



## Stephen Martin Wright

May 18, 1964 - August 19, 2016

Stephen Martin Wright, 52 of Washington, D.C. died unexpectedly Friday, August 19, 2016 at his family home in Chattanooga, TN. Stephen was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee and was a graduate of Bright School, McCallie High School and Georgetown University. He began a career of work in government affairs by serving as a legislative assistant to Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd for more than 10 years. He then went on to work as a lobbyist for the country of Togo followed by service as a congressional aide to a Pennsylvania Congressman. Upon being designated a Rotary Scholar, he broadened his background in government by attending the University of Ivory Coast. After his return, he entered the Yale School of Management and was granted an MBA degree. His talents and experience were put to use by the New York City Economic Development Corporation for over 11 years, after which Stephen returned to Washington and worked in Real Estate. He was visiting with his father in Chattanooga at the time of his death. He was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy Espy Wright who had just passed away in July of this year.

Survivors include his father, John L. Wright, Jr. of Chattanooga, TN; brother, Dr. Jack Wright, III of San Antonio, TX; aunt, Sidney Shipp of Charleston, SC; 3 nephews, 3 nieces, several cousins and numerous extended family & friends.

Memorial services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 28, 2016 at New

Hope Presbyterian Church. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to New Hope Presbyterian Church for the Missions Program, 7301 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421 (423) 892-0853. Online guestbook [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Presbyterian Church  
7301 Shallowford Road  
Chattanooga, TN

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ I was saddened to see Steve's name on the In Memoriam page of Georgetown Magazine. I hadn't been in touch with him for many years, but I have good memories of hanging out with him in our last year or two at Georgetown. He bought one of my guitars when I left Washington DC a year after graduating. I remember his kindness, humble demeanor and sense of humor. Rest in peace.

*Tim Giacometti*

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**Tim Giacometti** - March 31, 2017 at 11:36 AM

RM

“ So shocked to learn of Stephen's death. My condolences to Mr. Wright and Jack.

*Rob Mitchell*

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**Rob Mitchell** - February 26, 2017 at 08:40 AM

DS

“ I was just reminiscing with a friend today about Steve and decided on a whim to look him up. I was shocked to learn of his passing. We knew each other when I was a university student and he was a Rotary Scholar in Ivory Coast in 1988-89. We traveled to Burkina Faso and Togo together. Later, when Steve was at Yale, we met up in New York. We had so many laughs together and long conversations about the world. I learned so much from him and appreciated his keen intelligence and great sense of humor. I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you all.

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**Dianna Shandy** - September 29, 2016 at 11:27 PM

JL

“ I just found out about Steve's passing. I met him in DC in the early '90s and we then coincided in NY where he became my housemate. We lived through good times frequenting the bars in DC and the sad days of 9/11. We met our respective partners and I ultimately got married. Steve not only approved of my marriage choice, but also became a friend to my husband. Steve was a great friend, and I will forever miss him.

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**Julius Leiman-Carbia** - September 17, 2016 at 08:29 PM

PD

“ I was so sorry to hear the news of Steve's passing. Steve and I were friends since meeting in NYC in the mid-90s. He was such a smart, curious and generous person - when I was planning a career move to the public sector, Steve gave a lot of his time to talk things through with me, refer me to his contacts and offer his encouragement. He was a great help to me and I'll always be grateful.

Steve and I kept in touch after he left NYC, and I (and other friends in Steve's circle) looked forward to his return visit. I'm deeply saddened that such a giving and gifted person is no longer with us.

*My sincere condolences to the Wright family.*

*Peter Donohue  
Brooklyn, NY*

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**Peter Donohue** - September 04, 2016 at 05:09 PM

TP

“ Steven, Jack, My brother Barry, and I all grew up together. We were public school kids. Jack and Steve were private school kids, but none of that mattered when we ran the neighborhood after school, and during long summers. Steve was quiet, but he always hung in there with the rest of us. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy for John, Jack and family for the loss of Steve and Peggy.

God bless,

Terrall Putnam

Augusta, GA

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**Terrall Putnam** - August 29, 2016 at 01:38 PM

BP

“ Just met Jack as I was out walking the neighborhood, and was so glad to see him again, after all these years. Then he shared this news of the loss of his brother Stephen, and of his mom. These were some of my good friends when I was a kid in this neighborhood, though we never attended school together. I still do recall many memories of times spent in their home, with their folks, even their grandfather John Sr.

In more recent times, I recall John being present at the polls most any time I came for an election, for he has been a faithful volunteer in that service.

I am saddened greatly by this news, and wish to express deepest condolence to my friend, Jack, and his dad John L., and other family members. You'll be in our prayers

Barry M Putnam- East RidgeTN

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**Barry Putnam** - August 28, 2016 at 05:59 PM

HM

“ I am so sad to hear of Steves passing. He was always such a great friend to me and others during our McCallie years. I remember his humor and easy going nature. My deepest sympathy to all his family.

Haskell Matheny - August 28, 2016 at 03:24 PM

LN

“ I just learned of Steve's passing today and am so very sad to hear the news. Steve and I graduated together from Yale SOM and maintained our friendship after graduation. He was a caring and supportive friend and a smart, kind man. As I absorb this shocking news, I'm flooded with memories of our good times together. One of the last things we did together was to share a hot air balloon ride together over Baltimore (Steve had joined me at a fundraiser I was attending and we decided to bid on a hot air balloon ride!). I share in your sorrow as you mourn the loss of a wonderful person. Sending caring thoughts and my deepest sympathies. ~ Lisa Negstad

Lisa Negstad - August 26, 2016 at 03:45 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Stephen Martin Wright.



August 25, 2016 at 11:44 AM

MA

“ I was just informed yesterday that Peggy passed away in July and Stephen this month. I want to express my deepest sympathies to John and Jack for the loss of your loved ones.

*Peggy and Stephen are my cousins. Peggy's Mom and my Grandmother Billie were sisters.*

*This is a great loss for all of us.*

*God bless you in this time of sorrow.*

*Sincerely,  
Mark Anthony*

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**Mark Anthony** - August 24, 2016 at 04:06 PM

JS

*My condolences to John L. Wright and his family. John ,T. Sargent*

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**John T. Sargent** - August 25, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ Stephen was a guy who always brought a smile to my face while we were students at McCallie. I extend my sincere condolences to the Wright family.

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**Eric Ayers** - August 24, 2016 at 02:13 AM

GL

“ I remember Stephen as a kind hearted person at McCallie . My prayers go out to the family.

*Greg Lane*

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**Greg Lane** - August 23, 2016 at 03:36 PM

PC

“ I remember Stephen's kindness as his classmate at McCallie. I had not gotten a certain accolade and was very disappointed. Stephen went out of his way to tell me that he felt I should have been chosen. That memory has remained with me after all these years. Those kind words really made me feel better about my situation.

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**Paul Carpenter** - August 23, 2016 at 12:21 AM