



## Portia Delores Wright

March 2, 1962 - November 8, 2022

### PORTIA'S JOURNEY...

Portia Delores Wright was born on March 2, 1962 to the late Rufus H. Wright and Delores Selby Wright. She was called to her eternal rest at the age of sixty (60) on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at Tidal Health Peninsula Regional Hospital in Salisbury, Maryland.

Portia spent her childhood surrounded by loving parents, family and friends in Oriole, Maryland. She received her formal education in the Somerset County public school system and graduated from Washington High School in 1980. After graduation, she was employed for several years in the Materials Management and the Environmental Services Departments at Peninsula Regional Hospital. She also worked part-time in the Environmental Services Department at Salisbury State University. Portia later transferred to the Somerset County Detention Center in Princess Anne, Maryland, where she was employed for several years as a correctional officer until her early retirement due to illness.

Portia was a devoted mother and grandmother who received much joy while in the presence of family and friends. She was without a doubt “the life of the party,” always the practical joker, the prankster, the most daring one!! Her greatest pleasure was waiting and watching for your reaction to whatever she

had just said or done. Her favorite pastime was sitting on the porch, eating dozens of steamed crabs and corn. Portia never met a stranger. She loved life and laughter as was evident in her quick wit and jovial personality. Her goal was to make you laugh and make you feel you always had her undivided attention.

Portia received her religious foundation at St. James United Methodist Church in Oriole and was a member of the Oriolettes gospel group. In later life, she was a member of Grace UMC in Venton, MD and Trinity United Methodist Worship Center in Princess Anne, MD. Portia later transferred her membership to the St. Charles Macedonia Charge under the pastoral leadership of Reverend D'Angelo Johnson. She was also a devoted member of the Descendants of the Oriole Community, an organization dedicated to the maintenance and care of the St. James Historical church grounds and cemetery.

Portia is survived by: one loving and devoted son, Darius Jones of Oriole, MD; three grandchildren, Steven Smith, Jr., La'Kai Jones and Aamani Jones of Hebron, MD; four sisters, LaVerne Wright of Princess Anne, MD, Dorethea (Wayne) Johnson of Oriole, MD, Emma Wright of Salisbury, MD and Patricia Johnson of Princess Anne, MD and one brother, Rufus (Krystal) Wright, Jr. of Princess Anne, MD; three aunts, Sylvia Jones of New Castle, DE, Joyce (Jesse) Jones of Oriole, MD and Brenda Selby of Princess Anne, MD and one uncle, Arthur (Wendy) Selby of Millsboro, DE; nieces and nephews, Daronn, Carlus, Corey, Kerry, Tremont, Kia, and Keiosha; three great nieces, Korrie, Kreed, and Kori; one godson, Charles Meyers, Jr.; a special cousin, Markhanna (Sereena) Wright of Chance, MD; a special neighbor and friend, Dollie Wallace, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Etta Ann Wright.

Sorrowfully and Lovingly Submitted by The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Princess Anne  
30479 Prince William St.  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
(410) 621-0566  
info@benniesmithfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

# Tribute Wall

GW

“ *Miss you and God will see that don't have to suffer anymore*

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**george whitney** - November 21, 2022 at 05:57 PM

CP

“ *Carol Purnell lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



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**Carol Purnell** - November 20, 2022 at 11:30 PM

DW

“ *I love you and will miss you Pojangle's...more than you could ever know.*

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**Daronn Wright** - November 19, 2022 at 06:49 PM

TW

“ *Tammi Williams lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



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**Tammi Williams** - November 19, 2022 at 10:33 AM

DW

“ *Darius Watson lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



**Darius Watson** - November 19, 2022 at 09:15 AM

SJ

“ *Starlene Johnson lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



**Starlene Johnson** - November 19, 2022 at 09:13 AM

MB

“ *Mareesa Burkett lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



**Mareesa Burkett** - November 18, 2022 at 09:44 PM

MP

“ *Melanie Bivens Purnell lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



**Melanie Bivens Purnell** - November 18, 2022 at 09:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Portia Delores Wright.*



