



Clay Wright

September 9, 1949 - February 12, 2021

Mr. Buren Clayton "Clay" Wright, 71, husband of Gail Wright, passed away Friday, February 12, 2021 at Grand Strand Medical Center in Myrtle Beach.

Born September 9, 1949 in Whiteville, NC Clay was the son of the late Lynwood Wilson Wright and the late Ruby Pait Wright. He was an active and committed member of Iron Hill Baptist Church and an avid golfer and member of Diamondback Golf Club. Clay was a proud veteran who served two tours in Vietnam in the United States Army. He retired from the NC Highway Patrol and later worked part-time for both the New Hanover and Brunswick County Sheriffs Departments. Above all, Clay was committed to his family and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Clay was predeceased by his parents and his grandson, Zachary Taylor Best. Survivors include his loving wife, Gail S. Wright; his children, Tarra Ann Best and husband Randy, Brooke Benton and husband Michael, Stephanie Taylor and husband Michael, Leah Rogers, Shelli James and husband Lee, Steven Cox and wife Analea, and Neal Rogers and wife Andrea; his grandchildren, Austin Best, Macelyn Best, Claire Benton, Audrey Benton, Heath Taylor, Ali Phillips, Isabelle James, Lily James, Averi James, Jonathan James, Stella Cox, Layla Cox, Alexa Rogers, and Bryce Rogers; his siblings, Sandra W. Norman, Greta W. Todd and husband Ronnie, and Woody Wright; his nieces, Cristy W. Prince and husband Joey, Paiton T. Harrelson and husband

Brandon, and Kendra Wright Gardner; his great nieces and nephews, Anna Beth Prince, Caroline McKenna Prince, Layton Dozier Harrelson, Adalyn Elizabeth Harrelson, and Mollie Beth Harrelson; and his loyal and beloved fur babies, Belle, Cayden, and Lucy.

The family will hold a private Memorial Service with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Iron Hill Baptist Church, 22247 Peacock Road, Tabor City, NC 28463.

Please sign the online guest register at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel, is serving the family.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ May the Holy spirit comfort the Wright family during this Time. Clay and I went to Patrol school together. Time is a Healer. I will Remember all fond memories we Had. Love Retired Trooper B955 Michael Sanderson.

Michael Sanderson - September 17, 2021 at 04:14 PM

WS

“ Our condolence goes out to to Gail, Tara, Sandra, Greta, and Woody and all other family members. Clay and I are cousins. We had lots of fun together during our childhoods. We were students together at TCHS class of 1967. Clay was a good person and I know he will be missed by all of his family. God bless you all. Lean on our Lord for comfort during this most difficult time.

Wesley & Mickey Spivey.

Wesley Spivey - February 19, 2021 at 07:51 PM

JP

My heart goes out to each and everyone of you. Clay was a loving man with a big heart! He will truly be missed. With love Joey and Jerri Lou

Jerri Lou Price - February 20, 2021 at 09:15 AM

BP

“ So shocked and sad to read that Clay, a dear friend and classmate at TCHS C/O '67, has passed away. I can't ever remember Clay without that familiar smile on his face, which usually meant that he was up to something or was just getting ready to tell one of his stories! There was never a dull moment or even a moment of silence when Clay was in the room, and you definitely knew when Clay was in the room! I will always treasure the memories of our time together as Red Devils and especially the times when our paths crossed every now and then in recent years! He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, and my thoughts and prayers go out to Gail and Tara and all the families who now must grieve for their loss.

Buster Phipps

Buster Phipps - February 19, 2021 at 04:55 PM

SG

“ Sending all my love, thoughts and prayers for this sweet family. Loved always hearing about his stories and seeing him when he dropped into the shop. 🙏🙏

shiyanne granger - February 17, 2021 at 09:41 PM

LS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Gail and the entire family. Clay will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him. Love, Laura & Tom Socha, Patricia Harris, Daniel West (Violet Wright West Family)



laura west socha - February 17, 2021 at 04:52 PM

JE

“ He was Cuz

Johnny Edwards - February 17, 2021 at 01:18 PM

ML

“ My condolences to the family. Even though we lived far apart we always stayed in contact. You where my brother.

😞 Rest in Peace

Love you

Martha Lewis-Ballard

Morristown New Jersey

Martha Lewis-Ballard - February 17, 2021 at 06:38 AM

CC

“ I've heard many stories of Johnny and Clay's adventures. They joined the Army on the buddy system. Clay will be missed and we are praying for all the family. God bless you, Johnny and Cookie Cox

Cookie Cox - February 16, 2021 at 04:38 PM

LM

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Clay's passing!!
🙏 going up for peace & comfort knowing he's in God's loving arms!! Love you all ❤️



Lee & Nancy Morris - February 16, 2021 at 03:20 PM

SW

“ Susan Wright lit a candle in memory of Clay Wright



Susan Wright - February 16, 2021 at 03:03 PM

AC

“ So sorry for the loss of Clay. We will miss him with his “fur babies”.

Animal Hospital of South Columbus - February 16, 2021 at 09:34 AM

DH

“ Dinah And Donald Harrelson lit a candle in memory of Clay Wright



Dinah and Donald Harrelson - February 16, 2021 at 12:27 AM

AS

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Annette Branton Stoots - February 15, 2021 at 07:33 PM

KP

“ Please know that I am praying for you all asking Our Lord to comfort you with the unconditional love that he can give. I know Clay is going to be missed greatly. Remember the good memories and the times he made you laugh.



