



Mr. Thomas Nolen Wright

May 13, 1936 - March 8, 2017

Services for Thomas Nolen Wright, 80, of Anniston, will be 11:00am Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Parker Memorial Baptist Church, 1204 Quintard Ave, Anniston, with Dr. Mac Amis officiating. Burial will follow in the Cedar Creek Church Cemetery, 13019 Co. Rd. 19, Heflin, Al. Family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Friday, March 10th at Miller Funeral Home.

Mr. Wright passed away at the Cleburne County Nursing Home on Wednesday, March 8, 2017,

Tom was born May 13, 1936 in Anniston, Al. He graduated from Cleburne County High School Class of 1954 and was a graduate of the University of Alabama Class of 1958 where he was a proud member of the Million Dollar Marching Band and the Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity. Tom was ordained a deacon in Parker Memorial in 1971 and faithfully served as Sunday School Dept. Director, taught 7th & 8th grade boys, and served as Church Treasurer. He began his career as Vice President / Comptroller for Chastain Roberts Grocery (now Supervalu) for 12 years before he became Finance Director for City of Anniston in 1974. He later accepted a dual role as City Manager / Finance Director until his retirement in 1998.

He and his wife, Frances, loved to travel across the United States and especially to European countries. His favorite sport was his love for waterskiing on Lake Gerald.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years Frances Riddle Wright; two sons, William 'Bill' Thomas (Tonia) of Oxford and Bruce Patrick (Tonya) of Heflin;

grandchildren, Heather Paige, Shae Leanna, Alyssa Brienne, Autumn Gabrielle, and Nolen Patrick Wright; sister-in-law Clara Roach, and a niece, Cheryl (Rob) Small.

Tom was preceded in death by an infant sister and his parents, Asa Asbury and Launa Turner Wright.

Pallbearers will be Bill Wright, Bruce Wright, Clois Moore, Farrell Turner, Eric Turner, and Wyatt Genge. Honorary pallbearers will be Mr. and Mrs. John Chastain, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas, and the Sunday School Classes of Sam Ledbetter and Pete Morgan. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to one of the following in his memory: Anniston Lion's Club, P.O. Box 344, Anniston; Opportunity Center, 6300 McClellan Blvd, Anniston; or P.M.B.C., P.O. Box 2104, Anniston, Al. 36202.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home
50 Hamric Drive East
Oxford, AL 36203
(256) 831-4611
millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Parker Memorial Baptist Church
1205 Quintard Ave
Anniston, AL 36207
<http://Parkermemorial.com>

Tribute Wall

BS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. His parents were my Grandmother's neighbors on Wilmer Ave. We were in School together. Tommy was a kind and caring man. My Grandmother was Mrs. F.M. Nixon. I am a year older, my birthday is May 11, 1935 and I graduated from AHS in 1953. Prayers for the Family. Betty Sue Walker Sims

Betty Sue Walker Sims - March 10, 2017 at 08:43 PM

MM

“ Tonya and Bill, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Wright. May the Lord of all creation comfort you, other family and friends throughout the days of mourning ahead. Love Uncle Bill and Martha.

Martha Matthews - March 09, 2017 at 11:02 PM



“ Please accept my condolences at the loss of your husband and father. Such a kind and caring man.will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers
Jane Eldemire



Jane Eldemire - March 09, 2017 at 09:33 PM

NL

“ Tom was a gentle, kind, and strong person. I am glad I knew him.

Nancy Lipham - March 09, 2017 at 06:37 PM

WW

“ My Dad, Denzil , first meet Tom around 1962 when we moved to Anniston and Daddy opened his grocery store on Blue Mountain Road. They worked closely together and Daddy always had the upmost respect for Tom's integrity, work ethic, his service to his community and to his church. They remained in contact until Daddy passed away in 2000. The world has lost a truly special gentleman who will be greatly missed by all whose lives he so richly blessed with his presence.

*Sincerest sympathy to your family during this heartbreaking time.
Wanda Williams*

wanda Williams - March 09, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ I loved to sit and listen to Tom and take in his jokes and wisdom. I can remember no matter whether at the house or the lake he would never sit still. He was always picking up something. Had to be busy. He loved his family and his grandkids. Since I was such a close friends with his son Bill and wife Tonia and godmother to their girls, he accepted and made me feel like family. Rest in peace Tom. You are whole again and no more suffering. Until we meet again. Much love and prayers for the entire Wright family!!

Lisa Hatz - March 09, 2017 at 01:24 PM

JE

Tom and my Mom were both financial directors: Tom, Anniston, Dot, Decatur. I loved "our stories" in my new city. A wonderfully, delightful gentleman who had a wonderful and delightful family.

JeanAnn - March 09, 2017 at 05:39 PM



My life has been greatly enhanced by knowing Tom. A true gentleman with a wonderful spirit.

Dennis Rowe - March 09, 2017 at 06:08 PM



Sweetest man ever. I always appreciated his support!

Kay Brown - March 09, 2017 at 08:32 PM