



## William "Bill" Earnest Wright

November 9, 1928 - July 8, 2021

William "Bill" Earnest Wright, 92, of Chanute passed away Thursday, July 8, 2021 at his home. Bill was born on November 9, 1928 in Eve, MO the son of Chester E. and Velma H. (Drummond) Wright.

On November 16, 1945, Bill enlisted into the U.S. Navy. After receiving his honorable discharge from the Navy, Bill then enlisted and served in the U. S. Army and served his country for an additional 4 more years until receiving his honorable discharge. He was a proud Korean and WWII veteran.

On August 3, 1952 Bill married Bettye Jean Colvin. Bill and Bettye were married for 45 years until her death on September 30, 1997. Bill was a truck driver all of his life after returning from the service. When not working, Bill enjoyed being in his garden, visiting with family and friends, and being with his grandchildren. Bill enjoyed traveling around town, his daily visits with his coffee buddies, and continually practice speaking Spanish and German.

Bill is survived by:

Children:

Jennifer Alene Wimsett and husband Michael of Savonburg, KS

Gregory Jay Wright and wife Brenda of California

Jerel Lee Wright of Topeka, KS

Joel Craig Wright and wife Kim of Missouri

Jock Van Wright and wife Cassie of Nevada

Jamie Kevin Wright and wife Judi of Chanute, KS

Justin Brian Wright and wife Heidi of Oregon

Julia Annette Dennis and husband Daryl of Chanute, KS

26 Grandchildren and 28 Great Grandchildren

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, wife Bettye Jean Wright, sons Jeffrey Lynn Wright and Jason J. Wright, sisters Barbara Alene Kuplen and Emma Lou Wright, a Daughter-in-Law Dana Joy Wright, a Great Grandson Drake DaMon Walls and longtime companion Juanita Ortiz.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 6-8 pm at the funeral home. A private family burial will be held at Ft. Scott National Cemetery at a later date. Memorials have been suggested to either: Veteran's Honor Flight or the Wounded Warrior's Project and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com) Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Scott National Cemetery

900 East National Ave.  
Fort Scott, KS 66701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Earnest Wright.



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July 14, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Earnest Wright.



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July 13, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Earnest Wright.



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July 13, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Bill was such a nice guy and I will miss him. Sympathy to all the family*

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**Charlene Riley** - July 12, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Earnest Wright.*



July 12, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Earnest Wright.*



July 11, 2021 at 06:53 PM



“ *I was very sad to hear the news about Bill. He was so loved by our family. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by all of us. . Prayers for all of you in the days ahead.*

**Irene Ortiz Lowry** - July 09, 2021 at 08:58 PM



*Julie and family.....wow such an amazing man.....such a wonderful family. I'm so sorry for your loss! Miss you dear.*

**Angie Smith Oakes** - July 13, 2021 at 05:04 PM



*Thank you Angie ❤️*

**Julia** - July 26, 2021 at 08:52 PM