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Robert Earl Wright "Bobby" of Hurlock, Maryland passed away on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at his home, at the age of 90.

He was born on July 16, 1933 in Harmony, Caroline County, Maryland the son of the late William Earl Wright and Inez Wright Davis.

He graduated from Preston High School with the class of 1951. He was married on July 26, 1952 to Elsie Joanne Wheatley Wright and they made their home in Hurlock. She preceded him in death on November 26, 2020 after 68 years of marriage.

Following his education, Bobby started his working career for E.I. DuPont in Seaford, DE. Over the years, he wore many hats - but always managed to umpire and referee full time. He worked for Acme Markets, was self-employed as a handyman, worked as a plumber with Ernest Barnes and later worked for the United States Post Office as a rural carrier until his retirement in 1995.

Bobby was the founder of Tri City Little League in 1955. He later founded Northern Bayside Umpire's Association and the lower Delaware Umpire's Association and interpreted the rules for both. He also was scoutmaster for troop #167 in Hurlock for many years.

Many generations witnessed his commanding presence as an official on the ballfields of the Eastern Shore. Not limited to baseball and softball, Bobby loved all sports. He refereed football, soccer, basketball, and almost any sport known to children and adults. He would often refer to the field as "his sandbox" and was known to leave an impression on countless kids who were learning the game.

Bobby had many hobbies including erector sets, model trains, baseball cards, and collecting local historical memorabilia.



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He is survived by four children: Donna Wright of Dover, DE, D.C. (Diane) Wright and Patricia "Patty" (David) Eskridge all of Hurlock, and David (Cathy) Wright of Greensboro; six grandchildren: David (Tabitha) Eskridge, Jr., Patrick Eskridge, Fred Wildt, Erica (Kenny) Fox, Khrist Wildt and Samantha Wright; six great-grandchildren: Joseph Fox, Ashley Wildt, Rose Eskridge, Paxton Fox, Peyton Eskridge and Bristol Fox; and one brother William "Billy" (Sally) Wright of Frederica, DE.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Theodore "Teddy" Wright, and a great grandson Nicholas Barnes.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 11:00 at the Framptom Funeral Home in Federalsburg. His son, D.C. Wright will officiate. Burial will follow at Unity-Washington Cemetery in Hurlock. The family will receive friends Friday 6:00 to 8:00pm and Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00am.

Serving as pallbearers will be Wayne Cole, Wayne Startt, Bobby Powell, Jamie Sedgwick, Michael Henry and Frankie Bennett. Honorary pallbearers will be Patrick Eskridge and David Eskridge.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in his memory to the First Baptist Church, 301 Poplar St, Hurlock, MD 21643 or to Tri City Little League, Post Office Box 209, Hurlock, MD 21643.



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Visitation

- Friday**, November 24, 2023
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Framptom Funeral Home**
216 N Main St, Federalsburg MD 21632



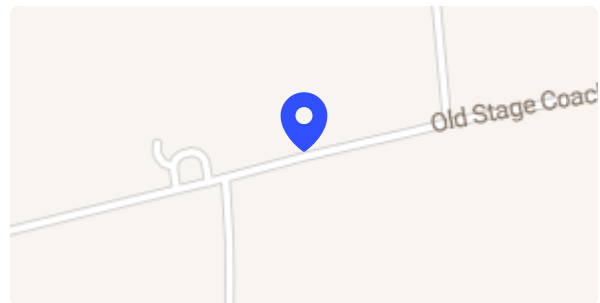
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- Saturday**, November 25, 2023
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Cemetery Details

- Unity Washington Cemetery**
Waddels Corner Road & Old Stage Coach Road,
Hurlock MD 21643





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DP

Doug Pierson lit a candle in honor of Robert.

December 5 at 6:43 AM



EM

Edyie Mills posted:

Always enjoyed talking to Mr. Bobby when he came to the bank. I will always treasure the baseball card that he gave to me. What a great man and i know he will be missed by all.

November 29 at 12:51 PM

JO

Joe lit a candle in honor of Robert.

We are so saddened to learn of Bobby's passing! Sorry we were not able to be with the family as we were attending a family graduation from Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the families and friends! We love you all!

