



Katherine Ellen Wright

May 18, 1955 - July 8, 2025

Katherine (Kathy) Ellen Wright of Chestertown passed away on July 8, 2025 at Compass Regional Hospice. She was born on May 18, 1955 in Baltimore, Maryland. Her parents, Ashley Joseph Stairs, Sr. and Mary Jeanette Kahl Emmerson, her brothers Ashley J. Stairs, Jr. and Stephen Stairs, and her nephew Ashley J. Stairs, III, predecease her. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Warren Wright, her sister Carol Sturdivant (Ron) of FL and brother Michael Stairs, of FL, her son Jeremy D. Morrissette (Michele) of Sudlersville, step daughter Elizabeth Carr (Mark) of Church Hill, grandchildren Jay Carr, Marissa Morrissette, Andrew Carr, Kaitlyn Morrissette, Lyndsie Carr Bacchus (Alex), Nicholas Morrissette and Sydnee Carr and great grandchildren Layton & Loxley Bacchus.

Kathy grew up in Baltimore then in Cape St. Clair. She moved to Centreville in 1978 where she lived until moving to Chestertown in 2000. She earned her Master's degree in Human Services- Addictions from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. She worked for the Queen Anne's County Department of Health- Neilson Center in addictions treatment and prevention for over 30 years. Twenty-two years of her career were spent dedicated to working with addicts. Kathy spent the following years of her career building the capacity of the Queen Anne's County Alcohol and Drug Free Coalition. The Alcohol and Drug Free Coalition was established in 2001 and has been continuously operating since then. Kathy also wrote and secured numerous drug

prevention and educational grants to provide resources in Queen Anne's County for our youth. She was also very active in teen court for our county working with many local students.

Kathy enjoyed time spent with her grandchildren, family and many friends. She also enjoyed hosting family for holiday gatherings, gardening and sewing. She made the first day of school dresses and Christmas outfits for her granddaughters while they were young. She was also known to stitch up beloved childhood blankets and stuffed animals making them good as new.

Kathy's gifts were numerous but her greatest gift was making those around her feel supported and loved. We are all a bit better off for having known her.

On July 14, there will be two visitations (3:00 PM - 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM) at Fellows Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home 408 South Liberty Street Centreville MD 21617.

On July 15 at 11:00 AM, services will be held at the Centreville Methodist Church in Centreville 608 Church Hill Road Centerville MD 21617.

In place of flowers, contributions can be made to Celebrate Recovery at celebraterecovery@kimc.org

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Visitation

JUL 14. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Church Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 15, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine Ellen Wright.*



July 14, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ *Mike Horney sent a virtual gift in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright*



mike horney - July 14, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *thoughts and prayers to the family of my best friend jeremy from mike aka fuzzy*

mike horney - July 14, 2025 at 05:07 PM

LF

“ *Leslie Follum lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright*



Leslie Follum - July 14, 2025 at 12:56 PM

TV

“ *Terri Vlahos lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright*



terri vlahos - July 14, 2025 at 10:39 AM

JK

“ *Kathy will always hold a special place in my heart. She touched countless lives over the years with her kindness and warmth. My thoughts and prayers are with Warren and the entire family during this difficult time.*



Julie Kille - July 14, 2025 at 09:35 AM

EM

“ *Kathy was such a kind and giving person. She always greeted you with a smile and a willingness to connect to you in such a loving way. I really enjoyed working with Kathy over the years. She will truly be missed by so many. I want to extend my sincerest sympathies and condolences to her family.*



Elizabeth Miller - July 14, 2025 at 08:43 AM

KS

“ Kevin S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine Ellen Wright.

Kevin S. - July 14, 2025 at 08:12 AM

SR

“ Kathy was a champion to all who crossed her path. Bert and I felt she was instrumental in our later years of trying to heal after our son's death. She helped us find direction. She provided the compass to head us toward the Drug Free Coalition and Teen Court. She touched the lives of many and we are all changed.

Sharon Robertson - July 13, 2025 at 04:59 PM

BC

“ Prayers of comfort to all of the family at this difficult time. Many in the community have been blessed by the life well-lived by Kathy.



Billie Carroll - July 13, 2025 at 07:23 AM

BT

“ Bob, Cathy, & Brittany Timme purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Katherine Ellen Wright.



Bob, Cathy, & Brittany Timme - July 12, 2025 at 09:36 PM

BT

“ Bob, Cathy, & Brittany Timme planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine Ellen Wright.

