



## Robert Y. Wright

December 17, 2001

Robert Y. Wright of Easton, MD died on Monday, December 17, 2001 at William Hill Manor, Easton. He was 77.

Born in Cambridge, MD on August 28, 1924, he was the son of the late Earl Hunter and Louise Bowdle Wright. His family moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1926 when his father became controller for the Cadillac Division of General Motors. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1942 and attended Albion College for his freshman year. He joined the United States Navy in 1943 and Central Michigan College for Officer's training, as part of the Navy V-12 Program. He was commissioned as an Ensign from Notre Dame in 1944 and served for two years in the Marianas Islands and Okinawa regions as commanding officer of LST and LCT crafts. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1946, Lieutenant Wright returned to complete his degree in business from Wayne State University in Detroit. After graduation, he joined his brother (Hunter) and father in purchasing Huron Hardware and International Harvester dealership in Harbor Beach, Michigan.

June 25, 1949, he married the former Alma Argo, of St. Louis, MO. The couple moved to Easton in 1953, where he worked for the Young Men's Shop for two years. He then worked for Atkinson's Department Store in Easton as Store Manager, which was purchased in 1966 by R.E. Powell & Company, a chain of 13 stores in five states. Mr. Wright served on the Board of Directors

and was a Vice President for the corporation.

In 1969, he started Wright's Fabrics, which specialized in dress fabrics, drapery fabrics, sewing machines, and bed, bath and table linens until his semi-retirement in 1992. The store which has been in business for more than 30 years, is managed today by Mr. Wright's youngest son, Kevin.

Mr. Wright was an active member of the community during his years in Easton. He served as Easton Little League President for two one-year terms. He was President of the Downtown Easton Merchants Association on four different occasions. He helped establish the Chesapeake Credit Bureau and was President for the first ten years of operation. He also served a term as Chairman of the Downtown Planning Council and of the Easton Parking Commission. He was also active in Christ Episcopal Church, serving as a vestry member, budget committee chairman, and chairman of the Bishop's pastoral Relations Committee. He was a former member and officer of the Easton Lions Club, Easton Elks Lodge B.P.O. #1622, and a Mason with the Huron Lodge AF & AM in Badaxe, MI for fifty years.

In addition to his wife "Al", Mr. Wright is survived by two sons, Gary Wright and his wife Janet of Glenwood, MD and Kevin Wright and his wife Connie of Denton, MD; two brothers, E. Hunter Wright of St. Joseph, Michigan and Jesse B. Wright of California; five grandchildren, Allyson Wright of Ellicott City, MD, Lance Cpl. Tara Gannon of Camp Le June, NC, Brian Wright of Glenwood, MD, Mallory Wright and Robert Hunter Wright, both of Denton, MD.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 21, 2001 at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton at 2:00 PM.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday, December 20, 2001 from 6

to 8 PM.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Easton, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to the Spina Bifada Association of the Eastern Shore, 8616 Hickory Place, Denton, MD 21629 or Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD 21601.

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