



Mr Richard Paul Wright

June 8, 1940 - June 30, 2025

Richard Paul Wright
Carthage, MS

Richard Paul “Pop” Wright passed away peacefully on Monday, June 30, at 85 years of age. Born on June 8, 1940, he was son to Hoyt and Wilma Coffey Wright and younger brother to William Hoyt, all of whom predeceased him. Paul was a lifelong resident of Carthage. Effects of the dementia that was diagnosed in the spring moved quickly to claim his body, but not his spirit. Before anyone knew what a “Girl Dad” was, Pop was it. He showed up for his girls, extended family, friends, and his faith for decades at dance and piano recitals, pageants, band concerts and competitions, sharing the bounty from his garden and grill, smoothing out a driveway, taking his seat in the choir at the Methodist church, driving someone to and from worship, tending to the memorial garden.

Pop’s official occupations as mail carrier, farmer, and firefighter were insight into who he was – caregiver, protector, teacher, caretaker. He embodied these roles in his relationships as a Dad, husband, friend, proud hometown citizen and man of faith.

He loved with all his heart: his wife Pat, his girls Kelli (Doug), Kim, Kristi (Bill), Paula (Mac), his grandchildren Kit, Claire (Ty), Elizabeth (Chance), Katy, Bill (Haley) and John. He loved the generations of Red Bone Hounds he bred, trained and hunted, the livestock and random critters he owned or claimed,

the outdoors, and his church.

Pop never wanted to be the center of attention, but he didn't miss an opportunity to be in the middle of the action. He relished the loud, energetic, overlapping family conversations during holiday meal preparation and summer get togethers.

Funeral services will be private. To remember Paul, please consider a donation to the music ministries at Carthage Methodist Church or doing an act of kindness for a neighbor.

Our cup overflows with thanks for all the helpers who walked with us and guided us over the past months. Paul has picked up his hymnal and is taking his seat in the cloud of witnesses. Grace and peace to our precious Pop. (And yes, Pop, we WILL feed the cats!)

The family will welcome friends for visitation from 4:00-5:30 pm on Wednesday, July 2 at Wilcox Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Wilcox Funeral Home
106 S Jordan Street
Carthage, MS 39051
(601) 267-8081
wilcoxfh@netdoor.com
<https://www.wilcoxfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

DT

“ *A good friend, husband, father & Godly man; God bless his family and our memories*

Donnie Ray Thomas - July 02, 2025 at 10:34 AM

YF

“ *Your Alorica Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr Richard Paul Wright.*



Your Alorica Family - July 01, 2025 at 07:39 PM

BW

“ *Will miss him dearly! Loved singing in the choir with him. He is singing with the Angels now. 🙏🙏*

Betty Watkins - July 01, 2025 at 03:23 PM

RC

“ *Ronald & Linda Watkins, David A Costa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Richard Paul Wright.*

Ronald & Linda Watkins, David A Costa - July 01, 2025 at 11:49 AM

RC

“ Ronald & Linda Watkins, David A Costa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr Richard Paul Wright.



Ronald & Linda Watkins, David A Costa - July 01, 2025 at 11:49 AM

MF

“ Paul was one of the first people I met here in Carthage and he remained a great friend. My heart is missing a piece today!

Marsha C Frederick - July 01, 2025 at 11:28 AM

SL

“ "Miss Pat," Kelli, Kim, Kristi, and Paula, there are no words to convey how special Paul (and all of you) are to me; I love you all and am so sorry. You know you're in my prayers. As far a memory, there are so many--but one of my first and best is getting to ride in the mail truck! Otherwise, his infectious smile and laugh, and his awesome hugs will forever be close to my heart! Love you all so much, Sharon

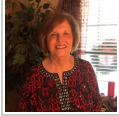
Sharon Wright Long - June 30, 2025 at 06:59 PM

RW

“ So sorry to hear this. prayers for Pat and his Family ❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏



Rita Watkins - June 30, 2025 at 12:32 PM



My sincere sympathy to Pat and all of the family during this sad time in the loss of Paul

Linda Vowell - June 30, 2025 at 05:17 PM



We have lost a good man and Carthage Citizen. We appreciate his friendship and service to our community.

Monte Ladner - June 30, 2025 at 08:18 PM