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November 18, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *Portia was just A Loving and Happy Person. Portia always greeted everyone with A Very Pleasant Smile. A Personality that was just Pleasing and friendly. I remember the good times we had together and I am Praying for All The Family . The Sun Rose around her son but was shared when her grandchildren were born. What A Beautiful Person and Friend. You will be truly missed. ❤️ you.*

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**Sharon L Ballard** - November 18, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Delores WHITE lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



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**Delores WHITE** - November 18, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Portia Delores Wright.*



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November 18, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Portia Delores Wright.



November 18, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ To the Family my prayers and condolences, To Darius keep your head up bro, too many times Ms.Portia had us dying with laughter she was the cool mom, straightforward, welcoming and loving my heart goes out to you and yours.

Ceylon Trader Jr. - November 17, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ Sending our Love and Condolences to the Wright Family. Rev. Dr. Sharon Milbourne Washington



Rev Dr Sharon Milbourne Washington - November 17, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ Beverly Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Portia Delores Wright



Beverly Wright - November 17, 2022 at 10:03 AM

BW

*Will miss Portia's laughter and gorgeous smile.*

**Beverly Wright** - November 17, 2022 at 10:05 AM

DC

“ *Denise Cambel lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



**Denise Cambel** - November 16, 2022 at 10:33 PM

MM

*Praying for the family Portia was a wonderful kind and loving person always had a smile Milton Maddox*

**Milton Maddox** - November 18, 2022 at 09:19 PM

YJ

“ *Yvonne Jones lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



**Yvonne Jones** - November 16, 2022 at 07:15 PM

SM

“ *I am going to miss Portia we were each other sons mom. This is hard one especially my son Rolley loved her and had planned on coming home for the holidays and his 1st stop was to see his Mom Portia. Prayers to the family .*

**Sharon Maddox** - November 16, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *I will miss my neighbor, Portia. I will keep the family lifted up in my prayers.* ”

**Dollie Wallace** - November 16, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *My prayers and condolences to the family of Portia Wright* ”



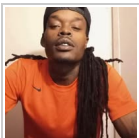
**Pastor Marsha Hankerson** - November 16, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Our prayers and condolences to the Wright family* ”



**Therman&Barbara Brown** - November 16, 2022 at 06:25 AM



“ *My Prayers and Condolences to the Family* ”



**Teene Corbin** - November 15, 2022 at 03:48 PM

VW

“ *Vanessa Ward lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



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**Vanessa Ward** - November 15, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ *You will always be missed, Portia.*

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**Annette Rogers** - November 15, 2022 at 09:40 AM

PH

“ *Peggy Hayman lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



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**Peggy Hayman** - November 14, 2022 at 09:42 PM

RC

“ *Rose M Cottman lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



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**Rose M Cottman** - November 14, 2022 at 09:16 PM

AK

“ Audrey King lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright



Audrey King - November 14, 2022 at 05:50 PM

AK

“ I will always remember the good times we shared at SCDC, and the wonderful conversations we shared whenever we saw each other out in public. You will be missed, and I will continue to keep all your family in prayer.

Audrey King - November 14, 2022 at 05:50 PM

BP

I will miss you we were tight just like brother and sister no more suffering give your sweet mother in heaven a hug for me

Bruce Parkinson - November 14, 2022 at 06:15 PM

SM

“ Rest In Peace my friend ,you will be missed very much!!



Sharon Maddox - November 14, 2022 at 05:32 PM

FF

“ *Frances Fitchett lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



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**Frances Fitchett** - November 14, 2022 at 03:55 PM

LW

“ *Lexine Wigfall lit a candle in memory of Portia Delores Wright*



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**Lexine Wigfall** - November 14, 2022 at 02:46 PM