



Dorothy Lynette Wright

March 18, 1925 - October 28, 2019

The old gospel song tells us that “we shall understand it better by and by”. In the middle of a health crisis, it is sometimes hard/impossible to understand why things must be the way they are. We deny, we are angry, we bargain with God, we feel the overwhelming weight of depression. At some point, hopefully, we realize that this is the way things are going to be and we pray for the grace of God to move forward in an uncertain future. Dorothy Lynette Vickery was born on March 18, 1925 in Jasper, Alabama. In the years of the depression, that birthplace could have been any place that her father could find work as he was from a family of painters, and we are talking bucket and brush here; not oils and easels. Her parents had met in the cotton mill in Sargent where her mother had her first job after being forced off the family farm where they were sharecroppers. Her dad impressed her mother with his prowess of swinging from the overhead pipes he was tasked with painting. Her dad would eventually get established in his business and make Newnan their home. “Dot”, as she came to be known, was smitten early in life by a young man several years older than she. She loved being in the spotlight and singing was her love. Their lives would intersect when he played for her to sing “Sweet Miss Mary” in a talent show in Newnan. For the next few years, theirs would be a long-distance relationship fueled by endless letters, as he was in Macon at The Georgia Academy for the Blind. On the night she graduated high school, they went to the Presbyterian parsonage and he sealed the deal. Dorothy would tell you in a heartbeat that she was put on this earth for one reason, and that was to be the eyes for W. L. Wright. She honored that for the next 72 years as faithfully as anyone could. They were truly “joined at the hip”. They tried working separately for several years. She worked in the office of The Bonnell Company for a time, but the explosion that rocked that plant in the early dawn one day was the last day she spent there. She would eventually join W.L. in his piano tuning business as his driver, “go-fer person”, billing clerk and most importantly, chief financial officer. She had a deep sense of style for her time. She loved Bruner’s, Mann Jewelers, and Newnan Motor Company. They loved to see her coming, with W.L. in tow. The only business he visited with any sense of expectancy was the Ford dealer, as he was a sucker for the new gadgets being added to cars. The Ford folks knew that whenever they turned in the drive at the dealership, the sale of a new white Continental was about to happen.

The last years of this love story were difficult for both. Her diminishing sense of reality robbed her of the ability to function in a world that made less and less sense. Even as her mind diminished, she recalled all the songs they sang and performed together. Hearing her sing "Side by Side" was the true story of their love when she could not remember much else. "Because of you, there are stars in my eyes" became more than just a lyric. Fortunately, by the time his illness claimed his life, her mind relieved her of his memory and she retreated deeper into the abyss of dementia; never to speak his name again. She truly believed in the God who created her and for all the years they were married, they prayed together at every meal and never forgot who made it all possible for them to enjoy a very comfortable lifestyle. Theirs was a love for each other and their God that found great expression in their music, and through this, they touched countless lives. The world could certainly benefit from more people so committed. Surviving are her sons, Kenneth L. Wright and his wife Sandra of Hudson, FL; Lamar Wright and his wife Cathy. Her grandchildren are Mike Wright and his wife Kristen of Saratoga, CA, Kristie Dimarakis and her husband Nick of Land O Lakes, FL, Brian Wright and his wife Angela, Adam Wright and his wife Shannon, all of Franklin TN. Her great grandchildren are Thomas Wright, Sophia Wright and Lucious Dimarakis, Carlisle Wright, Cole Wright, Adrian Wright and Charlie Wright. Her surviving sister is Louise Knowles of Newnan. You are invited to join her family on Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00 PM in The Chapel at McKoon as the life of this child of God is remembered in word and song. Truly, her life found expression in songs about love for all as humans in their interpersonal relationships and also in the believer's walk of love with God. The family will welcome friends beginning at 2:00 PM. The service of remembrance and the profound joy for her new life will be led by Reverend Matt Sapp. Her earthly body will rest beside her beloved W. L. at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Those who may wish to honor her, may do so by a memorial gift to Central Baptist Church P.O. Box 1221 Newnan GA 30264. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
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Service

