



Mr. Roy Earl Wright

September 26, 1933 - May 5, 2018

Roy Earl Wright age 84, of Chickamauga, Georgia went home to be with the Lord Saturday – May 5, 2018. He was born in Buchtel, Ohio to the late Roy and Freda Hayden Wright. He attended the University of Ohio in Athens and enlisted in the service. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. As a youngster he once caught a train to see Jackie Robinson play baseball, and ended up playing professional baseball with Willie Mays with the New York Giants Organization. He worked for Texaco Incorporated for twenty years, Lee Smith Trucking Company for a few years and retired from North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation after fifteen years. He enjoyed playing golf, playing softball, coaching with the Chickamauga Recreation Association and the Dizzy Dean Baseball Association, serving as a volunteer fireman for The City of Chickamauga, but most of all being a supportive grandfather. He attended the First Baptist Church of Chickamauga. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister: Mary Margaret Tomlinson. He is survived by his wife of sixty years: Betty Jane Hendrix Wright, their children: Jill (Lyle) Mays, Jan Wright and Jeff (Julie) Wright all of Chickamauga, GA, grandchildren: Gregory Hayden (Jessica) Mays, Kasey Mays (Codi) Handley, Russell Alan Wright, Colin Pierce Wright and Nathaniel Jacob Wright. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Thursday morning before the service. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am – Thursday – May 10, 2018 in the chapel with Pastor Michael Savadge officiating. Burial will follow in Chattanooga National Cemetery. The

family will receive flowers or in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to God's Helping Hands at First Baptist Church of Chickamauga, Wounded Warriors or Gordon Lee High and/or Middle School Athletics. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes – Chickamauga Chapel, Chickamauga, Georgia. Online register book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel
215 Lee Ave.
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Linda "Tucker" Evitt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright*



Linda "Tucker" Evitt - May 09, 2018 at 07:50 AM

GG

“ *I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the Wright family. Roy Wright is one of the greatest men I ever met. I am honored to have called him my friend. Roy was a man's man. I had the privilege of getting to know him when I started my coaching career at Gordon Lee High School in 1992. I was coaching the middle school baseball team and Roy volunteered to help me. I was a young, brash and hot tempered coach. I thought that I had all the answers. But what I didn't realize at the time was that not only was Coach Wright coaching the boys on that team, but he was also teaching a young coach how to do it the "Wright "way. He taught me how to show humility. He taught me to conduct myself in a professional manner. Roy Wright has had more influence on my coaching/teaching career than anybody I have met over the last 26 years. I am blessed to have known him. A great man is gone but his legacy will live on through his family and also through the many lives he has influenced including mine.*

*May God bless the Wright family,
Greg Greenhaw*

Greg Greenhaw - May 09, 2018 at 12:16 AM

JW

Thanks Coach- love you! Jan

Jan Wright - May 09, 2018 at 02:35 PM

BB

“ *Betty Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright*



Betty Bowman - May 08, 2018 at 08:14 PM

NA

“ *Great man, coach and friend you will be missed.*

Nootie Abbott



nNootie Abbott - May 08, 2018 at 04:14 PM

Jan Wright

thank you Nootie!

Jan Wright - July 05, 2018 at 12:21 AM

SR

“ *Sissy Knox Rider lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright*



Sissy Knox Rider - May 08, 2018 at 02:39 PM

SB

“ I met Mr. Wright when I was 12 years old in 1965. My mother Virginia Brown worked with Mrs. Wright at Tri County Hospital. Mom learned that Mr. Wright had played for the San Francisco Giants. Mr. Wright offered to help me with my pitching. Before the baseball season started that year in Fort Oglethorpe, my dad took me down to see Mr. Wright every Saturday morning. He completely changed my pitching windup. I used what he taught me all through high school. I ended up getting a trophy that year for best pitcher and our team won the league championship. Mr. Wright had a role in that .When the season was over, Dad and I went to see Mr. Wright one more time to show him the trophy. I still remember being thrilled to meet a professional baseball player and hearing stories about Willie Mays and Mike McCormack (who was also a pitcher).

As you can see, I have never forgotten the kindness that he showed to me years ago when I was just a youngster.

Steve Brown

Steve Brown - May 08, 2018 at 09:54 AM

Jan
Wright

thank you!

Jan Wright - July 05, 2018 at 12:21 AM

CG

“ *Christa Garner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright*



Christa Garner - May 08, 2018 at 03:20 AM

BW

“ *Benny Ware lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright*



Benny Ware - May 07, 2018 at 11:15 PM

HC

“ *Helen Andrews Conrad lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright*



Helen Andrews Conrad - May 07, 2018 at 07:54 PM

GN

“ *SENDING OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY ON THE LOSS OF MR. WRIGHT. MAY GOD COMFORT YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF LOSS. MIKE, GEORGIA, JOE AND JOHNNA.*

Georgia Nance - May 07, 2018 at 06:22 PM

BT

“ *Becky Wallace Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright*



Becky Wallace Tucker - May 07, 2018 at 05:37 PM

SW

“ Steve Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright



Steve Wilson - May 07, 2018 at 03:22 PM

LS

“ Lynne Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright



Lynne Skinner - May 07, 2018 at 10:55 AM

SH

“ Mr. Wright was one of the first people that Brett and I met upon moving to Chickamauga. He and Brett grew up in the same area in Ohio. I never Mr. Wright without a smile. He adored his grandchildren. I will miss that spark that he gave to this city and to CCS. Prayers are with this wonderful, loving family at this time.

Sherrod Hart - May 07, 2018 at 08:30 AM

DD

“ Dan And Lynn Dye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright



Dan and Lynn Dye - May 07, 2018 at 04:52 AM

KB

“ Karen L. Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright



Karen L. Bradley - May 07, 2018 at 12:36 AM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss, my prayers will be with the family



Joy Abbott Swanson - May 06, 2018 at 09:27 PM

SA

“ Steve And Debbie Atcheson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Earl Wright



Steve and Debbie Atcheson - May 06, 2018 at 07:42 PM

JR

“ Thoughts and Prayers for all.



Judy Merritt Roddy - May 06, 2018 at 07:18 PM

BR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Brooke Trammel Keller



Brooke - May 06, 2018 at 04:33 PM

TB

“ *Praying for you all*



Tammy Barnett - May 06, 2018 at 04:27 PM

GH

our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family

gene hendrix - May 06, 2018 at 04:46 PM



Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Elisa Williams - May 06, 2018 at 04:52 PM



Thoughts and prayers for the family. May God wrap his loving arms around you during this difficult time! Carolyn Master

Carolyn Autry Masters - May 06, 2018 at 09:32 PM

HC

Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. God bless.

Helen Andrews Conrad - May 07, 2018 at 07:56 PM