



## Sarah Jeanette Wright

February 19, 1919 - July 20, 2018

Sarah Jeanette Wright, formerly of Griffin and Columbus, Georgia, died Friday, July 20, 2019, in Windsor, Colorado.

Sally, as she preferred to be known, was born in Sullivan, Indiana, February 19, 1919, the adored daughter of M. Bement and Esther (Toole) Hunt. She enjoyed a happy childhood and later moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was active in Girl Scouts. She was a good student and benefitted from a forward-thinking mother who encouraged her to pursue higher education.

After high school, she entered MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, where she majored in English. Her junior year she returned to Indianapolis and entered Butler University.

Sally was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She treasured the many friendships she developed there and stayed in touch with her girlfriends throughout her adult life.

It was at Butler that Sally met Orville L. Wright, a handsome young man studying for the ministry. They married at The Memorial Chapel, Harvard University, in 1943, shortly before Orville was shipped overseas to serve as Chaplain in the U.S Army. While away, Sally worked for the telephone company.

After the war, Sally and Orville moved to Monmouth, Illinois, where she happily became a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) pastor's wife. She would laughingly joke that she had been a Methodist before she became a "Christian." Throughout her life, she witnessed her faith in a loving and forgiving God. She taught Sunday School, lead adult studies, taught her children by example to tithe, and participated in church and community life.

Sally and Orville moved to Canton, Illinois, in 1956. Here, she actively encouraged her children's education in music, writing and drama with special focus on oral presentations. With her children growing up, she returned to her English degree and taught at the local community college with an eye to financially helping with college.

In 1967, the family moved to Griffin, Georgia. Sally quickly adapted to life in the South. She loved everything about her new life in the warmer climes and the close proximity to shopping in Atlanta. She continued her lay ministry at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and enjoyed learning how to speak "Southern" from her many new friends.

In 1975, the Wright family moved to Columbus, Georgia, where Orville was called to pastor Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Sally's faith was her rock. After losing her beloved husband, she became a deacon and elder to her church family. Well into her 90's, she continued to study the Bible and teach weekly Sunday school classes. A broken hip just before Christmas 2014 initiated her next move to Windsor, Colorado, where she could be near family.

In spite of her losses, Sally gratefully shared with others how God had blessed her life. Her refrain up until her death: "God has been good to me."

Survivors include two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, two great-

grandchildren: Margot J. Zeglis, Plattsburgh, NY, son Michael (his wife Diane, their two children Ashley and Ian), Colorado Springs, CO, and daughter Katie Boaz (her husband Mark), Annapolis, MD; Jeff Wright (his wife Janet, their sons Matthew and his wife Vivian, and Nathan and his wife Sarah); Wendy E. Wright (her husband Si Niswonger, their daughters Georgia and Amelia), Colorado Springs.

Sally was predeceased by her husband, brother Charles D. Hunt, and her parents.

Sally's friends and family will remember her as bright, well read, independent and often clear spoken. She was grateful for every day even as her independence ebbed.

Sally will be buried next to her husband at Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia. Friends are invited to attend the graveside service at 10 a.m. and/or a Celebration of Life service at Columbus' Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 4, 2018.

# Cemetery Details

## Parkhill Cemetery

4161 Macon Rd.  
Columbus, GA 31907

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Parkhill Cemetery  
4161 Macon Rd.  
Columbus, GA 31907

## Celebration of Life

AUG 4. 11:30 AM (ET)

Columbus' Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
7775 Moon Rd  
Columbus, GA 31909  
(706) 323-2925

# Tribute Wall

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“ Wendy and family:

*I just heard the news about Sally this afternoon. So sorry she is gone. Wished I could've been at service. I've reflected on many fond memories of my old next-door neighbors that began when I was 19. She was one of the most unique persons I have been lucky to know, as was your father. I remember times when I would be bending Rev. Wright's ear as he tried to sweep the driveway, and Sally would come to the back door to rescue him from my talkative self, saying "Orv, you need to come in and...." (take care of something). He would lean on the broom and continue conversing until Sally popped out the back door at least once more, but not before he sometimes gently gave me sound advice that has stuck to this day. I also remember when your grandfather lived there and some of his intriguing stories. I don't remember exactly how old he reached, but longevity is clearly in your genes.*

*My Mom passed in 2014, living next to Central Christian at the Gardens at Calvary where she had to move in 2009 due to health. I took her to the annual "living manger scene" almost every Christmas, and to the Stephensons' "going away" service around 2010, where we both got to see Sally. My Mom was standing next to me after the service, and after your Mom asked about me, she said "Where's Carolyn?" I put my arm around Mom and told her "this is her." (It had been that long.) I moved from Cumming, GA into the Griggs' old house next door for over 6 years after Dad had a stroke in 1996, and I bought my parents' house in 2015. So I've been able to hear news about the Wrights (and other former Central Christian Pastors' and families) from at least 5 subsequent pastors, not counting the interims.*

*I hope the pain of losing your loved one soon transforms into inspiration to honor her memory by how you live.*

*With love, Joe Gnann*

**Joe Gnann** - August 04, 2018 at 10:17 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sarah Jeanette Wright.*



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August 03, 2018 at 01:32 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Sarah Jeanette Wright.*



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August 02, 2018 at 05:31 PM