Bob, Cathy, & Brittany Timme - July 12, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine Ellen Wright.



July 11, 2025 at 03:49 PM

LB

“ Condolences to the family.
Laura Bostic (Bus 54)



Laura Bostic - July 11, 2025 at 02:51 PM

CW

“ Carol Williamson lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Carol Williamson - July 11, 2025 at 01:39 PM

RC

“ Love and prayers to Mr. Warren and family during this difficult time. May the Lord comfort you and give you peace.



Regina Crossley - July 11, 2025 at 07:36 AM

SQ

“ Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Sara & David Quinn - July 10, 2025 at 10:10 PM

NS

“ Nan Severa lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Nan Severa - July 10, 2025 at 09:08 PM

NC

“ Nancy Connolly lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Nancy Connolly - July 10, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Katherine Ellen Wright.*



July 10, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katherine Ellen Wright.

July 10, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ *Sheila, Elijah, Seth Mariah and Natalie purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Katherine Ellen Wright.*



Sheila, Elijah, Seth Mariah and Natalie - July 10, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ *Beth Coppage And Family lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright*



Beth Coppage and family - July 10, 2025 at 12:51 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



June Clark - July 10, 2025 at 12:40 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - July 10, 2025 at 12:36 PM

GP

Warren and family: Gene and I were saddened to hear the passing of Kathy. I had the great privilege of working with her at the Drug and Alcohol Center in Centreville after I retired from the County. She was so great to work with and knew her work. She helped so many people and was inspired by many. Prayers to the family with many blessings and she will surely be missed in the Community. Her love for others will always remain. God bless and love, Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - July 10, 2025 at 12:40 PM

JA

“ Judy Adkins lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Judy Adkins - July 10, 2025 at 11:40 AM

HS

“ Henry Sabetti purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Katherine Ellen Wright.



Henry Sabetti - July 10, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ Michele Hampton lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Michele Hampton - July 10, 2025 at 12:58 AM

BE

“ Barbara Eakle lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Barbara Eakle - July 09, 2025 at 08:31 PM

CT

“ Warren,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Kathy, she gave of herself unconditionally to help so many with addictions. Keeping you in our prayers for strengthen, comfort and peace in the days ahead. May the love and care you showed to your dear wife and treasured memories comfort you.



Colleen Thomas - July 09, 2025 at 08:15 PM

NM

“ Sending prayers and condolences to her family and friends. She was such a sweet lady.

Nancy Morris - July 09, 2025 at 07:32 PM

IC

“ Iris Carter lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Iris Carter - July 09, 2025 at 07:31 PM

BY

“ All of QACHS. Kids and staff loved her! My best to the family. Bill and Jane Young

Bill Young - July 09, 2025 at 06:07 PM

KH

And helped through some incredibly hard times .. she was a very loving kind hearted lady... I am do blessed to have known her .. sorry for your family's loss

KATHY. HYDE - July 09, 2025 at 07:44 PM

SH

“ Sandra H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine Ellen Wright.

Sandra H. - July 09, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine Ellen Wright.*



July 09, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katherine Ellen Wright.

July 09, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ *Donna Clough lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright*



Donna Clough - July 09, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Dawn Jones lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright*



Dawn Jones - July 09, 2025 at 03:14 PM

JP

“ Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Janet Pauls - July 09, 2025 at 02:51 PM

KO

“ Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Kari Oulahyane - July 09, 2025 at 11:35 AM

CW

“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Katherine Ellen Wright



Centreville Methodist Women - July 09, 2025 at 09:08 AM

JM

“ Joe and Carol Millward purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Katherine Ellen Wright.



Joe and Carol Millward - July 08, 2025 at 09:18 PM

JM

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Joe and Carol Millward - July 08, 2025 at 09:18 PM

LW

“ Kathy was a superb human being and a champion of the recovery community as an addictions counselor and a friend of Bill W. She facilitated lifesaving addictions intervention for countless citizens. Many families thrive today because Kathy cared with all of her heart.

Linda Roy Walls - July 08, 2025 at 09:09 PM

JM

“ I worked with Kathy for years providing hope and treatment for teen drug abusers. She was instrumental in assisting the Queen Anne's school system in implementing a very effective Student Assistance Program. She was an amazing woman in all ways, and will be missed. My heart goes out to her husband, Warren. May he find comfort in knowing that Kathy had a life well lived and that there are hundreds of people who are better off for knowing her.

Joe Millward - July 08, 2025 at 09:06 PM