



Cleola Crump Wright

December 13, 1954 - April 6, 2022

Our beloved Cleola Gretta Crump Wright (Cleo) of Hampton, VA passed away with her family by her side on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Cleola was born on December 13, 1954, to the late Robert L. Crump, Sr., and Christine Brown Crump. She was raised in New Kent, VA, and graduated from New Kent High School in 1973.

Cleola accepted Christ as her savior at an early age and remained a faithful member of New Elam Baptist Church in New Kent. In her youth, she sang in the choir, and as an adult, she served on the Missionary Committee and studied with the Women's Ministry. For more than a decade, the Black History Month celebration was Cleola's pride and joy. The celebration included observing the contributions of African Americans, singing old Negro spirituals, wearing African attire, and feasting on traditional soul food.

Cleo loved being able to fellowship with her church family. When Sunday services shifted to virtual services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cleo looked forward to ZOOMing in because she could attend church with her New Elam family every Sunday. With an excited voice, Cleola always greeted the church with, "Good Morning! Hampton, Virginia!" It was received with smiles and light laughter because they all knew that was her way of spreading her joy and they looked forward to it.

After a long courtship, Cleola united in holy matrimony with her very own "Mr. Right", Reverend Douglas F. Wright, Sr. a longtime family friend on July 5, 2012. The informal ceremony was officiated by the person who introduced them, Rev. Dr. Solomon Wesley, cousin of the bride and dear friend of the groom. They shared a love for the beach and one of their favorite places to visit was Ocean City, Maryland. Reverend Wright preceded Cleola in death on August 10, 2019.

Cleola was devoted to her family and friends and always made herself available during times of need. The role of caretaker seemed to suit her naturally. She had unbreakable strength in the worst of times, always seeking to protect and comfort her family. Her life's purpose seemed to pray for, love, and protect her family. Even as her time on Earth was nearing an end, Cleola sought to comfort her family by saying, "You will be okay. Stay together. I love you." Her faith in God never wavered as she repeated, "God is Good," and waited for the response, "All the time, God is Good."

Cleola is survived by her two brothers, Robert L. Crump, Jr. (Elendar), Lawrence J. Crwnp, and devoted sister Patricia C. Taylor, all of Richmond, VA, stepson Douglas Wright, Jr. (Celia), of Hampton, VA; one uncle, Thomas E. Crump., Sr., of Lanexa, VA; three aunts Corine Whiting of Barhamsville, VA; Gladys C. Johnson of Richmond, VA; and Mahalia Crump of Brooklyn, NY; one great aunt Fannie W. Burrell of Lanexa, VA; devoted cousin and best friend Linda Taylor Fultz of New Kent, VA; one godson Matthew G. Fultz of Indianapolis, IN; several bonus grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends.

Cemetery Details

New Elam Baptist Church Cemetery

8101 Cumberland Road
New Kent, VA 23124

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **19**. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life with live streaming

APR **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Cleola Crump Wright,
Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - April 15, 2022 at 10:17 AM

ST

RIH Sweet Lady 🙏🙏

Shelley Taylor - April 18, 2022 at 08:28 PM

DW

R.I.Paradise cousin

Diane Lipscomb Whitehead - April 18, 2022 at 11:21 PM

CB

Cleo, Was My Cousin, On My Father Side, She Was Great Beautiful, Empeccable Woman, We Work Together Back In The Day, Didn't Know We Was Family, Until Our Papa John Brown Died, We Was So Cery Happy Once We Realize That We Was Family, She Was So Geuine, She Will Be Greatly Miss, May Her Sweet Lovely Soul Rest In Peace Love Always, Your Cousin Crystal Brown Piercy 🙏🙏

Crystal BrownPiercy - April 19, 2022 at 08:28 AM

KA

“ *Missing you so much. Today 3 years ago you gain those beautiful wings.*



Kalisha - April 06, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Cleola Crump Wright*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

TR

“ *TERI REDCROSS-ALI lit a candle in memory of Cleola Crump Wright*

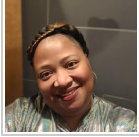


TERI REDCROSS-ALI - April 20, 2022 at 02:28 PM

TR

To Crump and Taylor Families, We send our most sincere sympathy and prayers to each of you. May your fond memories of Cleo provide you with comfort and peace during this time. We will keep the families in prayer. Love, Your Cousin, Teri Redcross-Ali & family

TERI REDCROSS-ALI - April 20, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Ms. Cleola was married to our grandfather Rev. Wright. She blessed him with her love and care in the last 10+ years of his life. She took on the role of grandmother and great grandmother and we are blessed by her example.* ”



Gina Boyd - April 20, 2022 at 11:17 AM

MM

“ Greetings to my beautiful family:

We have endured so much loss in our family. Our beautiful family members are with our heavenly father now. As a family, we are strong, we will always remember the beautiful memories shared with our angel. Cleola Crump Wright you are in our hearts and will always be remembered. Our cousin has been called home to be with our lord.

