



## Anita Marie Wright

September 13, 1957 - April 9, 2016

Anita Marie Wright, age 58 years, a resident of Joppa and a former resident of the Simpson community, passed away Saturday evening, April 9, 2016, at 7:29 PM at her home.

Anita was born September 13, 1957 in Vienna, Illinois. She was the 11th child born to Thomas Elmer and Marie (Shoemaker) Newton.

Anita was united in marriage to David H. Wright on June 14, 1975 at the Simpson Baptist Church. He survives.

In addition to her husband, Anita is survived by: her 3 sons – Joshua K. Wright (and friend, Nora Gass) of Eddyville, Jason L. (his wife, Sherri) Wright of the Reevesville community, and Joe D. (his fiancé, Ashley Merideth) Wright of Simpson; 4 grandsons, who affectionately called her “Ga-Ga” – Ryan, Elijah, Samuel and Tristan; 10 brothers and sisters – Cliff (his wife, Janice) Newton, Harry (his wife, Linda) Newton, and Ron Newton all of Indiana, Sharon (her husband, Dorris) Thomas of rural Golconda, David (his wife, Tonya) Newton of Texas, Joy Caplinger of Energy, Jean (her husband, Bud) Larrison-Kerr of Mt. Vernon, Susie (her husband, Floyd) Summers of Goreville, Tom (his wife, Diana) Newton and Anita’s twin sister – Gayla Ruth Warren of Mt. Vernon & Gayla’s friend, Andy Bielong of Ashley; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends including her church family at

the Joppa Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, Anita was preceded in death by a sister-in-law – Charlene Newton, a brother-in-law – Troy Eddleman, and an aunt – Ruby Dungan.

Anita was a 1975 graduate of Vienna High School. She had worked at a number of area restaurants as a waitress and cook but most recently was employed at Rube's Diner in Metropolis.

Anita was honored to be a "Pastor's Wife." She was a faithful member of the Joppa Missionary Baptist Church, where David serves as pastor. She had served as the church custodian. Anita loved to sing in the church choir and with the praise team. Anita was also served as a member of the BYW, or Baptist Young Women, during her tenure at Joppa Missionary Baptist.

Anita was devoted to her family and loved spending time with them. She especially cherished the time she spent with her beloved grandsons, particularly swimming and pool time. Anita is remembered as a true example of a Christian wife, mom, and "ga-ga."

Anita enjoyed gardening, canning, occasional "get-aways" to Okawville, and, like her mother, collected dolls.

A Funeral Service honoring the life of Anita Wright will be conducted Wednesday morning, April 13, 2016, at 11 AM at the Joppa Missionary Baptist Church, 215 Pearl Street, Joppa, Illinois. Pastor Frank Forthman and Pastor Terry Mathis will officiate.

Burial will be in the Rock Springs Cemetery, north of Simpson. Pastor David Dyer will officiate at the committal service.

Public visitation will be held Tuesday evening, April 12, 2016, from 5 PM – 7 PM and from 10 AM – 11 AM Wednesday at the Joppa Missionary Baptist Church. The family will have a private visitation time from 4 PM - 5 PM Tuesday, prior to the church being opened to the public.

Memorials may be made to the Rock Springs Cemetery Fund, c/o Roy Kerley, 8335 State Route 147, Simpson, Illinois 62985.

# Cemetery Details

## Rock Springs Cemetery

Simpson, IL 62985

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Joppa Missionary Baptist Church  
215 Pearl Street  
Joppa, IL

## Visitation

APR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Joppa Missionary Baptist Church  
215 Pearl Street  
Joppa, IL

## Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Joppa Missionary Baptist Church  
215 Pearl Street  
Joppa, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Anita Marie Wright*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Cindy Lauderdale Arthur lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



**Cindy Lauderdale Arthur** - April 19, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *Josh,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your mother was very kind and sweet woman.*



*Diane and Kenny Baker*

**Diane & Kenny Baker** - April 13, 2016 at 09:26 AM



*Lots of prayers for Josh Jason Joe and David also Samuel Elijah Tristan and Ryan wright god bless your family sorry for your loss Anita was a very sweet and wonderful and loved her children and grandchildren rest in peace*

**Stephanie** - November 23, 2016 at 11:22 PM

WM

“ David, Thinking and praying for you and your family.  
Bill McGowan

William W McGowan - April 12, 2016 at 07:43 PM

WM

“ David, so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sent with love. Gale and Phyllis McGowan

William W McGowan - April 12, 2016 at 07:40 PM

Joy  
Dry

“ Anita was an amazing woman. Always had a smile for me. She was and is an inspiration to me. She and Bro. David welcomed me into Joppa Baptist Church with open arms and warm hearts. I will miss her terribly. I am blessed to have had Anita in my life.

Joy Dry - April 12, 2016 at 05:23 PM

TS

“ Trina Slaughter lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright



Trina Slaughter - April 11, 2016 at 07:19 PM

BR

“ The butterfly is a sign of new life. Anita has now been given that gift. She shall spread her new wings and soar through paradise.



Brandi Richardson - April 11, 2016 at 12:42 PM

VG

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Anita, I have known her since first grade and she was a dear friend. She was a very sweet and thoughtful person who loved God and her family dearly. I will miss her. Thoughts and prayers goes out to her husband David and her children. May God bless you all. Vicki Cavitt Gordon

Vicki Cavitt Gordon - April 11, 2016 at 11:25 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anita Marie Wright.



