



## Matthews W. Wright

October 15, 1946 - February 19, 2026

Matthews W. Wright, son of the late James Charles Wright and Nellie Matthews Wright, was born at Provident Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, on October 15, 1946. He was a dedicated community leader, educator, visionary consultant, and father. Mr. Wright passed away on February 19, 2026. He was 79 years old.

Matthews attended Public School #103 and Booker T. Washington Junior High School and was a member of the class of 1964 at Frederick Douglass High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science and two master's degrees, one in Special Education and the other in Criminal Justice, from Coppin State College, now Coppin State University.

### A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Matthews, affectionately known as Billy, led a life defined by a profound commitment to his community and a tireless drive to empower others. As the President and founder of Precisely Wright! and Associates, a minority consulting firm established in 1998, he provided strategic training and development to organizations across the United States and Europe. His work focused on "Values Clarification," community diversity, and capacity building, principles he believed were essential to a purposeful and meaningful life.

Matthews' impact on Baltimore was extensive. He served as a Commissioner

on the Baltimore Planning Commission from 2002 to 2008, where he helped shape the city's physical and master planning. From 1990 to 1998, he was the Director of Community Services & Grants for the Associated Black Charities (ABC). During that time, he managed millions in grant awards and hosted the community-focused radio show "First Up!" on WLIF/WJFK FM.

## HEART OF AN EDUCATOR

Education was the cornerstone of Matthews' career. His time at Coppin was legendary. In 1968, as a student government officer, he helped lead a successful four-week campus boycott that challenged inequities in state funding for HBCUs, securing the institution's future.

Matthews spent decades fostering others' growth. During his career, he served as an Adjunct Instructor at UMBC, teaching capstone courses in management and administration. He also served as a Program Officer for the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education, overseeing \$24M in federal grants for public charter schools.

Matthews' career also included a stint as a training Specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Baltimore Office) and as a Counselor at Bowie State University, where he assisted students in the 'Opportunities Unlimited' program. He began his career as an elementary school teacher in Baltimore City.

## FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY

A proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Matthews embodied the fraternity's principles of brotherhood and service for over 50 years. He was an active student on campus and a member of the first line of Coppin's Delta Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

While at Coppin, he met his late wife, Beverly Scriber. The couple married on

May 21, 1977, and together raised two children, Aisha and Jason. He was a deep conversationalist with a great sense of humor and a positive outlook on life. Matthews knew no strangers and engaged in a way that left a lasting, meaningful impression. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, baking bread, social justice, hand dancing, learning, writing, and fellowshiping with friends and his family. He believed we were spirits living a human experience.

He leaves to mourn: daughter Aisha Wright-Burke (Jenero Burke) of Sandy Springs, Georgia; son, Jason Wright (partner Lora Lee), Harrison, New Jersey; nieces Michelle Washington, Wanda Williams, Sharon Parker, Ryan Case (partner Sean Hanley); nephews, Vernon Dorsey (Arlene), Edward Parker, Cornell Parker (Toni), Webster Phillips, III, Christian Case and Jeremy Case, all of Baltimore; sisters-in-law, Clarice Phillips, Elizabeth Case (Raymund); as well as a host of loving grand nephews, grand nieces, relatives and loving friends.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

MAR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Matthews W. Wright*



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**March Funeral Homes** - March 02 at 09:40 AM

LC

*My deepest condolences and sympathies to the family and friends of Matthew (Billy) Wright. A great gentleman committed and dedicated to the success of all he encountered, never a harsh word. Thank you for being a friend, Cager*

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**lcc** - March 07 at 12:33 PM

JW

“ *Billy and I worked together at Bowie State University (then College) over 50 years ago. I remember Billy, Mike, Doris, Clovis, and our other co-workers working hard and laughing together on campus and after work. We were young, bright, and full of energy. Glad to see you continued doing good. Billy...well done! Juanita Givens Wingo*

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**Juanita Givens Wingo** - March 07 at 11:36 AM

SJ

“ Uncle Billy, I find it hard to believe that this day is here. I will always remember the prayer and blessings that you gave at birthday party last year in August. I will cherish the thought that you ask me for my Sweet Potato Pie Recipe:). Gone but never forgotten, Rest in HIS ARMS. Sharon JC

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**Sharon JC** - March 07 at 11:10 AM

MS

“ Billy Wright was a kind brilliant soul An incredible teacher with a wonderful laugh. We spent a lot of time together years back at Antioch University. I'm sorry we lost touch, I'm sorry the world lost him and my heart is with his family!!

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**Marc B Steiner** - March 07 at 07:42 AM

CM

“ Matt is a Baltimore treasure who will long be remembered by the many people whose lives he touched.

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**C. Melvin** - March 07 at 07:29 AM

JM

“ Janet M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthews W. Wright.

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**Janet M.** - March 06 at 10:23 PM

HP

“ *Howie Nagler, Friend of Cornell Parker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthews W. Wright.*



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**Howie Nagler, Friend of Cornell Parker** - March 06 at 12:26 PM

HP

“ *Howie Nagler, Friend of Cornell Parker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthews W. Wright.*

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**Howie Nagler, Friend of Cornell Parker** - March 06 at 12:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthews W. Wright.*



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March 06 at 10:50 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthews W. Wright.*

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March 06 at 10:50 AM

LT

“ Lockheed Martin, PTD Lab Management Team purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Matthews W. Wright.



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**Lockheed Martin, PTD Lab Management Team** - March 05 at 01:55 PM

LT

“ Lockheed Martin, PTD Lab Management Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthews W. Wright.

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**Lockheed Martin, PTD Lab Management Team** - March 05 at 01:55 PM

MC

“ Martena C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthews W. Wright.

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**Martena C.** - March 01 at 11:32 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthews W. Wright.



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February 23 at 10:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthews W. Wright.

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February 23 at 10:27 PM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 23 at 03:47 PM