



Lawrence Wright Jr.

February 2, 1949 - September 2, 2019

Lawrence Wright Jr passed away peacefully on Monday, September 2, 2019, at Bickford Assisted Living and Memory Care at the age 70. Lawrence was born on February 2, 1949, in Gary, IN, to the late Charlotte and Lawrence Wright Sr.

Raised in Gary, Indiana, Lawrence attended Williams Elementary School and Pulaski Jr High School. Lawrence also attended Roosevelt Sr High School where he was a member of the Upward Bound Program and graduated Summa Cum Laude Class of 1968. Lawrence then left Gary Indiana and went to Grinnell College in Iowa for a few years. He later completed his education at Purdue University obtaining a Bachelor of Science in 2001.

In the 1970s, Lawrence moved to Detroit, Michigan and married Diane Wright and he gained a step-daughter Sheila. A few years later, Lawrence and Diane decided to split ties and Lawrence moved back to Gary, Indiana where he met the love of his life and married his wife, Linda Wright. Lawrence and Linda created two beautiful children from this union.

Lawrence became a member of the Gary Police Department where he earned way up thru the ranks to a Lieutenant and was appointed interim Chief of Police for the city of Gary. Lawrence Wright also worked part-time at Methodist Hospital in Gary as many would recognize him as the “man behind the desk” providing security services to the hospital. Lawrence loved the city of Gary and decided we wanted to become more involved within the community. While on the police force, he witnessed the cry of help from many

single mothers trying raise their sons and keep them from the violence and crime of city. Lawrence worked diligently to bridge gap with community and police department by partnering with organizations such as Coffy, the Boys & Girls Club, Neighborhood services that would focus on reducing youth violence and crime. These partnerships allowed Lawrence to play an integral role in an annual youth conference that allowed dozens of young people from the city to come learn about conflict resolution and how to work with the police, emergency and traffic stop situations.

The family and friends of Lawrence will miss him dearly. He was a devoted and loving son to this mother Charlotte until her death. Lawrence loved spending time with his family, visiting Detroit for every major holiday. Lawrence would always be seen holding his camera capturing memorable moments of his family and friends. During his final months Lawrence exemplified a positive attitude, courage and grace to take every day in stride. He was able to maintain his courage with the love and unwavering support of his niece Amara Wright.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his eldest brother John Jay Barfield and sister-in-law Margzetta Barfield. Left to cherish his memory are his children Laurel Wright and Nessa Amherst (Lanita Wright), Brother Marvin Wright (Bernice Wright), sister Marsha Ann Wright Jones (Lonnie Jones), sister-in-law Clementine Barfield, and many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and close friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

RP

“ I was heart broken to learn of Lawrence's death from the Class of 1968 newsletter. He was a dear friend while we attended Gary Roosevelt. My condolences to his sister Marsha and the rest of his family. Atty. Rosalind Parr

Rosalind G. Parr - December 05, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence Wright Jr. .



September 11, 2019 at 10:07 PM

PT

“ I will miss you cuz. I'll remember and cherish our conversations. Awful glad to have you as my cuzzo! Love, Patricia A Tatum

Patricia A Tatum - September 09, 2019 at 08:11 PM

LB

I'm going to miss you cousin. You have your wings. When family pass away you are ways there. Family be strong you will see you brother again. Just remember the good times you hade with him. God call him home to be with him. Rest my cousin love you. You are going to be miss

LeAnn Burleigh - September 13, 2019 at 08:40 AM

DC

To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Lawrence's friendship meant a lot to my Dad, who passed just a few months before. We searched but could not find . . . our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The family of Robert Crawford

Diane Crawford - October 20, 2019 at 11:26 PM