



## Wanda Lee Wright

April 28, 1931 - March 28, 2024

Wanda Lee Wright, 92, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Thursday, March 28, 2024 at Mercy Hospital Southeast.

She was born April 28, 1931 in Piggott, AR to Ernest Smart and Minnie Lewis Smart.

She and Walter James "Buddy" Wright were married February 12, 1950 at Greenway, Arkansas. He preceded her in death February 10, 2022.

She was a graduate of Greenway High School. She received a degree in Education from Southeast Missouri State University and attended Mississippi State and Ole Miss and received a masters degree with a specialist in reading.

She was an elementary reading teacher in the Cape Girardeau schools. She and her husband operated Wright Properties, from which she never retired, as was still taking care of at the time of her passing.

Wanda enjoyed square dancing and bowling leagues. She loved hosting parties, especially Christmas, with family and friends.

Wanda and Walter were proud members of a reunion group made up of

husbands and wives of the US Marine Corps 4th Battalion. They called themselves the "Fighting Fourth." For years members would host a reunion in their hometown. Wanda and Walter were very proud to host the 2012 reunion in Cape Girardeau.

She was a member of Centenary Methodist Church.

Survivors include her brother, Ivan Smart of Piggott, AR; sister, Katherine (Jack) Webb of Clarksville, TN; four nephews, Mark Webb of Clarksville, TN, Steve Webb of Winchester, TN, John Webb of Brentwood, TN, and Shannon Smart of Cherry Valley, AR; niece, Mindy Carter of Greenway, AR; several great-nieces and great-nephews; two brothers-in-law, Don (Peggy) Wright of St. Louis, MO and Gordon (Sheila) Wright of Cape Girardeau, MO; four sisters-in-law, Nellie Sanders of Memphis, TN, Leola Rebstock of Kennett, MO, Patricia Causey of Sikeston, MO, and Jodi (Doug) Nesslein of Cape Girardeau, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Walter James Wright; daughter, Deborah Lynn Wright; brother-in-law, Frank Wright; and sister-in-law, Sammye Ratliff.

Friends may call 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 1:00 pm Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Mike Parry officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Bible Missionary Church or Fruitland Community Church.



# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

APR 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Walter and wanda Wright were like the parents I never had I can never do enough for them so many lunches, visits ,mowing...lol everything a happy time there is not enough room for me to go on so Walter and wanda we love you more than you no and we will see you when we get there*

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**Joseph Favaloro** - April 04, 2024 at 07:31 AM

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“ *She was my boss and my landlord!*

*She inspired me to go back to school and I will forever thank her for always encouraging me to do better !!!*

*Mrs Wanda you will be missed...*

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**Andreta long** - April 03, 2024 at 11:59 AM

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“ *I rented from her years still one her renters. She was so nice to me when i needed help .Oh Mrs Wanda you will be missed....deepest sympathy to the family....She called me her other Wanda...🥹  
Wanda Smith..Cape Girardeau Mo*

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**Wanda Smith** - April 01, 2024 at 10:32 AM