Marjorie Theresa Wright



DECEMBER 2, 2015

WRIGHT, Marjorie

Marjorie Theresa Wright passed away peacefully at the age of 82, in the city of Calgary at the Bethany Care Center on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. She leaves behind her husband of 65 years, Murray Charles Wright. She is also lovingly remembered by son, Garry John Wright (Lynn); daughter, Janice Marjorie Tanner nee: Wright (Mark); son, Murray Douglas Wright (Teena); 9 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; and 3 great great grandchildren. She is predeceased by daughter, Debra May Emmett nee: Wright (Bill); great grandson, Jacob Arvid Johnson; dearest brother, Oswald Albert Selinger; and many other beloved family members.

Marjorie was born in Wilke, Saskatchewan on August 31st 1933, beloved daughter of Albert and Theresa Selinger. Albert emigrated from St. Petersburg, Russia in 1910 at the age of 27 to Wilkie, Saskatchewan.

He fled Russia to avoid the impending upheaval of the Russian Revolution. While in Russia, Albert was a guard in the palace of Czar Nicholas. He stood guard in boots nailed to the floor and told his mom that he saw Rasputin on a number of occasions and that he was an evil man. Marjorie had 19 half brothers and sisters, 1 full brother- Oswald Selinger, totalling 21 children.

Theresa and her family originally emigrated in 1899 at the age of 7 to Minot, North Dakota. She and her family then moved to Leader, Saskatchewan in 1918 at the age of 26 where she met Albert. They had 2 children Marjorie and Oswald.

Marjorie was educated in Wilkie and attended McLurg High School to grade 9, and the catholic convent for 2 years to complete grade 11. At that time she aspired to be a nun, but the mother superior insisted she was meant to be a mother. We are all thankful she took mother superior's advice. In 1948, at the age of 16 she enrolled in the Registered Nursing Assistant program in Calgary and graduated in Oct. 1949.

Murray and Marjorie were introduced by Harvey Wright, Murray's cousin, during a wiener roast in 1949. Murray's frequent phone calls and outings lead to a marriage on Dec. 7th, 1950 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary, Alberta which established a life time relationship. Best man was Jack Hodgkins, their maid of honor was Rose McLean.

Over the years she took a number of art courses including oil painting, tole painting, water color, ceramics, and pottery and a Russian language course. She also loved knitting, needle work, reading, music and gardening, housework, organizing and baking, all of which by her own admission was particularly adept. She was a homemaker extraordinaire!

After graduating in 1949 with her RNA, she worked at the Holy Cross and General Hospital, then in home care nursing at the university of Calgary infirmary, which she said was the best job of her life. During retirement she served as mayor and councillor for the village of Gadsby.

Marjorie met Jesus Christ as her personal saviour while attending a ladies prayer meeting at St. Peters Anglican church in Calgary 1966. She then shared her new found faith in God with her husband, brothers, sister and children, leading them as well to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Her deepest passion was to share her personal relationship and insights into the Word of God with everyone who came in contact with her. A clerk in a grocery store or the dry cleaner – she lived her faith through her everyday life. She taught many bible studies, and participated in whatever was going on, first one up and last one to bed. She fully embraced every

person who came into her company, and lightened the room wherever she went.

Her family honor and remember her as a true and faithful Proverbs 31 woman:
A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.
11 Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it.
12 Never spiteful, she treats him generously all her life long.
13 She shops around for the best yarns and cottons, and enjoys knitting and sewing.
14 She's like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises.
15 She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day.
16 She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she's put aside, plants a garden.
17 First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started.
18 She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day.
19 She's skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking.
20 She's quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor.
21 She doesn't worry about her family when it snows; their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear.
22She makes her own clothing, and dresses in colorful linens and silks.
23 Her husband is greatly respected when he deliberates with the city fathers.
24 She designs gowns and sells them, brings the sweaters she knits to the dress shops.
25 Her clothes are well-made and elegant, and she always faces tomorrow with a smile.
26 When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly.

27 She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive.
28 Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise:
29 "Many women have done wonderful things, but you've outclassed them all!"
30 Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of-God.
31Give her everything she deserves! Festoon her life with praises!

Messages of Condolence

Murray was the eldest of the four sons of Edgar and Olive May Wright, nee Bullerwell
As the youngest, I was able to see my older brothers courting.
When Murray met Marjorie, he was finished courting. He traveled far and wide to see her.
They rented a small house across from our home in Bankview, and I was able to see
Marjorie in action. She was a friend to all, even some of my rowdy friends. They loved visiting
with my brothers beautiful wife. I learned many good good things from this dear lady.
Marg, was a blessing to our mother. Many fond memories.
My sincere condolences to my brother Murray and all his family.
The comforting hand of Jesus Christ will forever be with my brother and he and Marjorie's
posterity.
Norman and Geraldene Wright.

— Norman William Wright

My mom Ada asked me to please write and express her condolences to all of you on the passing of your dear Marj. We have fond memories of visiting with your family when we lived in Southwood and later as we all grew up. She did truly live out her faith and our family were the recipients of this.
We will be praying for God to comfort you.

— Margaret Balzun

I’ve been spending some time trying to put into words what Mrs. Wright (Marjorie) meant to me. I am greatly indebted to her for she touched my life in so many important ways. It is because of her love of God, and her faithfulness to the Lord, that I’m a Christian today. She introduced Jesus to her children and Jan, in turn, introduced Him to me. Mrs. Wright became my spiritual mentor and was like a second mother when I was going through the troublesome teenage years. I fondly remember gathering for Bible studies and worship in the Wright home and especially the prayer “hot seat” in the middle of the room. Later on, when I met my husband to be, and was unsure if I should marry him, the Wrights welcomed us into their home to counsel and pray for us. That was a pivotal point for me because that visit enabled me to step forward with confidence and marry Martin knowing he was the love of my life and a gift from God.

Today I rejoice that Mrs. Wright is in the presence of the Lord. I’m sure Jesus would have given her a royal welcome and proclaimed “Well done, good and faithful servant”.

Mr Wright, I know you've lost your soulmate and look forward to reuniting with her. We'll continue to remember you in prayer. As you all gather together as a family to say goodbye to this special person I know the grace of God and the love you have for one another will carry you through the time of grieving and the celebration of her life. Martin and I will be with you in spirit.

— Irene Buck

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