



Mr. Dotson Wright

September 17, 1928 - April 13, 2013

Dotson Wright, died unexpectedly April 13th 2013. He was born September 17th 1928. Dotson was the owner and operator of Rollin' Pin Bakery for 40 years. He was a former president of The South Eastern Retail Bakers Association and he achieved the title of Master Baker. He was former president of Lion's Club North and served on the board of the YMCA for many years. He was very active in First Baptist Church of Asheville, leading Bible classes, Training Union, youth ministry and he participated in mission trips. He taught baking at AB Tech and shared his love and talent of the profession with many. Dotson was an athlete and professional boxer. His ring name was Dodo. Championed 54 of 78 fights in the southeast region. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carolyn Justice Wright and five daughters and their families, Rebecca Wright Hart (Richard) and their children, Anita and Callie, Susan Wright Thurman (Bill) and their children, Stephanie (Aaron Wiener) and Celia, Jann Wright Felder (Alton) and her son, Michael Keleher, Martha Wright Ranches (Es) and their children, Allyson, Emily and Anthony, Eleanor Wright McGeary (John) and their children, Addison, Madeline and Owen.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at First Baptist Church of Asheville with Dr. Guy Sayles and Rev. Leah Brown officiating. Private entombment will follow. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:30 PM, Tuesday at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Asheville or Four Seasons Palliative Care.

Cemetery Details

Pisgah View Memorial Park

US Hwy. 1923
Candler, NC 28715

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Asheville
5 Oak Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Dotson Wright*



Morris Funeral Home - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Dotson Wright*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss.
I will always remember no matter how busy he was, he always had time to smile
and talk to customers. One of the hardest working families I have even known.
I am sorry to just be hearing about this and writing to you so late.*

Bruce Chandley

Bruce - November 19, 2013 at 10:42 PM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.

Ana - June 01, 2013 at 05:49 PM

JG

“ Dotson's funeral service and video says it all - such a lovely family. There are many fond memories going back to the early 80's when we shared breakfast with my husband and Thelma and Mac at the Rollin' Pin. Dotson is at peace now but will surely be missed.
Judy Brown Griffin

Judy B. Griffin - April 18, 2013 at 02:36 PM

AB

“ I am so sorry to hear today that Dotson Wright has passed away. My condolences and hugs to his extended family. I remember going with my mother to see "Mr. Rolling Pin" in the bakery when it was near Beaver Lake.....I was a teenager.and I remember the delicious treats and the warm hospitality found at Rolling Pin Bakery. Years later, I took my children there. Dotson left many friends who admired him and his family. He was a dear and wonderful man.
Audie Bard Bayer

Audie Bayer - April 18, 2013 at 01:51 PM

SP

“ We just learned of Mr. Wrights passing only today 04/17/2013 as we were not in Asheville. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I will always remember the hard work but fun times at Rollin Pin Bakery. The world has truly lost a great and really humorous man. Stom Peterson and Family.

STOM PETERSON - April 17, 2013 at 10:11 PM

DS

“ Dana Lerner Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dotson Wright



Dana Lerner Sparks - April 17, 2013 at 09:43 PM

DS

“ Please accept my love to ALL of you. Such sadness in all of Asheville over your loss. I was just home last week for Mom's funeral and I was telling my husband about the Bakery. As a matter of fact, I asked Lisa at Morris Funeral Home if Rollin Pin was still there because that's where I wanted to get some yummy baked goods for our service & for myself to take back to Atlanta. Mr. Wright made every single one of my birthday cakes until I graduated high school! He also made all the delicious goodies for Passover & Thanksgiving for my Grandparents and Parents. Such wonderful memories of ALL of you as well. My favorite were the spice bars!!! Eleanor, please feel an extra special hug from me to you!

May fond memories comfort and sustain you all throughout your grief. Mr. Wright will forever be remembered as part of my youth and in my birthday photos.... in EVERYONE'S birthday cake photos!

With much love,
Dana Lerner Sparks

Dana Lerner Sparks - April 17, 2013 at 09:43 PM

JD

“ Dotson was a wonderful man and Boss, the days working at the bakery are fond memories, not only was he a good baker, he had a quick left hook that kept us in line. He was and is a Great example of a hard working Christian Man, I'm so blessed to have none him.
Joe Durner

Joe Durner - April 17, 2013 at 07:14 AM

GB

“*Dotson was a great man! I worked at Rollin Pin for three years in my high school years and feel blessed to have had Dotson as a mentor. I learned from him many essentials of business in addition to how to prepare coffeecakes, clean dishes and refill flour bins.*

He was a great supporter of youthful workers, and we guys were happy to think that we helped balance the abundance of women in his live -- not really possible, but we did know better.

It was great that my daughter and I ran into Dotson and his family serendipitously at the Greek Festival Luncheon several years ago when we visited Asheville. I was so pleased and proud to introduce my youngest daughter to Dotson, a second 'papa' to me.

Our prayers for the Wright family in this time of loss. We will miss you Dotson!

George Baumgarten, Cohasset MA

George Baumgarten - April 17, 2013 at 12:02 AM

SA

“*MOM & ADOPTED FAMILY SUSAN 'SIS ' I am so sorry for the family lost you have my heart & prayes YOU are in my prayes I love all of you I'm with you in spirit sorry I couldn't be there in person !*

sandykivalik - April 16, 2013 at 08:53 PM

JM

“*Hugs of support and love to you Carolyn and your family. Dotson's legacy will continue at FBCA and in the hearts of so many that he has touched. You are loved and lifted in prayer.*

JoAnnah Michael

JoAnnah Michael - April 16, 2013 at 06:49 PM

PN

“ To the entire Wright Family, My heart is sadden by the loss of Mr. Wright! May the Lord comfort you all. I have the fondest of memories of Mr. Wright and all of his yummy goodies at the bakery. Please know that you all are in my prayers.

