



James Edward Wright

April 23, 1953 - August 23, 2025

James Edward Wright, age 72 of Bluefield, WV passed away Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 1:15PM at Wake Forest Medical Cancer Center in Winston-Salem, NC.

Born on April 23, 1953, in Excelsior, WV, he was the Son of the late boots and Mary Wright. James worked as a Coal Miner for over 30 years. He enjoyed carpentry, home renovations, landscaping, music, creating masterpieces out of older vehicles, and doing anything outdoors in the sunshine. James was a friend to everyone he met. He never met a stranger. Most would describe him as a hard-working, funny, charismatic, unique, and outgoing man. His family always knew how much they were loved and protected by him. He will be missed by many.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Peggy Wright of Bluefield, WV. And their three daughters Tanya Hodges and husband Anthony Hodges of Rock WV, Christy Wright, and Jamie Wright of Salisbury, NC. Four grandchildren Blake Godsey, Bryant Godsey and wife Adrianna, Godsey, Courtney Altizer, and Chloe Salyers, along with two great grandchildren, Declan and Aurora Godsey.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday August 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Mercer Funeral Home with Pastor Travis Helmandollar officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour. Burial will be at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, Virginia.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Gov George C. Peery Hwy
Bluefield, VA 24605
(276) 322-5470

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your incredible dad. He was truly the coolest—always bringing joy with his humor and infectious good mood. His love for you, your sisters, and your mom shone so brightly. My heart is with you all during this difficult time.*

*With love,
Jaime J*

Jaime - August 30, 2025 at 06:30 PM



Jamie Wright - August 31, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edward Wright.*

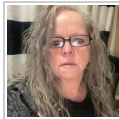


August 27, 2025 at 08:58 AM

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“ So many memories daddy are precious to me. You taught me about how a man should love a woman by the way you loved our mom. You showed me how to raise my children from the way you loved us girls. You showed your softest side when Blake was born and every day since. No family was blessed more than ours because God allowed us to have had our daddy. My heart will always miss you but it is filled with so much love from you that it will remain full. I will always know I had the best daddy in this world and one day I will sit and tell u the many reasons why when we reunite. Heaven got the most lovable friendly honest angel Saturday. I love you so very much. I hope I let you know that every time we spoke. We were blessed for our whole lives with the most amazing daddy anyone could ever have.

chriety wright middle daughter - August 27, 2025 at 01:25 AM



He was such a good soul he definitely will be missed praying for your mom & you girls I'm so sorry to hear this loved both your parents

Elsie Rakudushi - August 27, 2025 at 03:35 AM



Jamie Wright - August 27, 2025 at 10:23 AM

MM

“ I met James’ daughter Tanya about twenty five years ago. I met James a couple years after. It didn’t matter what was going on, James always took time to help everyone. He taught me so many things, from tile work to kindness, James always had some sort of insight.

He impacted so many people, even if they never met him. His skeletons in his vehicles caught the attention of all of Bluefield. He always made an impact!

I will miss my friend, but he’s finally home.

Michael Miller - August 26, 2025 at 04:41 PM

TA



Tanya - August 26, 2025 at 05:25 PM



Jamie Wright - August 26, 2025 at 06:25 PM

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chriety wright middle daughter - August 27, 2025 at 01:29 AM

EP

Such a kind hearted soul. You knew when he was coming up our street, blowing his horn as he saw his neighbors and friends in their yard. Prayers for his family as they go through life without him 🙏

EVA PETTREY - August 28, 2025 at 02:47 AM

DC

“ I grew up with James he lived at cucumber and I at newhall. I remember how funny he was on the school bus going to big creek high school. James would play football with me and bunch of friends at cucumber field. Man was he one tough man. I remember the wright boys were hard workers all time working in there big gardens and selling their produce to people. Of course the one thing he did was to marry my first cousin Peggy. Must have been a match in heaven. Ask that JESUS gives his family strength to get through these tough times. Love you all! Will miss James.

Danny Click - August 26, 2025 at 12:55 PM



Thank you for sharing Danny!!! I loved reading this. It makes my heart smile ❤️❤️❤️❤️👍

Jamie Wright - August 26, 2025 at 03:31 PM

CM

We were neighbors for a while, on James St., and saw him a lot after he and Peggy moved back to Bluefield. He was so talented and creative. RIP James. Roxie really loved you too! I hope she was waiting at Heavens gate for you. You were so good to all the neighbors. 🙏

cindy mcgraw - August 26, 2025 at 10:44 PM

EP

James was a kind soul. You would know he was coming up our street, he would blow his horn at his friend's and neighbors, when they were in their yard. He was so creative, his yard was like magical, everything was beautiful and perfect. This neighborhood is sure going to miss him. Prayers for his family, as they go through this life on earth without him. GOD BLESS 💎💎💎🙏

EVA PETTREY - August 28, 2025 at 03:05 AM