of First Baptist and the Hutcheson Hospital Auxiliary.

A special "Thank You" goes to Olive's team of life enhancing and life extending caregivers: Amanda, Maudie, Davina, Carrie, Lori and Corina.

Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes – J. Avery Bryan Chapel, Chickamauga, GA.

Online register at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

BF

“ I have fond memories of choir practice on Sunday evenings. I admired her elegance and her knowledge of music. I remember her laugh and I always thought that it had a 'musical' quality. I credit her love of 'James Bond' movies to my interest in spy/mystery books. I appreciated all of the time she gave to make us better. My thoughts, prayers, and love to her family. She will be missed.

Barbara Cauthorn Roquemore - Cumming, GA - family friend - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I was so saddened to hear of Mrs. Wright's passing but at the same time it brought back so many wonderful memories. I sang her graded choir program from kindergarten through the adult choir and the Chickamauga Community Chorus. She was so kind and she took time to teach us how to read music, not just sing. I would not be in the profession I am in without her influence. Her service today was uplifting and appropriate for such a wonderful, positive person. She will be greatly missed.

Kevin Ford - Signal Mtn., TN - Church - January 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Prayers and thoughts are with the family during their loss. A donation will be sent to Chickamauga Friends of the Library in her memory. Olive and Collins are pillars in the Chicksmauga community who touched many lives including mine. Nancy Van Prooyen, Chickamauga, Ga.

Nancy Van Prooyen - Chickamauga, GA - Friend - January 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“Go rest high on that mountain...your work on earth is done...”

Chickamauga has lost one of its greatest treasures.

Ms. Olive was the epitome of class and grace. She exemplified servant leadership in every one of her endeavors and she always left more of herself in an organization than she ever took away from it.

My earliest memories are of Olive and her family and I loved her as I loved my own mother. We will miss her greatly.

Corky Jewell

Corky Jewell - Chickamauga, GA - Friend and Neighbor - January 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“Mrs. Wright was my childhood idol. As a member of the youth choir, girls ensemble, and adult choir, I learned so much from her about life and music. I have often said that other than my parents, she is the single most influential person in my life, in terms of my love of music and my taste in music. She always wanted us to give our best, and to perform the best music in our worship of the Lord. Having loved music all my life, and having taught elementary music for several years, I cannot express adequately enough how much she meant to me. By the way, Mike and Lynn, I will never forget my baby-sitting days with you. Lynn, do you still hate to go to bed?”

Pam Raper Halliday - La Fayette, GA - friend - January 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I remember Mrs. Olive most for doing the youth choir at First Baptist, how she managed to get us all to behave and sing on Sunday night was a miracle. Some of my fondest memories are being in the youth choir with Mike W, John N, Carl N, Debbie M, Cheryl P, all the gang, we truly had great times. Mrs Olive played the piano and led us at the same time. Somehow we all managed to show up each Sunday afternoon for practice and behave long enough to learn and to enjoy the time together and singing in praise to the Lord. Yes this is one of my most fond and cherished thoughts.

Johnny Walker - Chickamauga, GA - friend - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ A second mom since 1969 and a wonderful example of a true Southern lady. We miss you Mama O and thank you for the many wonderful memories. Heaven's bridge players need to take note that a new Master is in the house.

Alan Najjar - Buford, GA - friend - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Olive left me with many memories. First of all her contribution to the cultural life of Chickamauga, particularly in music. She had the Baptist Church choir for many Christmas candlelight tours at the Gordon-Lee Mansion which always added a great deal of excitement.

Secondly, it was a joy and challenge to sit across from her at the bridge table.

We will all miss her and wish for her God's speed on her journey.

Love,

Frank A. Green, D.D.S.

Frank Green - Chickamauga, GA - good friend - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Sure will miss you Ms Olive! I will always remember children's choir at FBC with you as the director. Lots of good memories also playing in your trees in your back yard. God Bless!

Tammy Geurin Snodgrass - Chickamauga, GA - friend - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ To me Olive was a True Southern Bell always a lady and always a friend. I will miss seeing her and listening to her speak.

Ann - chickamauga, GA - freind and fellow worker - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am deeply saddened hearing of Olive's passing. She was so nice to me at the hospital, we volunteered together for about 10 years. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. I will always remember her kindness and sweet personality.

Linda Hegwood - Summerville, GA - friend - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM