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Richard Byron Wright of Garland went to be with our Lord on Thursday, August 27 at 2:29 pm after a long battle with cancer. Richard, more fondly known as Dick, Dad, or Pawpaw, was born in Bartlesville, OK July 26, 1929. Growing up in Bartlesville, he was involved in basketball, gymnastics, and marching band, where he played saxophone and served as Drum Major. Dick was also an honored and decorated United States Veteran. Between January of 1951 and November of 1954, he served in the U.S. Navy as a 2nd class airman and flew secret missions below the radar, gathering data to keep the United States safe. He was later inducted into the Confederate Air Force Reserve and received medals and honors for his service while in the Navy. He met his beautiful wife of almost 58 years, Oleta, on September 16, 1951 and they were married on November 21 of that same year. They had 3 children and lived in both Bartlesville, OK and Lawrence, KS, where Dick served as a manager in the night club business and also found his love for flying as a civilian pilot. They finally settled in Garland, TX where he was affiliated with several insurance companies. Most of all, they enjoyed holidays and special occasions with their children and their families. Dick is survived by his wife Oleta; daughter Karan Wright, son Devin and his wife Tenjey Wright, daughter Dana and her husband Kevin Morton, grandchildren Adrian Kennedy, Amber Kennedy, Jessica Milbrandt and her husband Phillip Milbrandt, Kristine Wright, Matthew Riddels, and Angela Riddels, great-grandchildren Hunter Kennedy and Bethany Milbrandt, and many wonderful friends and relatives. Dick was a good provider for his family, was well-known for his jokes and having a good time, and he was very much a people-person. He was happiest when all of his family was together. He will be sorely missed. His family would like to especially thank Grace Presbyterian Hospice and Grace Presbyterian Village for their unwavering support and dedication to Dick and Oleta during this difficult time. Love and thanks also to H.D. Mobley, Terry Cooper, Bill



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McVay, and David Moore for helping to improve Dick's quality of life in his fight against cancer. The viewing will be held Sunday, August 30 from 2-4 pm at Restland Funeral Home located at 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75243. Services will be held on Monday, August 31 at 2 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Richardson located at 319 La Salle Drive, Richardson, TX 75081. Pallbearers will be Steve Anglin, Dave Bareis, Mike Gibson, Adrian Kennedy, Phillip Milbrandt, Matthew Riddels, and Kristine Wright. The service will be followed by a procession to the U.S. Military graveside ceremony at Restland.



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DA

Dana posted:

Thank you all for the posting you've placed in memory and well wishes for our family. We really miss you Dad, but know you've raised an awesome family that will continue to spread humor and love throughout the world as you taught us so well to do. We'll make you proud and see you soon.

September 11 at 12:00 PM

DL

Dana Luburich posted:

Oleta, Please rest assured that Dick brought so much laughter and lightness to everyone he met. He is shuffling the dominoes with my Dad and someday ya'll can all play another Saturday night game. We love you. Dana and Linda Luburich

September 1 at 8:28 AM

BH

Bethany Hower posted:

Rest easy, rest free, those you left behind are well loved and will be taken care of while you patiently await...

August 31 at 12:00 PM

KV

Kris Vanmeter posted:

Uncle Dick will be missed. I remember the family holidays and how he always tried to make them fun for us kids. I Love you alot Uncle Dick. Love Kris

August 31 at 12:00 PM

PK

Pat Kennedy posted:

I will always remember Dick's love of life and a good joke. He has been a wonderful PawPaw to all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. Oleta, my love to you and all the family at this sorrowful time.

August 31 at 12:00 PM



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BH

Bugs Henderson posted:

There are so few really nice guys in this business. I loved Dick and he always treated musicians (and guitar players) with respect. Seems to be a time in life when we are losing instead of gaining. All my love, Bugs.

August 31 at 9:57 AM

JM

Jeanie Maranto posted:

Oleta, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Dick was an exceptional human being. I wish I could have known him longer. Love, Jeanie

August 30 at 12:09 PM

DH

Doris Hamilton posted:

Oleta and family the Class of 1947 is saying a pray for you all. Your lost is ours also. Classmates.

August 30 at 12:00 PM

KW

Karan Wright posted:

(John 14:1-3) Just as Jesus Christ rose from the dead, so His followers can also look forward to eternal life with Him. In the words of Jesus Christ: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also". I miss you with all my heart Daddy!

August 29 at 11:45 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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