



JAMES WARREN WRIGHT

December 29, 2024

James Warren Wright, 76, of New Castle, VA, went to be with Jesus on December 29, 2024. Born on October 15, 1948, to the late Delbert and Gertie Mae Wright of Upshur County, WV. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Della Pick of Ohio.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Sharon Gail Wright; children, Laura Rennert (Randy), Michael Wright, Kristina Fisher (Jimmy); grandchildren, Savannah Wright, Heather Trent, Catelyn Wright, Nichole Bethel, Nathaniel Warren Blevins; and great-grandson, Ezra Riley Bethel; his brother Delbert Wright, Jr. (Hallie), and his sister, Pam Childers (Mike).

His adult journey began in Baltimore, MD, where he met his future bride while attending trade school. They married, started a family and returned to his beloved West Virginia to raise three children. There, he pursued his love of the outdoors as an avid fisherman—a passion that he carried throughout his life. Jim soon discovered his true calling when the Lord called him to become a “Fisher of Men” and he entered the ministry. This pursuit eventually directed his path to his second hometown—New Castle, VA.

In his professional life, Jim was a man of many skills and talents which he applied in his occupation as a HVAC Technician, working his entire career at GJ Hopkins, Varney Inc and, eventually, retiring from Roanoke City.

Retirement allowed more time for his two favorite endeavors—fishing and serving Jesus. Jim’s unwavering love for his family and the ministry was evident to all who knew him. His passion to serve his Lord compelled him to

minister in many roles in the churches he called home over the years. His appreciation of music and love of the scriptures were the foundations of his roles as Praise and Worship Leader and Bible Teacher at Cornerstone Church in New Castle, VA.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Paitzel Funeral Home in New Castle, VA, on Friday, January 3rd, 2025. Visitation will begin at 1 pm with a memorial service at 2 pm. Graveside serve will follow at Huffman Memorial Park on Rt 42 in Craig County. Friends and family are welcome.

Cemetery Details

Huffman Memorial Park

Cumberland Gap Rd.
NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Paitsel Funeral Home
286 Main Street
PO Box 326
New Castle, VA 24127
(540) 864-5142
paitselfuneral@aol.com
<https://www.paitselfh.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Paitsel Funeral Home
286 Main Street
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Interment

JAN 3 (ET)

Huffman Memorial Park
Cumberland Gap Rd.
NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Carpenter Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT.*



The Carpenter Family - January 02, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT.*



January 02, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT.*

January 02, 2025 at 01:26 PM

PL

“ *Jim was such a special warrior for God, his kindness and soft spoken voice was always music to my ears. He had great empathy for people and gave very good biblical advise. I am proud to call Jim and Sharon my friends. Prayers of comfort for Sharon and her family. Sending my love and hugs. Pat L.*

Patricia S Lucas - January 02, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of **JAMES WARREN WRIGHT**.



January 02, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of **JAMES WARREN WRIGHT**.

January 02, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Thank you Lord*



Heather Miller - January 01, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ *Mark Kandi Shires lit a candle in memory of* **JAMES WARREN WRIGHT**



Mark Kandi Shires - January 01, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *Ephesians 2*



January 01, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ *Rick & Laura Dudding sent a virtual gift in memory of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT*



Rick & Laura Dudding - December 31, 2024 at 09:33 PM



Jim was a blessing to others. He was so kind and generous. God gained an outstanding man and I can see him smiling as he enters heavens gate.

Rick & Laura Dudding - December 31, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ *Memory Becomes a Treasure Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT.*



December 31, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT.*



December 31, 2024 at 07:33 PM



“ *We will always remember all the great teaching he did at our Cornerstone Bible study and all the times he would just break out in song and sometimes we would sing along. He always had great insight into the scriptures. He was an awesome worship leader for our Sunday services and it was always such a treat to hear him sing and also when he and Sharon would sing together! Brother Jim will be greatly missed but it won't be long before we'll see him again!
Gloria and Russ Mitchem*

Gloria Mitchem - December 31, 2024 at 05:33 PM



“ *Poppy had the best humor. He always made sure his family knew that Jesus loves us. He was always so proud of his family when we all came to church with him. I have fond memories of eating grandma's blueberry muffins before church and drinking Donald duck orange juice and get pretty to go be with the Lord. Poppy would go ahead and then we would arrive. I love you and miss you poppy*



