



Mr. John Clayton Wright

July 31, 1945 - March 28, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of John Clayton Wright, age 80 of Gurley, Alabama. He was a remarkable man whose life was defined by his Christian faith, service, strength, and unwavering love for his family.

John was a proud Air Force Vietnam veteran who dedicated his years of life to serving his country with honor, courage, and commitment. Following his military career, he continued his calling to serve and protect by entering law enforcement. He started his police career in Hollywood, Alabama, then he started the first police department in Skyline, Alabama and ultimately retired as Chief of Police in Gurley, Alabama. In every role he held, John led with integrity, resilience, and a steadfast sense of duty.

John is survived by wife, Kimberly Wright; mother, Shirley Wright; his children; 5 siblings; and former spouse, Doris Laansoo. He was preceded in death by his 5 siblings; and his father, John David Wright. John was the oldest of eleven children and a devoted father to his three girls, Theresa (Mitch) Mitchell, Annette Wilson, and Angie (Art) Taylor; two stepchildren, Chris (Dean) Tidmore and Crystal (Brad) Lackey. John had five grandchildren, Joshua (Kaitlyn) Wilson, Jacob (Ashleigh) Taylor, Christian Mitchell, Alyssa (Chace) Streeper, and Tyler Mitchell; two step-grandchildren, Tiffanie (Chris) Brewster, Brittney Mitchell; two great grandchildren, Ally and Ava Clair; and two step great grandchildren, Alexa Grace and Paxton.

John was an amazing husband to Kimberly, and they shared a wonderful 16 years of marriage together. Known for his incredible strength-both physical and emotional-John faced life's challenges head on and never wavered in his support for those he loved. He was the kind of man who showed up, stood firm, and gave everything he had to the people and causes that mattered most.

John Clayton Wright leaves behind a legacy of service, love, and unshakable character. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege of know him.

Visitation will be held at Scottsboro Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Scottsboro Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Gurley Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Gurley Cemetery

Cemetery Rd
Gurley, AL 35748

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 6:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home
1502 County Park Road
Scottsboro, AL 35769
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Service

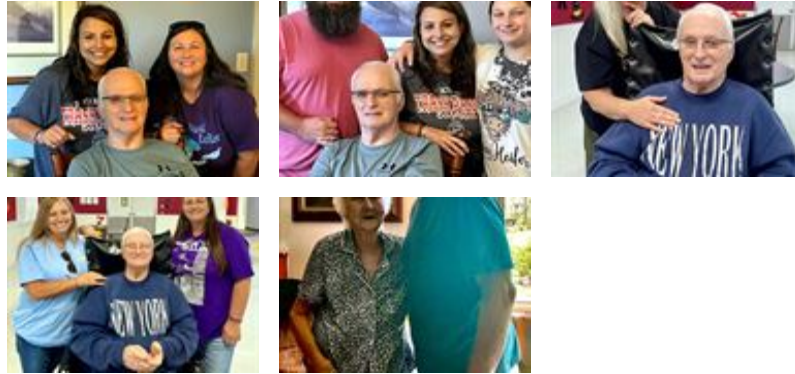
APR 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - March 31 at 12:43 PM

SD

“ Go rest high uncle Clayton ...I remember being a youngster n always wanted to use those big words like u....well I've learned them thxs... love u uncle Clayton...Scotty...



Scott n Debbie - March 31 at 12:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Clayton Wright.



March 30 at 06:00 PM

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“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with you all!!*

Melinda Johnson - March 30 at 02:23 PM

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“ *Melinda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clayton Wright*



Melinda Johnson - March 30 at 02:20 PM