



## Virginia Eldridge Wright

May 1, 1936 - February 3, 2022

Virginia Irene Eldridge Watts Wright was born May 1, 1936, in Winston-Salem, NC to the late Mr. Jessie Lee Eldridge and Mrs. Mary Sue Black Eldridge. Virginia was educated in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools and was a proud graduate of the Carver High School Class of 1955. While attending Carver High School Virginia was a member of the Carver High School “Yellow Jackets” marching band where she played the French horn. She was a life-long supporter of her alma mater. Upon graduation, Virginia married Robert Watts Jr. Some years later, she was remarried to Walter Hubert Wright, both who preceded her in death. Virginia attended Forsyth Technical Community College and became a licensed practical nurse (LPN). She worked at Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital during her early years as an LPN. Virginia later attended Winsalm Business College in Winston Salem and upon graduation, worked as a medical secretary at Baptist Hospital Bowman Gray School of Medicine. A few years later she began working at Wachovia Bank (as a bank teller and in the Trusts and Investments department) for many years. Throughout that time Virginia continued to work in the nursing field on a part-time basis at Pell Care Nursing Home. Her love and compassion for others motivated her to open and operate Wright’s Family Care Home in Winston-Salem. With the help of family and staff, Wright’s Family Care Home provided a warm, caring, and nurturing environment for elderly people who were no longer able to care for themselves in their homes. Virginia later returned to nursing full-time at the office of Dr. Kenneth Rhinehart,

Cardiologist, in Winston-Salem, NC and later at Aegis in Winston-Salem. Following that she worked as a nurse at the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Detention and Correctional Centers. She always found ways to help those in need, including fostering children over the years for as long as her health allowed.

During her childhood Virginia attended Shouse Temple CME Church. She later, as an adult, joined Saint Phillips Moravian Church bringing her 5 children faithfully to Sunday School and Church. She also made sure each child participated in various activities such as vacation bible school and trips to Camp Laurel Ridge where she also served as the camp nurse for the week. Virginia also sang in the choir, was a member of the Women's Fellowship and served as church secretary.

Virginia later united with Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, serving in different capacities such as

van driver, usher, trustee and in numerous other ways when called upon.

Virginia loved the Lord and loved her church and attended until her health declined. She remained a faithful disciple committed to serving others using her God given gifts and talents. Virginia not only made many beautiful outfits for her children throughout the years, but as a skilled seamstress she sewed for others as well. She learned to cook at an early age and there were always requests for 2nd and 3rd helpings for the many delicious dishes she prepared. With her, there was always room at the table for one more.

Virginia loved gardening, flowers, and plants where many remain in her home. Her hobbies included making ceramics, crocheting, knitting, solving various types of puzzles, and traveling just to name a few. Most of all she loved spending time with family and friends.

Virginia was a dedicated member of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., serving faithfully for many years in different capacities including President. She loved her sorority and worked tirelessly as they upheld their motto, 'Upward and Onward in Efficient Service.' She proudly wore her sorority colors of emerald green and white. Virginia was preceded in

death by her sister Margaret Louise Eldridge, her brother David Lee Eldridge, and her son-in-law Tellis Bernard Livingston. She leaves to cherish her memory five children, Rev. Warren Victor (Yvonne) Watts, Willis Robert Watts, June Watts Livingston, Dr. Tangela Watts (Cornelius) Battle and Wesley Dion (Paula) Watts; one sister, Juanita Eldridge; one brother, Harvey (Sandra) Eldridge; her eight grandchildren, Overseer Shonté Watts, Darrell Hill-Erby, Maj. Warren (Erin) Watts II, Tanethia Livingston, Min. Amanda Watts, Cornelius Battle Jr., Megan Watts and Diarra Battle; her nine great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Piedmont Memorial Gardens

3663 Piedmont Memorial Dr.  
Winston Salem, NC 27107

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Gilmore Memorial Funeral Service  
1609 N Liberty St.  
Winston Salem, NC 27105  
(336) 723-5508  
gilmorefuneralhm@gmail.com  
<http://www.gilmorefunerals.com>

