



## John Oscar Wright Jr.

August 3, 1950 - July 3, 2021

John Oscar Wright, Jr., 70 years young, was born to the late Lilly King and John Oscar Wright, Sr., on Thursday, August 3, 1950, in Lewes, Delaware. John was affectionately known as “Tommy” by his maternal grandmother, Nancy King, and to others as “Big John”. After a lengthy illness and a short stay at Delaware Hospice, God called him to his resting place, on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

John attended public schools in Sussex County Delaware, including William C. Jason Comprehensive High School in Georgetown, Delaware and Sussex Vocational High School, where he concentrated in the field of auto body and fender repair. John completed his high school requirements and graduated from Lewes High School in 1968, hanging up his football gear, which he loved dearly, in exchange for season tickets for the Dallas Cowboys. He also loved watching sports, in the comfort of his home, every season.

Shortly after graduating from high school, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he became a part of the 82nd Airborne. His active duty was shortened when he returned home to assist in taking care of his grandmother. John continued to serve his country as an Army Reservist. He married Barbara Harmon, at age of 19. From this union he became the proud father of three sons, John Oscar Wright III, Jevon Wright and Jerrin Wright. As he returned to civilian life, and his responsibilities increased, John desired to have a better quality of life for his family. He applied to and was hired at General Foods in Dover, Delaware and remained there until retirement.

John was brought up in a Christian home and began his Christian walk at Friendship Baptist Church in Lewes, Delaware. He professed Jesus Christ as his personal savior and was baptized on December 22, 2018. He maintained a close bond with his spiritual parents Reverend George Edwards and his wife Ardeth Edwards.

John developed a close friendship with Dr. Jose Saez and friends at dialysis. John was preceded in death by maternal and paternal grandparents; parents; aunts and uncles; and three sisters.

John leaves to cherish fond memories, three sons, John O. Wright III of Milton, Delaware, Jevon L. Wright (Beth) of Gainesville, Virginia and Jerrin A. Wright of Smyrna, Delaware; a devoted and loving companion/caregiver of 20+ years, Doris Scott of Dover, Delaware; a devoted and loving cousin, Ernest King (Ann) of Camden, Delaware; three sisters, Gwendolyn Riddick (Jesse), Denise Butler and Sheila Cain (Robert) all of Jamaica Queens, New York; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four homeboys, Mike, Jay, Coley and Ike; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving family members and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Friendship Baptist Cemetery

Lewes, DE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
500 W. 4th Street  
Lewes, DE

## Visitation

JUL 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
500 W. 4th Street  
Lewes, DE

## Funeral Service

JUL 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
500 W. 4th Street  
Lewes, DE

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - July 09, 2021 at 12:19 PM

LM

“ *To the Family of John Wright:*

*I was saddened to hear of your loss, Please know how sorry I am.  
Hold on to your memories and remember that God is always in your  
corner at a time like this.*

*Louise Maull*

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**Louise Maull** - July 13, 2021 at 02:14 PM

GS

“ *I served with John at the 946th Transportation Company in Lewes  
from 1989-1992 and have memories of the experienced staff  
sergeant who freely gave advice and helped this brand-new second  
lieutenant. Condolences to his family and may they find peace,  
knowing that he is basking in the glory of our savior.*

*-- Gary Sheftick*

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**Gary Sheftick** - July 13, 2021 at 12:33 PM

PA

“ Patricia A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of John Oscar Wright Jr..



Patricia A. - July 13, 2021 at 08:46 AM

CV

“ Clyde Vann lit a candle in memory of John Oscar Wright Jr.



Clyde Vann - July 12, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Oscar Wright Jr..



July 12, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Oscar Wright Jr..



July 12, 2021 at 08:38 AM

MH

“ *Martha Hopkins lit a candle in memory of John Oscar Wright Jr.*



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**Martha Hopkins** - July 11, 2021 at 09:37 PM

SA

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. Big John great guy! Always smiling and enjoying a good chat about his Dallas Cowboy. Heaven has got another good one!*  
*Sonja & Bo Ames*

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**Sonja Ames** - July 11, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Oscar Wright Jr..*



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July 11, 2021 at 04:39 PM

CV

“ *Big John is the name that friends and I admirably referred to him, and he is greatly missed already. Growing up around one another in Southern Delaware allowed us to get together from time to time throughout those years. We really did enjoy singing acapella music together, as he and my brother Ron especially worked out fun, and sometimes intricate vocal chord progressions. John could straight up get it, whether singing doowop, solos, harmony Gospel - you name it ! I was saddened to find out about some of the difficulties he was experiencing, though he continually fought the good fight ! May bountiful blessings be with the Wright family and the joy of the lord be your strength.*



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**Clyde Vann** - July 11, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *John was a great and close friend to me and my husband for many years we celebrated practically every gathering possible... John truly was a great friend full of love and camaraderie always a joy to be around; we considered him family...John Oscar Wright Jr. Rest In Peace; you shall be truly missed....Mr. & Mr. Gerald & Linda Jo Echols*



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**Linda Jo Echols** - July 11, 2021 at 12:09 PM

JM

“ Praying for the family, that in time, God will heal your hearts and give you strength to carry on. Hold on to the memories, so that when you feel you can't go on, you can look back and smile. May " Big John", rest in peace.



Jennie & Herb Mills, Easton, Md. - July 09, 2021 at 10:55 PM

EA

“ I will miss you John. You were a big part of my life. You were like an uncle to me. I will miss our talks, laughs and most of all our talks about life and the encouragement you gave to me although you were going through your own life struggles. No more sickness. No more pain. Our loss is heavens gain. I will always love you. Sleep on in Jesus. I'll see you in the morning. Love, Lisa 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Elisa "Lisa" Adams-Wise - July 09, 2021 at 06:31 PM

HS

“ Howard E Smack lit a candle in memory of John Oscar Wright Jr.



Howard E Smack - July 09, 2021 at 06:08 PM

NL

“ Remembering Big John with lots of love. Class of 1968 would not have been the same without him.



Nancy Lehmann - July 09, 2021 at 12:19 PM

SS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of John O. Wright Jr. John will always be remembered for his love of his William C. Jason Comprehensive High School classmates and high school experiences. Whenever I saw him ,he would start conversations about how we all had a wonderful time at Jason High. RIP Big John!*  
*Stell Parker Selby*

Stell Parker Selby - July 09, 2021 at 10:39 AM

DW

“ *David Weathersby lit a candle in memory of John Oscar Wright Jr.*



David Weathersby - July 07, 2021 at 10:41 PM

JS

“ *James Munson Sr. lit a candle in memory of John Oscar Wright Jr.*



James Munson Sr. - July 06, 2021 at 12:10 PM