Kerry Prince-Rogers - February 15, 2021 at 06:57 PM

RM

“ Saddened to hear the passing of Brother Wright. Loving thoughts, condolences and prayers are with his family. Rest in eternal peace in God’s loving care.

Retired NMB Captain Fred Morris - February 15, 2021 at 03:56 PM

PR

“ Wilbert and Pat Ray truly Love this wonderful family. We will keep you Gail and all the family in our daily prayers. We already miss that one of a king SMILE that showed his love for all.

Patricia F. Ray - February 15, 2021 at 03:17 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear about Clay. Prayers for peace and comfort now and in the days ahead. I was a classmate with Clay's sister Sandra W. Norman. Prayers continue for all of the family.
Carolyn Norris Sellers

Carolyn Norris Sellers - February 15, 2021 at 03:00 PM

BW

“ I have always enjoyed Clay. He was a fun person to be around and always had something going on. He will be greatly missed by all. Prayers for the family who he loved so much.

Bonnie Wright - February 15, 2021 at 02:39 PM

FP

“ We were all saddened by the passing of clay, he was a long time friend of ours, we send our condolences and prayers to his family. May God bless you all during this time and send you peace and comfort. God Bless !! Frankie & Kathy Powell

Frankie & Kathy Powell - February 15, 2021 at 02:23 PM

DH

“ We are very sorry for your loss! May God be with you now and in the days ahead!



Dwayne and Haley Hudson - February 15, 2021 at 02:14 PM

RS

“ Gail, our love and prayers are with you and the Wright family now and days ahead.

May Gods love comfort, and give you peace. ❤️🙏

Reggie & Suzette - February 15, 2021 at 01:16 PM

DS

“ Gail, Tarra, TCHS C/O 1967, and family, so sorry to hear of Clay's passing. He was always a friendly person. May God grant comfort to each and everyone.

Doris A. Strickland - February 15, 2021 at 11:55 AM

BJ

“ We are sadden by the news we received of Clay's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Family and Friends. God Bless You All !



Biff and Susan Johnson

Biff and Susan Johnson - February 15, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BH

“ *Bety Hinson lit a candle in memory of Clay Wright*



Bety Hinson - February 15, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MW

“ *I am sorry for your loss. You will be in my prayers!!!*

Michelle Watts - February 15, 2021 at 09:57 AM

TH

“ *Clay was one of those people who made you feel like family. My family and I enjoyed spending holidays and special occasions with him. He was a loving kind man. On many occasions he took my Mother-in-law Eunice Hickman on a breakfast or lunch date . She really looked forward to it. We were blessed to have him in our lives. He will be missed. Love to Gail and family.*

Teresa Hickman - February 15, 2021 at 09:49 AM

PW

“ *Clay, you will be dearly missed by all the staff, members, and friends at Diamondback Golf Course. You were one of the good guys!!*



Patrick Wilkinson - February 15, 2021 at 09:22 AM

SB

“ *Sammy Branton lit a candle in memory of Clay Wright*



Sammy Branton - February 15, 2021 at 08:53 AM

SB

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Sammy Branton - February 15, 2021 at 08:54 AM

SB

“ *Sammy Branton sent a virtual gift in memory of Clay Wright*



Sammy Branton - February 15, 2021 at 08:53 AM

BC

“ *We sure enjoyed Clay through many years eating with us at Shorty's Grill. He will be sadly missed.*



Betty Conner - February 15, 2021 at 08:52 AM

PF

“ Clay and I have been friends for a long time and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I was stationed at Ft. Bragg when Clay went through basic training my wife Brenda and I would have Clay and other trainees out to out house to eat. Lots of great memories and fun times together, rest in peace my friend. Paul and Brenda Gore.

Paul Gore Jr G&G Farms - February 15, 2021 at 07:19 AM

CK

“ Connie Kempski lit a candle in memory of Clay Wright



Connie Kempski - February 14, 2021 at 09:04 PM

MB

“ MaryJo Black lit a candle in memory of Clay Wright



MaryJo Black - February 14, 2021 at 08:43 PM

MB

May the family be comforted by their good memories and the good Lord.

MaryJo Black - February 14, 2021 at 08:54 PM

JG

I lit a Candle in memory of my long time Friend, Clay Wright ❤️

June Grainger - February 15, 2021 at 08:26 AM

JC

“ Clay and I were the same age we played as children when our parents would get together. I was in school with Clay from the first grade until we graduated. We played football together with coach Holly. Clay was a good man and an inspiration to us all. He will be missed from us all. My thoughts and prayers are with you the family. May the peace and comfort of our lord fill your hearts.

Jimmy J. Cartrette - February 14, 2021 at 08:32 PM

GB

“ Prayers for Gayle and the Wright family. May God wrap His loving arms around each one of you. Comfort and Peace be with you'all during the days ahead. Love Guy and Alice Best.

Guy Best - February 14, 2021 at 08:22 PM

AD

“ Your family in Birmingham loves you so much and we are grieving with you. But we grieve not as those who have no hope.....he is with Jesus now-where we all long to be! I know Barry and Daddy welcomed him with open arms! We love you so much and I wish I could wrap my arms around each of you! Love and prayers to you from across the miles,

Anita and David Dobbs

Molly, Ryan, Meagan and Jed McCoy and baby Caleb

Anita and David Dobbs - February 14, 2021 at 07:53 PM

RP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Wright family 🙏

Ricky K Phillips - February 14, 2021 at 07:47 PM