Pamela Carpenter Nicholson and family

Pam Nicholson - April 16, 2013 at 04:39 PM

SP

“ Stephanie, Aaron and the Wright Family... We are so sorry for your loss. Dotson had great advise and expertise that he kindly shared when we joined the SRBA. He will be remembered so fondly by so many. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you.

*Sandy & Gary Polletta
Edgewood Bakery, Jacksonville, FL*

Sandy Polletta - April 16, 2013 at 03:36 PM

TT

“ Carolyn and family, we remember frequent visits to Rollin Pin for goodies for ourselves and children. Many times our son took doughnuts to class! We miss the place and the people and now we will miss Dotson, too. Our thoughts and prayers are for you during these days.

*Our love,
Tim and Betty Towery*

Tim and Betty Towery - April 16, 2013 at 01:29 PM

NS

“ *BECCA, RICHARD, CALLIE & ANITA and Wright Family... We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!*

NICHOLS STORE - April 16, 2013 at 10:00 AM

BF

“ *Mrs. Wright and Family,*

Dotson and you were a godsend to my family. You took John in and helped mold him as a baker and accepted him as part of your mountain family.

Dotson's songs of courage, strength, and family will always linger in our mountain valleys. His spirit will be felt in the mountains of love and guidance that he lovingly bestowed on those whose life he touched. Throughout the many years John worked for Dotson, you touched our family.

May you always walk in the beauty of life's joy. We love you.

Barbara Fedock

Barbara Fedock - April 16, 2013 at 09:16 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Dotson Wright.*



April 16, 2013 at 08:45 AM

DB

“ To Jan & Family.....I remember your Dad well, and enjoyed the Bakery whenever I could. May The Lord comfort this Family and lift you up.

*Dottie Burge (Braswell)
Charleston Area, SC
AHS 1972-1973*

Dottie Burge - April 16, 2013 at 07:22 AM

PV

“ The YMCA will feel a huge void not having Dotson cross our doorways. His smile, gentle heart and positive interactions with our staff and members will be missed. As a regular at the Y, Dotson understood the importance of being active both physically, spiritually and socially and made the most of his visits. He valued and supported our work in the community and could always be counted on to impact that work in a quiet and meaningful way.

Carolyn and family, we all hope you will find comfort in knowing that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. The staff, members and volunteers of your YMCA feel your loss, but know Dotson will always be a part of our Y and the communities we serve.

Paul Vest

Paul Vest - April 16, 2013 at 07:09 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Dotson Wright.



April 15, 2013 at 07:42 PM

NR

“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Dotson gave my teenage son his first job in high school. We have good memories of all the wonderful times and goodies from the bakery. We are thankful for Dotson and his family and know that Dotson is now with his Heavenly Father and God will wrap his arms around his family and give them peace at this time.

Bill and Nancy Rathburn

Nancy Rathburn - April 15, 2013 at 05:07 PM

AR

“ Mr. Wright has been a friend of my family for years, and was my first boss. My dad worked for him when he was young, and Mr. and Mrs. Wright were gracious enough to hire me as well as both of my sisters as our first employer when we were in highschool. Some of my best memories were working for him along with Mrs. Wright and their sweet daughters at the bakery. I am so thankful that he was a part of my life. I will forever hold those memories deep in my heart. My heart is sad knowing that such a wonderful many of the community is no longer here, but thankful he is with the Lord in his forever home. My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Wright, the girls and all the family - I hold you all in my heart. Much Love, Aimee (Shores) Rogers

Aimee (Shores) Rogers - April 15, 2013 at 10:51 AM

MD

“*Dotson was a great and giving human being and a friend to everyone. I got to know him when I had the honor and privilege of serving with him on the RBA board. He was a baker's baker. May he rest in peace. My condolences to his family.*

Matt D'Agostino, CMB

*Former Owner, La Bonbonniere Bake Shoppes, Edison, NJ 08817
RBA President, 1996*

Matt D'Agostino - April 15, 2013 at 10:25 AM

JC

“*Dotson and his wife were friends with my parents. They had many things in common but one main one was their love for the bakery industry and love of family. Dotson was a baker that knew his "stuff". He would take his time, knowledge and efforts to be sure other bakers had an opportunity to learn from him. He and my dad spent lots of time sharing formulas (back in the days of typewriters and mail!) ... many things we have in our shop today is a result of Dotson and his willingness to share. He started a wonderful bakery, Carolina Mountain Bakery that he was so proud would continue by family. Hard for a multi generation to get along and run a business ... but he saw it happen with his shop ... know that he left this world with great pleasure about that. God's blessings to Stephanie, Aaron and rest of family. My HIS arms be wrapped around you during this time. love ken and judy cagle, high point, nc*

judy cagle - April 15, 2013 at 10:03 AM

DE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time. May God offer you peace through the coming days.*

Love, Gary and Denise Elliott



Denise Elliott - April 15, 2013 at 09:29 AM

PB

Jan and Family

My Thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Mr Wright was a blessing to me. He is one of the reasons that I love catering and have been in foodservice for 20 odd years. I will always have great memories of working for the Rolling pin Bakery and many a long evening Catering as well. Jan I think of you often I will be praying for you in your time of grief.

Paula Palmer Brazil

Dalton Ga

Paula Palmer Brazil - April 17, 2013 at 10:54 AM