## Visitation

FEB 11. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Oak Grove Baptist Church  
3978 Pine Hall Road  
Walkertown, NC 27051

## Homegoing Service

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# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Jessup Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Virginia Eldridge Wright.*



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**The Jessup Family** - February 11, 2022 at 09:20 AM

VF

“ *With deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother. My prayers are with you and your family at your time of need. May God grant you peace and comfort during this time.*



*Vena Flowers-Schuler, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church*

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**Vena Flowers-Schuler** - February 11, 2022 at 09:17 AM

KF

“ *Tangela and Pastor Battle, our sincerest condolences...may God continue to give you peace. Love Karen and William Fairley*

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**Karen Fairley** - February 10, 2022 at 11:13 PM

WW

“ *We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family, in the passing of your mother. May God grant you peace and comfort, and keep you always in His loving care.*



*Walter & Ethel Worthy*

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**Walter & Ethel Worthy** - February 10, 2022 at 01:37 PM

EH

“ With deepest sympathy in the passing your mother. Words cannot possibly begin to ease your hurt and sorrow. But please remember that we care about your hurting heart and share in your sorrow. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Elizabeth Harris, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church*

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**Elizabeth Harris** - February 09, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty* was purchased for the family of Virginia Eldridge Wright.



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February 09, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone* - "*Wherever a Beautiful Soul...*" was purchased for the family of Virginia Eldridge Wright.



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February 08, 2022 at 11:44 PM

KA

“ *Tangela and Family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a beautiful person, both inside and out. She will be missed. Please give me a call at 336.568.9020.*

*Thinking of you all,*

*Kathy Saunders*

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**Kathy** - February 08, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Virginia Eldridge Wright.*



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February 08, 2022 at 07:11 PM

MO

“ *Marvin O'Rear purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Virginia Eldridge Wright.*



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**Marvin O'Rear** - February 08, 2022 at 04:40 PM

BW

“ *My condolences to the family. I will always remember working with Virginia at Wachovia on MLK Drive and sharing stories of our fathers (Robert L. and Jess as we called him) building things and the funny stories of those two building our home.*



**Bobby Witherspoon** - February 08, 2022 at 09:25 AM



*My prayers 🙏 & condolences to Pastor Watts & the Family. Mama Wright was a lovely person, going to miss her. 💕 Troy D. Sydnor*

**Troy Sydnor** - February 08, 2022 at 08:09 PM

DT

“ *Family, look to the hills whence cometh your help... Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning... Trust in the Lord with all your heart...*



*Love and Peace, The Townsend's*

**Daron, Annie & Chelsea Townsend** - February 07, 2022 at 08:41 PM

TM

“ *Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength. May God continue to bless you.*



*Much love ,  
The McNeil's*

**Tracy & Annie McNeil** - February 07, 2022 at 06:10 PM

ML

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Virginia Wright. Even in grief, we give thanks to God for life. ~ Bro. Artis & Min. Georgia Lockhart*



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**Min. Georgia Lockhart** - February 07, 2022 at 04:53 PM

HE

“ *Our sincerest thoughts and prayers to your family.*

*Love and Peace,*

*The McPhatters*

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**Helen Emanuel-McPhatter** - February 07, 2022 at 03:47 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Macklin purchased the Floor Plant for Sym pathy for the family of Virginia Eldridge Wright.*



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**Joyce Macklin** - February 07, 2022 at 12:58 PM

CW

“ *Our prayers of comfort and peace for your family.*  
*Love the Winston's*



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**Clarence Winston** - February 07, 2022 at 09:38 AM

RC

*Condolences & prayers for the Watts family. In behalf of the Pigg River Baptist Association churches of Rocky Va. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family in time of your bereavement. May God continue to give you strength.*

*Moderator Rev Coleman Wright*

*Sis Joyce Cobbs Secretary*

*Sis Roberta Carter corresponding Secretary .*

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**Roberta Taylor Carter** - February 11, 2022 at 11:31 AM