December 31, 2024 at 04:07 PM

AW

“ *Alphagraphics Fort Worth purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT.*



Alphagraphics Fort Worth - December 31, 2024 at 12:55 PM

AW

“ *Alphagraphics Fort Worth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT.*

Alphagraphics Fort Worth - December 31, 2024 at 12:55 PM

MD

“ *Sharon and Family, Jim was a special person during our high school years and my heart is sad knowing the sadness his family is now experiencing. First time I met Jim was at a church vacation Bible School and, as his obituary tells, God and Heaven have always been his direction. Mary Fultz Dean*

Mary Dean - December 31, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT.*



December 31, 2024 at 07:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT.

December 31, 2024 at 07:24 AM



“ Barbara Cantrell And Wayne Belcher lit a candle in memory of JAMES WARREN WRIGHT



Barbara Cantrell and Wayne Belcher - December 31, 2024 at 06:35 AM



“ Sending Our Condolence. Praying 🙏 for Family and Friends. May God give you Comfort, Peace and Strength for Each Day during this difficult time. James, you will be Missed by Many. You've Earned Your Wings. Fly High! R.I.P. 🕊️

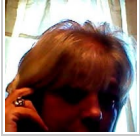


Carolyn and Hank Drewry - December 31, 2024 at 01:16 AM



I will always remember when James led the singing @ Grace Assembly of God of Catawba Valley. He had so much Spirit of God in him. I loved when he sung, " The Enemy Is Under My Feet!" And see James "Stomping Away!" Praise God! I know without a doubt Jim is Rejoicing with His Jesus and His Love Ones. And Singing with The Angels!

Carolyn and Hank Drewry - December 31, 2024 at 01:23 AM



“ Sharon Frango lit a candle in memory of
JAMES WARREN WRIGHT



Sharon Frango - December 30, 2024 at 05:10 PM



Was a Happy man, Always cheerful, Love to listen to his testimony about the Lord

Sharon Frango - December 30, 2024 at 05:12 PM

JR

Bill and I loved Jim and always enjoyed being with him and Sharon. He was the best Bible Teacher I have ever heard and loved sharing the Word with everyone. I will miss him and his beautiful singing. Prayers for Sharon, Kristy, Laura, and Michael and all the Grandchildren, which he loved dearly.

Jean and Bill Rose - December 31, 2024 at 12:09 PM

BC

Love and prayers to you Sharon and family. Paul was right life is like a vapor. It same like yesterday that Jim and I were playing as children in the Excelsior community. Growing up together while interacting in family life, school, church, and a community that would nurture us toward who we were called to be. I enjoyed those moments and treasure them in my memory.. Then how great God was to call us into ministry to share the good news of Jesus' love. Jim' earthly life of bearing fruit is completed. Well done thy good and faithful servant enter into the joy of the Lord. Your brother in Christ, Billy Carpenter and my family.

Billy Carpenter - December 31, 2024 at 07:39 PM

PG

Jim Wright was a gentle giant! I loved to hear him sing, especially "His eye is on the Sparrow"! He manifested a contagious love for His Savior and a constant longing for Him. He had unshakable faith in an unstoppable God! His Bible knowledge was telling. It was evident when he taught he had spent hours drinking from the fountain and the Living Water flowed freely! His teaching was anointed, annotated and appointed by God! He loved to tell of God's REDEEMING love! He not only loved God, but he loved his family and friends.

His ability to lead into the presence of God, as worship leader, was like a beautiful warm "Son"rise welcoming our souls on Sunday morning. He had a special connection with heaven and that just became a whole lot stronger! 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

Sharon, you and your beautiful family are in my thoughts and prayers and will be in the days ahead. Jim is with Jason and, selfishly, that brings me comfort. Earth is getting emptier, but heaven is getting fuller! I love you all and thank you for all you and your family did to contribute to the legacy of this wonderful servant of God! God bless you! Patsy Greenway

Patsy Greenway - January 01, 2025 at 06:18 AM