April 11, 2016 at 10:06 AM

AB

“ Anita Bullock lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright



Anita Bullock - April 11, 2016 at 09:05 AM

JM

“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright



Jeannie McCall - April 10, 2016 at 11:29 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Marie Wright.*



April 10, 2016 at 10:57 PM



“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



**Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney** - April 10, 2016 at 10:26 PM



“ *Loved watching Anita dance and laugh with her sisters at the family reunions. She is dancing now with the best. She will be missed.*



**Jill Farrand Newton** - April 10, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ *Wayne And Kathy Jennings lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



**Wayne and Kathy Jennings** - April 10, 2016 at 09:16 PM



“ *She always had such a pretty smile. My prayers are with your whole family.*

**Sondra Goins** - April 10, 2016 at 08:54 PM

HW

“ *May God comfort each of you until you see her again.*

*Much Love, Keith & Holly Wilson*



**Holly Wilson** - April 10, 2016 at 08:35 PM

MN

“ *Marilyn Nash lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



**Marilyn Nash** - April 10, 2016 at 08:33 PM

JB

“ *James Bromley lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



**James Bromley** - April 10, 2016 at 08:20 PM

MF

“ *Michael & Shelley Friend lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Michael & Shelley Friend - April 10, 2016 at 07:57 PM

DB

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Prayers for her family. Such a sweet and loving lady.*



Dorothy Bacon - April 10, 2016 at 07:55 PM

RN

“ *I will always remember our walks from the old farm house up to the paved road and back with Greg Newton and Gayla. A long walk with a lot of laughs along the way. It was a great way to be with Anita and Gayla and I think it helped each of us to grow up in a special way, I will miss Anita and the special person she was to all of us.*

Rick Newton - April 10, 2016 at 07:39 PM

SW

“ *Sean & Falon Whitnel lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Sean & Falon Whitnel - April 10, 2016 at 06:40 PM

SE

“ Sabrina And Mike Ethridge lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright



Sabrina and Mike Ethridge - April 10, 2016 at 06:21 PM

JP

“ David, Our sympathy to you and the boys, Anita was a sweet lady. Jerry, Judy and Jay.

Jerry, Judy and Jay Phelps - April 10, 2016 at 06:16 PM

JP

“ Jerry, Judy And Jay Phelps lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright



Jerry, Judy and Jay Phelps - April 10, 2016 at 06:14 PM

Amy Pryor

“ Amy Pryor lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright



Amy Pryor - April 10, 2016 at 05:52 PM

Amy Pryor

So sorry for your loss from Amy pryor and family (caplingers)

Amy Pryor - April 10, 2016 at 05:56 PM

GA

“ *Gayla lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



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**Gayla** - April 10, 2016 at 05:18 PM

GA

“ *Anita is my twin sister. She was the most kind and loving woman I have ever known. The love she had for her husband David their sons and grandson's as well as her siblings and church family can never be measured just with words. She was beautiful inside and out. She loved God so much and was a devoted christian. Anita was such a blessing to so many. I miss you sissy but my heart will always feel your presence. Gayla*

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**Gayla** - April 10, 2016 at 05:10 PM

GC

“ *God needed a very special lady in heaven. I am so sorry we had to give her up.  
Knew Anita from school days at VHS. Praying for Bro. David and Family.*

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**Glenna M. Collie** - April 10, 2016 at 04:47 PM

KH

“ *KathyBlack Holt lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



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**KathyBlack Holt** - April 10, 2016 at 04:24 PM

SM

“ *Sheila Merideth lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Sheila Merideth - April 10, 2016 at 04:18 PM

FB

“ *Faye Bowman lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Faye Bowman - April 10, 2016 at 03:35 PM

CT

“ *Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Carla Tapley - April 10, 2016 at 03:10 PM

CW

“ *Clearon And Jane Ross Wright lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Clearon And Jane Ross Wright - April 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

CW

*I rode horses by her Mom and Dad's house many times when I was a child. We were not close neighbors, but neighbors we were. Jane Ross Wright*

Clearon&Jane Ross Wright - April 10, 2016 at 03:09 PM

DM

“*Bro. David and family, You are in our prayers as we ask God to comfort your hearts.  
Anita had a beautiful smile and a loving spirit. In love and fiend ship.  
Donnie and Jolene morris*

donnie and jolene morris - April 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“*David and boys, very sorry to hear this news. Regina and I will always treasure the years of friendship and fellowship at Pleasant Valley. Anita was a very talented individual and we loved to hear sing praises to our God! God bless all of you.*



Rick Allen - April 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“*Sherri Ethridge Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Sherri Ethridge Buchanan - April 10, 2016 at 02:15 PM

DH

“ *David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



David and Ellen Hill - April 10, 2016 at 12:19 PM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Elizabeth Kerley - April 10, 2016 at 11:51 AM

FK

“ *Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Floyd & Linda Koehler - April 10, 2016 at 10:17 AM

KH

“ *Kenny & Nina Hall lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



Kenny & Nina Hall - April 10, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ *Rebecca Stone lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



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**Rebecca Stone** - April 10, 2016 at 09:19 AM

KD

“ *Kathy And Rodger Davis lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



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**Kathy and Rodger Davis** - April 10, 2016 at 08:55 AM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



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**Rich and Karen Brumley** - April 10, 2016 at 08:40 AM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



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**Mary Lou Hynes** - April 10, 2016 at 08:22 AM

JB

“ *Jim & Pat Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Anita Marie Wright*



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**Jim & Pat Blankenship** - April 10, 2016 at 06:46 AM



“ *To the Wright Family , from my family to yours...you have our deepest condolences. Love & Prayers, Barbara Averitt & Jimmie Pennington*



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**Barbara Soulsby** - April 10, 2016 at 05:48 AM