"Your life was a Blessing Your memory a Treasure You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure" (Renee Wood).

*From your cousins
With ever lasting love*

*Goldie
Lisorie
Corie
L'Oreal
Sarah
Chimere*



Ms. Murray - April 20, 2022 at 08:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cleola Crump Wright.*



April 19, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *To the family of the late Sister Cleola Wright
We were very sorry to hear that Sister Wright
has passed away.
A beautiful lady, she will be greatly missed.
We are praying for the
entire family.*

*In Christian Love,
Jarvis, Sr. and Linda B. Ellis
Surry County, Va.*



Linda Blizzard Ellis - April 18, 2022 at 10:54 PM

DJ

“ *Delores Johnson*



Delores Johnson - April 18, 2022 at 06:24 PM

WS

“ *WILHELMINA B SHELTON lit a candle in
memory of Cleola Crump Wright*



WILHELMINA B SHELTON - April 18, 2022 at 06:14 PM

WS

*Please know that you are in my prayers as I pray for continued strength to allow you to get through these tough times. May God allow his angels of mercy and protection to surround you while they wrap you in their bosem of love. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal.
Peace and Love*

WILHELMINA B SHELTON - April 18, 2022 at 06:21 PM

JW

“ *Joyce Williams lit a candle in memory of
Cleola Crump Wright*



Joyce Williams - April 18, 2022 at 03:45 PM

SM

“ *Sending heartfelt love & hugs to Robert,
Lawrence, Pat & ALL of "Cleo's" family &
friends.
Our sister-friend connection started in school &
remained...even though we crossed paths here
& there over the years. Her smile, giggle &
warm heart were always the same!
May God's peace surround each of you during this difficult time.
Sharon "Tootie" Minor-Randall*



Sharon "Tootie" Minor-Randall - April 17, 2022 at 10:12 PM

TS

“ *Tonya Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Cleola Crump Wright*



Tonya Smith - April 17, 2022 at 06:49 PM

LH

“ *Sending Prayers and Sympathy to the family.*

Leila Christian Holmes - April 15, 2022 at 08:07 PM

LH

“ *Leila Christian Holmes lit a candle in memory of Cleola Crump Wright*



Leila Christian Holmes - April 15, 2022 at 08:06 PM

CW

“ *To the Crump-Wright Family,*

We will remember Cleo for her very sweet spirit and that warm smile that she always had. We love you and we pray that God will continue to Bless each of you. God knows best!
Claudette and William

Claudette and William Woodson - April 15, 2022 at 04:55 PM

CC

“ *condolences to the family, Cleola was a very nice person, She use to work with me at Crown Cork and Seal. I know you all will miss her but she is RIP with God now*



cynthia charity - April 15, 2022 at 03:47 PM

JH

Our sincere condolences to the Crump and Wright family. Cleo wa such a sweet person.

*With deepest sympathy,
Janice and Freddie Holliday!*

Janice Whiting Holl - April 15, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cleola Crump Wright.*



April 15, 2022 at 02:02 PM

JC

“ *To the crump Family You have my deepest Sympathy may God strengthen you all during this Storm in your Life*

John R. Coleman - April 15, 2022 at 12:11 PM

AA

“ *Thank you for Always being the same beautiful person from the time I was a little girl to adult your beautiful smile will be missed. I love you*

Alicia Akrie-Williams - April 14, 2022 at 11:24 PM

DB

“ *Dr. Grant Burrell lit a candle in memory of Cleola Crump Wright*



Dr. Grant Burrell - April 14, 2022 at 01:34 PM

AB

“ *Antoinette Brown lit a candle in memory of Cleola Crump Wright*



Antoinette Brown - April 14, 2022 at 12:38 PM

SW

“ *Memories will last forever.
Love
Sarah Washington (cousin from Texas)*



S. Washington - April 14, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - April 14, 2022 at 08:17 AM