NOV 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Dorothy Lynette Wright*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - November 03, 2019 at 01:57 PM

CH

“ *I have fond memories of your mom and dad when they came to tune my grandmothers piano Condolences to you Lamar and family*

Cheryl Cole Hyde - November 09, 2019 at 08:04 AM

MT

“ *My love and blessings to Lamar and all the family in the passing of his mother Dot. I only know her and Lamar's talking about her and know that she has had a long journey with more than her share of diminished living. I know she had a time of blessing her family and children and trust you can experience God's grace and remember long her good days and times. May the love of family and friends, good memories, and God's peace and comfort see you through these days.*
Menlia Trammell

Menlia Trammell - October 31, 2019 at 06:16 PM

SS

“ *Lamar so sorry to read about your mom's passing, I will not be able to see you Sunday since I will be out of town; but I will be lifting you and your family up in prayer. May God comfort you and give you strength during this time and in the days and months ahead. In Christ Love, Syble Storeoy*

Syble Storey - October 31, 2019 at 06:36 AM

NW

“ *Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with you and all of the family..... cherish the memories!!*
Nancy and Frankie Williamson

Nancy Brooks Williamson - October 30, 2019 at 09:14 PM

JW

“ Just know Mr WL could see his beautiful wife who had been his “eyes” for years, when she got to heaven where he awaited her arrival. They were so cute, as he would always say, “ nice to see you” and she smiled. Prayers for all of you! Judi Worth

Judi Worth - October 30, 2019 at 06:40 PM

Jennifer-
Chris
Harmon

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mr. Lamar and your family.
Chris and Jennifer Harmon

Jennifer-Chris Harmon - October 30, 2019 at 06:37 PM

JW

“ Lamar, your mom was an angel walking among us on earth. She and W. I. were a real love story to witness all of their life. Our memories growing up were so precious and we all take for granted. Did learned to drive from you dad and the story always amazed me. Remember your mom driving us in the Corvair as your dad was the navigator. I love both of them and always enjoyed time with them. Prayer for all of you from Beth and me. Love you.

jimmy walker - October 30, 2019 at 12:19 PM

CO

“ Charles & Reba Orr lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lynette Wright



Charles & Reba Orr - October 30, 2019 at 10:56 AM

FF

“ Our prayers are with all the family.
Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK FARMER - October 30, 2019 at 09:39 AM

FC

“ Very sorry for the loss of your Mother. Memories last forever. God Bless you and your family. Fred and Marie Crow



FRED A. CROW - October 30, 2019 at 08:04 AM

KA

“ KarenHubbard lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lynette Wright



KarenHubbard - October 30, 2019 at 12:36 AM

KA

Lamar We are so sorry for the loss of your Mama . Peggy Hubbard and Karen Hubbard

KarenHubbard - October 30, 2019 at 12:37 AM

CH

My Prayers are with you and your family. Carol Holden

Carol Holden - October 30, 2019 at 10:32 AM

JW

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Wright's passing. I remember her driving into my mom and dad's driveway to bring Mr. Wright yo tune our piano when I was a kid. I was always amazed by his abilities and by her quiet patience while waiting on him to do his work. Thinking of you all.

Jennifer Welch - October 30, 2019 at 12:25 AM

FF

“ Sending my condolences to all of the Wright Family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you comfort and by wrapping his loving arms around you



Fran Smith Futral - October 29, 2019 at 11:53 PM

JL

“ I'm so sorry Lamar to hear of the passing of your amazing Mother. I know she is playing & singing with you Daddy & Jesus and those lived ones gone before. Just know you're in my thoughts & Prayers! Much love! 🙏💔

June long - October 29, 2019 at 11:11 PM

PR

“ Thinking of you. We have to be glad our Mothers are well again.

