



## Karen Sue Wright

August 1, 1952 - November 15, 2023

Karen Sue Wright, age 71 years, a resident of rural Harrisburg, Illinois, passed away Wednesday evening, November 15, 2023, at 11:05 PM at SIH – Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

Karen was born August 1, 1952 in Metropolis, Illinois. She was the daughter of Maurice and Juanita (Bailey) Wells.

On July 4, 1976, Karen was united in marriage to Charles T. Wright at the Cedar Grove Social Brethren Church near Eddyville. He survives.

In addition to her husband, Karen is survived by: their son – Matthew B. Wright of Harrisburg; her mother – Juanita Wells Hardin of Harrisburg; a brother – Jerry (his wife, Zena) Wells of the Glendale community, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, other relatives and many friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, Maurice Wells.

Karen was a 1970 graduate of Pope County Community High School. She earned her Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) certification from Southeastern Illinois College at Harrisburg. Karen had worked as a nurse at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. She served as a personal caregiver at the

Golden Circle Senior Citizen Center in Golconda and later worked as a secretary for Vivian Schuchardt in Vivian's Heating and Air Conditioning business.

Karen was a lifelong member of the Cedar Grove Social Brethren Church in rural Pope County Illinois. She had served as the church pianist for over 60 years. Karen and Charles were also the church custodians for a number of years. Karen loved gospel music and had served as the pianist for the Bailey Family Quartet and later for the Harmony Five Gospel Quartet.

Karen and Charles enjoyed fishing together. Karen also enjoyed collecting teddy bears, Santa Claus figurines, and teapots. She cherished time spent with family and friends.

A service honoring the life of Karen Sue Wright will be conducted Saturday afternoon, November 18, 2023, at 12 Noon, at the Cedar Grove Social Brethren Church, 368 Cedar Grove Road, Simpson, Illinois 62985.

Pastor Mandy Curry, Karen's niece, along with Pastor Jerry Wells, Karen's brother, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday morning, November 18, 2023, from 10 AM – 12 Noon at Cedar Grove Social Brethren Church.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Cedar Grove Cemetery Fund and may be left in the care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Cedar Grove Road  
Simpson, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Grove Social Brethren Church  
368 Cedar Grove Road  
Simpson, IL, IL  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com

## Service

NOV 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

WS

“ I sincerely wish to express my condolences to the family of Colonel Wright. I had the HONOUR of having known this lady and fellow service member. She and her exec kept me head up and two feet on the ground during my career ending idiosyncratic seizures in 1992. She is why I' still here.  
Sue, may you forever be in the hands of the Lord.

REV., DR., WILLIAM M STEVENS, ThD., PhD., CAPTAIN, USAF ,  
RET

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**William Stevens** - April 10 at 02:32 PM

TC

“ Karen was a kind and loving woman. The first time I met her was in church. She had the best smile. Prayers for her family and friends.



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**Tammy Clemans** - December 24, 2023 at 07:46 PM

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“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Wright



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**Bobby Rentfro** - November 21, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Wright.*



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November 17, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Karen Sue. Everyone just loved being around her, such a happy person. and everyone love her. She was a sweet lady. She will be missed by many.*



*Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen*

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**c Joan Faulkner** - November 17, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Ellen And David Hill lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Wright*



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**Ellen and David Hill** - November 17, 2023 at 10:20 AM



*Karen's mother- Juniata Hardin one one of the greatest sweetest individuals,I met Karen but didn't really know her but her sweetness radiated as her dear mothers it's hard to believe she's gone may God hold her family so close to his heart with comfort and peace that only comes from him in Jesus name ISAIAH 26:3-4*

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**Alice Norene Beardsley** - November 17, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Wright.



November 16, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ She and I went to school together and there was never a sweeter, loving person than Karen. It makes my heart hurt that she is gone. We loved her!❤️

Carol Lehman - November 16, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Wright



Elizabeth Kerley - November 16, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ Nancy & Mike Solomon lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Wright



Nancy & Mike Solomon - November 16, 2023 at 06:34 PM

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*Thoughts and prayers for the family. I have a lot of memories and good times with Karen and my cousin Martha Ann, when we were growing up. Especially times at Cedar Grove church. Karen always had a smile and a heart of gold.*

Nancy & Mike Solomon - November 16, 2023 at 06:42 PM

PB

“ *Patsy Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Wright*



Patsy Blankenship - November 16, 2023 at 06:31 PM

SH

“ *What a great friend and neighbor Sis Karen was . She sure is certainly going to be missed by the many who knew her and loved her. Chuck , Matthew and Jerry our prayers are with you during this difficult time. I'm sure she has told the angels to move over cause I'm going to sing with a brand new voice. Make room around that beautiful throne because I'm home now the place grandma told me about in her big old rocking chair when I was young. God Bless all the family and friends.*

Stephen, Donna and Jamie Hunt - November 16, 2023 at 06:06 PM