



William "Bill" Wright

January 28, 1948 - January 10, 2021

William "Bill" Castleberry Wright II, 72, passed away January 10, 2021.

A native of Greenville, SC, son of the late Marion Earl and Marion Thomas Wright, he was a U.S. Navy Vietnam Veteran, a retired construction engineer, and a longtime employee of BMW.

Bill grew up in Greenville, SC, and loved his hometown all through his life. He took pleasure in watching it grow and enjoyed the many pastimes it had to offer, including the music scene and the diverse cultural and outdoor activities. A lifelong member of the Episcopalian faith, Bill grew up as a member of Christ Church. As an adult, he joined St. Francis, where he served as rector, and St. James, where he was a member of the choir.

Bill was a lover of travel from a young age and lived and worked in various countries, including Italy, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Croatia. He spent the last twelve years of his life retired, splitting his time between Greenville and Milna, Brač, Croatia, where he happily relaxed into the Dalmatian Coast's fjaka state of mind, in the sweetness of doing nothing. He also found his beloved canine companion, Zorro, in Croatia. Zorro followed him home to Greenville in 2017.

In addition to travel, Bill loved music. He said it was in his bones. Whether it was an unheard of jazz band in a dark, back alley joint, a five-day long music festival featuring some of the greats, an impromptu street band, or the symphony, he could always be found enjoying the sweet sounds of music. Of all his interests, his greatest passion was sailing. In 2014, he had the

opportunity to realize a life-long dream of sailing the Mediterranean when he signed on as a crew member for someone sailing a boat from Korčula, Croatia, to Gibraltar, UK. That trip was one of the highlights of his travel life. Surviving are his life partner, Jeri Sarracino of the home; a daughter, Elisabeth Wright (Chris) of Charlotte, NC; a daughter, Renee "Daisy" Wright Mussetto (John) of Greer; one brother, Jay Wright of Naples, Italy; and two grandchildren, Landon Paul Lockwood and Adeline Belle Lockwood. He was predeceased by a son, William "Liam" Castleberry Wright III and a brother, George Thomas Wright.

His brother Jay has described him as a "wheelin', dealin', rootin' tootin', and straight shootin' good un" and one of his biggest heroes.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Open Arms Hospice at McCall Hospice House, 1836 W. Georgia Rd., Simpsonville, SC 29680.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of William "Bill" Wright please visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeri - January 21, 2021 at 07:26 PM

DS

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



david sanda - January 15, 2021 at 03:29 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Bill at BMW for many years and got together with him outside of work as we had another common friend named "Bill."

david sanda - January 15, 2021 at 03:18 AM

DD

“ Sending prayers to Jeri and all the Wright family. Jays children, especially James had a sweet close bond with his uncle Bill, they both shared their love of music and the sea. God Bless xx

Debi Daniello - January 14, 2021 at 06:33 PM

VS

“ Dino and I will miss Bill. When he and Jeri would visit our property, he found joy in walking the 100 acres. He enjoyed walking it so much that once he walked through the back of the property and he ended up on another road taking him on a little journey of about 5 extra miles. We will miss his visits. Dino and Vicki Sarracino

Vicki Sarracino - January 14, 2021 at 05:05 PM

DR

“ Our prayers are with you. Daisy and Liam were my students in sixth grade.
Debra Rich

Debra Rich - January 14, 2021 at 01:40 PM

DA

Thank you Mrs. Rich!! I know I was always your favorite student!!!

Daisy - January 14, 2021 at 04:46 PM

TL

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Sincerely,
Chaplain Teresa Lewis, M.Div.
Open Arms Hospice/ McCall Hospice House

Teresa Lewis - January 13, 2021 at 02:44 PM

DA

Thank you Teresa. McCall house was everything and more than we needed last weekend. We are so thankful for everything they did for Dad and us.

Daisy - January 14, 2021 at 04:47 PM

JE

I echo what Daisy said, Teresa. As difficult as it was to lose Bill, we rested easier knowing he was in such good care. I, personally, also appreciated the time you spent with me. Thank you again.

Jeri - January 14, 2021 at 05:44 PM

AB

Remembering our walks together on Brac especially that day you came with me to try to find a good route to Sutivan for our walking buddies but we managed to get ourselves lost ended up walking for a lot longer than planned. Rest in peace now Bill. Our thoughts are with you Jeri and family..

Angela and Vic "Footsteps in Croatia."

Angela Blundell - January 15, 2021 at 04:04 AM