November 28 at 10:14 AM



JV

Joe & Margaret Voshell lit a candle in honor of Robert.

November 28 at 10:11 AM



SH

Scott Hubbard posted:

Wow.This gentleman def left his mark on all level of sports and will never be forgotten.He had a serious demeanor,while combing his knowledge of rules,wit and fairness.He was a great friend and mentor.My deepest sympathy to all the children whom he was so proud of.R.I.P.with Joan now.

November 27 at 9:57 AM

GM

Gina And Duff Mcconnell lit a candle in honor of Robert.

November 25 at 5:54 AM





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Susan Wright Harman lit a candle in honor of Robert.



November 24 at 11:41 AM



Susan Wright Harman November 24 at 11:51 AM

Prayers to the entire family. He is heaven now with Joan and my mom and dad (John and Meta)



Cathy Jean, Laura, And Pop sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Wright family.



November 24 at 5:19 AM



Phil Foster lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Was a spectator, coach and for five years a fellow referee at games Bobby officiated. For years he did three sports while the rest of us had trouble keeping up with one. Occasionally in error, but never in doubt about a call, I believe he officiated more games at more levels than anyone else on the Shore. It would be hard to measure how many young lives he touched. If the disciples decide to organize a pick-up game, I have no doubt about who they will have making the calls.



November 24 at 12:40 AM



Francis Callahan December 29 at 11:56 AM

I had the privilege of working several games with Bobby. I learned a lot from him. We became good friends over the years. One for the books ... He was calling a game in Greensboro. The boys were doing a little drinking. A batter came up. Bob called strike one. The next pitch he called strike two! The deshelled batter called on Bob and said the ball was a mile outside. Bob told him, if you think that was a bad call, just wait for the next one! He was a good sport & a good guy ... We all loved him and will miss him so much. GOD bless him... Sonny Callahan



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Jesse Guessford posted:

Wow, Mr. Bobby. What an Amazing Guy! Thank You for All that You did in the local sports world. Weather it was Me playing or my Daughters. I always loved our interactions, even when You decided to throw me out of games! (I deserved it!) You were a great man. RIP my friend. My condolences to the whole family.

November 23 at 4:23 AM



Jerry Sutton lit a candle in honor of Robert.



November 22 at 9:43 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Wright family.



November 22 at 4:34 PM



Bart And Vicky Johnson lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Mr. Wright was one of the sweetest men I have ever know. I will miss him.



November 22 at 2:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wright family.



November 22 at 8:29 AM



Jay Williamson posted:

Patty I always loved Mr. Wright your Mother theyWill be together now

November 22 at 5:31 AM



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IP

Ingrid Parker lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Well done thou good and faithful servant, welcome to the place where you now belong. You have ran the race and now you are home with the love of your life, Ms. Joan. On behalf of me and my children and the Farrow Family, we send our heartfelt sympathy in the passing of Mr. Bobby. What a guy! Thanks for the wonderful memories!

November 22 at 4:08 AM



DP

Denise Parks posted:

What a nice man. He used to come into my shop and get flowers for his wife. When she passed he would stop in and chat about this and that he so proud of his achievements being recognized for all the years umpiring. Always wore a smile. He will be missed.

November 22 at 3:21 AM

CS

Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in honor of Robert.

November 21 at 4:05 PM



JB

Jim And Pam Bilbrough lit a candle in honor of Robert.

November 21 at 3:32 PM



DM

Dennis Mitchell posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. Bobby was such a nice person. I really enjoyed talking to him and it was always a pleasure when he umpired a game in which I played. He will be surely missed.

November 21 at 3:14 PM



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Chris Metz lit a candle in honor of Robert.



November 21 at 1:21 PM



Sherry posted:

Donna, DC, Patty Jo and David, Bobby was one of a kind and left his mark here on earth. Our families have spent many hours together making wonderful memories. Sending my sincere condolences to you all and your families. I will always remember his laugh and that "famous" your out!!! He surely will be missed. But he will be peaceful now he's with Joan.

November 21 at 1:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wright family.



November 21 at 7:35 AM



A Fan lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Bobby was a great umpire and an even better human being. His knowledge of baseball/softball educated generations of Eastern Shore athletes. His presence will be greatly missed by many.



November 21 at 7:30 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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