Patricia Rickenbaker - October 29, 2019 at 10:36 PM

BW

“ *Our sincere condolences on Mrs. Wright's passing. We are so sorry for your loss.*



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - October 29, 2019 at 07:37 PM

SV

“ *Dot had two great sons took very good care of w I my daddy's sister*

steve vickery - October 29, 2019 at 07:13 PM

DS

“ *Dear Lamar, Cathy and all Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Dot's death, She was one of God's Angles. May the Good Lord give you Peace, Love and Contentment during this very difficult time.
God loves you and I do too,
Don Jones Sr.*

Don Jones Sr. - October 29, 2019 at 06:53 PM

TS

“ *I'm so sorry Lamar. I know it is hard because mothers are so special. She is in good hands now. I will say a prayer for you.*

Teresa Sanders

Teresa Sanders - October 29, 2019 at 06:49 PM

KB

“ *Lamar and Family,
So sorry to hear about your Mom.
My prayers are for peace and comfort for all of you.*

Kathy Barnett

kathy Barnett - October 29, 2019 at 06:47 PM

JH

“ Kenneth and Lamar and families. Our family will continue to hold each of you in our thoughts and prayers. You have had received a wonderful heritage from both of your parents. Celebrate her life.

Jeff and Mary Higgins, Darlene Higgins and families

Staff at Higgins LaGrange Chapel and Hunter Allen Myhand Funeral Homes

Jeff Higgins - October 29, 2019 at 06:47 PM

JM

“ Junie Austin Merkle lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lynette Wright



Junie Austin Merkle - October 29, 2019 at 06:26 PM

GP

“ Lamar I have such fond memories of your mom and dad when they were tuning pianos at FUMC during the time that I worked there. Always a smile and a kind word from them.

I pray that you find comfort in that they are together again and not suffering. May God give you strength and peace during this time.

*God BLess You,
Gerrie Petty*

Gerrie Petty - October 29, 2019 at 04:43 PM

JG

“ Jeanie Gaylor lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lynette Wright



Jeanie Gaylor - October 29, 2019 at 03:19 PM

GG

“ Greg & Dianne Ferrell & Girls lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lynette Wright



Greg & Dianne Ferrell & Girls - October 29, 2019 at 02:50 PM

JG

“ Lamar, I am so sorry to hear of Miss Dot's passing. She and Mr. W. L. were a huge part of growing at Elim. Then he tuned my piano for several years. I loved them both and am glad they can finally be reunited...and Mr. W. L. can finally see what a beautiful girl he married all those years ago! I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Jennie Pursley Gillihan

Jennie Gillihan - October 29, 2019 at 02:06 PM

LC

“ Lamar, I always loved your precious mom and dad when I was growing up at Elim. Now your mom can finally rest and join your dad. I know, though sad at her passing, you are truly thankful she is out of her physical and mental stress. We will be praying for you and your family to feel God's comfort and peace during this time. We all love you.

Laura and Tommy Cash - October 29, 2019 at 01:32 PM

JO

“ Praying for the family.
Joe and Linda

JoeandLindaStrickland - October 29, 2019 at 01:30 PM

JW

Hi. You don't know me but I am a first cousin to your Mom. Uncle Tom and my Mom were brother and sister. I am Joyce Wysner from Carrollton. I found this obituary announcement by accident and glad I did. We had lost touch over the years but I still thought of them. May God comfort you and all the family as only He can.

Joyce Wysner - November 02, 2019 at 11:05 PM

LD

Lamar and family, so sorry about your Mom. You could tell that they really loved each other when you saw them together. I remember working in the office of Newnan Presbyterian Church and they would come to tune pianos, also W. L. tuned ours at our church. He turned his handicap into such a blessing. Your Mom was one sweet person who took great care of him. Glad to know your Dad has new eyes and she has perfect mind and welcomed her into heavens portals. Linda Denney

Linda M Denney - November 03, 2019 at 01:54 PM