



Peggy (Espy) Wright

December 17, 1929 - July 20, 2016

Peggy (Espy) Wright, 86, of Chattanooga, passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. She was born on December 27, 1929 and was the adopted daughter of Lavada Newell. Peggy attended the Chattanooga public schools and graduated as salutatorian. She received a Bachelor's Degree at the University of Chattanooga, majoring in violin and public school music. After graduating, she organized and taught string instrument classes in Dalton, Ga.

For many years she played the violin in the Chattanooga Symphony. Later Peggy returned to Chattanooga and taught 3rd and 4th grades in the public schools of Chattanooga, the Bright School. Later she returned to UTC and received a Masters with a major in reading instruction. She took other graduate courses that would qualify her as a reading specialist. For 10 years she organized and taught the summer reading classes at the McCallie School along with teaching reading classes in the public schools. After retirement she served as adjunct professor at Chattanooga State Community College teaching developmental reading.

Peggy was active in the International Reading Association on the local, state, and national level. She served 2 years as the president of the TN Reading Association. As part of the TRA, she participated in international exchange. Her international activities have included serving as president of the Local Sister City Association for 6 years. As TN coordinator for Sister Cities International, she, along with the N.C. coordinator, organized the first

Southeast Regional Sister City International Conference which was held in Chattanooga. Privately and as part of S.C. I., she has traveled to many parts of the world. She and her husband traveled to many parts of the world including Europe (England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, France, Italy) the Middle East (Israel) Asia (Thailand, South Korea, Hong Kong) and China. Peggy is a member of New Hope Presbyterian Church, where she has served as elder and choir member. She also served on Presbytery level Committees. Peggy is survived by her husband, John L. Wright, Jr., of Chattanooga; sons, Dr. John L. Wright III, Stephen M. Wright; granddaughters, Emily June Wright, and Weera Jane Wright.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at New Hope Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Peggy (Espy) Wright.*



July 26, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about Peggy. We met her at Bright School and always enjoyed her. Our deepest sympathy to the Family.*

The Center Family

M. Center - July 24, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ *Peggy was an amazing woman. I first met Peggy at East Lake Elementary School where she taught third grade. Students loved her fair but firm philosophy, she was always engaging and challenging them to critically think. What a wonderful mentor and friend. Our sympathy to John, her family ,friends and her former colleagues.*

Ronni and Chaim Charyn

Ronni Charyn - July 24, 2016 at 09:29 AM

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“ Ms Wright was a wonderful, foundational part of who I am. She taught me much more than the three Rs. I am proud to have had such a wonderful caring person as a teacher. I believe Ms Wright bears significant responsibility for this "troubled child" who turned out reasonably well. God bless those who teach.....

Herndon Elliott - July 22, 2016 at 10:31 AM

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“ We were saddened to read about Peggy's passing. My prayers are with the family at this time. I will miss her passion for Sister City.

Betsy Chesney - July 22, 2016 at 06:48 AM

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She was my fourth grade teacher. I still remember her smile and what a great teacher! 😊

Carolyn Ellis Kress - July 22, 2016 at 10:18 AM