



Steven A. Wright

October 3, 1965 - December 17, 2019

Steven Allen Wright, age 54 of Washington Township, passed away on December 17, 2019 after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer. Steve was born on October 3, 1965 in Detroit, Michigan to Teddie and Wanda (Tuck) Wright, Sr. He grew up in Detroit and graduated from Detroit Renaissance High School. He earned his accounting degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, his MBA from Wayne State University and his law degree from University of Michigan Law School. He was a Michigan Certified Public Accountant. After marrying his law school sweetheart ten days after taking the Illinois bar exam, he moved to Illinois to practice law for 5 years before returning to Michigan, eventually opening his own law firm in Shelby Township. He also started Prime Properties Management Company to buy and manage apartment buildings throughout the state of Michigan. Steve's favorite pastime was spending time with his girls. He loved travelling the country with his wife and daughters, with recent trips to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Hawaii, Washington DC, Gettysburg, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Chicago and Orlando. He especially loved taking them to Disney and Universal Theme Parks. Steve's passion was teaching Academic Games for the last 35 years. Steve was a member of the Coaches Hall of Fame of the Academic Games Leagues of America and earned coaching awards from both AGLOA and the Michigan Leagues of Academic Games. He was the winningest coach in AGLOA history and was the only coach in history to have national championship teams in four separate age divisions. His teams from Detroit,

Chicago and Utica earned dozens of state and national championships in math, social studies and language arts games. He was an inspiration to hundreds of students, many of whom have become AGLOA coaches. Steve was a 4th degree member of the St. Therese of Lisieux Knights of Columbus and an active member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of Austin Catholic High School, Academic Games Leagues of America, and the St. Lawrence Educational Fund, Inc. He was also on the Steering Committee of the Michigan Leagues of Academic Games. He had a passion for University of Michigan football and the Detroit Lions, Tigers and Red Wings. He also enjoyed the occasional trip to Las Vegas and Detroit to play video poker. Steve is survived by his wife of 27 years, Sandra (Collom) and daughters Mary (18) and Lynn (16). He was predeceased by his father, Teddie Wright, Sr. in 2015. He is survived by his mother, Wanda Wright of Shelby Township, Michigan, sister Sandra (Thomas) Deschamps of Belle River, Ontario and brother Teddie (Nancy) Wright, Jr. of Ada, Michigan. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Marilyn Collom of Clare, Michigan, father-in-law Donald Collom of Novi, Michigan, Uncle Ray Wright, Uncle Ken Rodgers, brother-in-law Michael (Lynn) Collom, sister-in-law Susanne (William) Leverage, sister-in-law Kathleen (Christopher) Quarto, brother-in-law Patrick (Christine) Collom, brother-in-law Thomas (Kimberly) Collom, sister-in-law Lisa (Matthew) Benic and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, December 19 from 4:00-9:00 pm with a 7:00 pm Rosary at the Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Funeral Home, 54880 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Township, MI. Instate Friday, December 20 at 9:00 am until the 10 am Funeral Mass at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road (S. of Hall Rd), Utica. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

PD

“*Rest in Heaven, Steve. I pray the Holy Spirit gives your family and friends enduring comfort and wonderful memories of him. Patricia Doty
Renaissance High classmate
Class of 1983*”

Patricia Doty - December 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TC

“*Rest peacefully my old friend. You have blessed my life just knowing you and I see you've blessed so many others.*”

Tracy Ardis Carter - December 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FR

“*The prayers of the Marist Fathers and Brothers are with your family at this difficult and important time. May our Savior welcome this good man to his heavenly home. May our Lady, Notre Dame, bring comfort and peace to your family. On behalf of the NDPMA community,*”

Fr - December 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RS

“*Steve, I remember your smile and laughter. Rest In Peace.*”

Reneth Stewart - December 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *2 Corinthians 4:6 - 18 (New International Version) , tells us: 6 For God, who said, Let light shine out of darkness,[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. 13 It is written: I believed; therefore I have spoken.[b] Since we have that same spirit of[c] faith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”*

L - December 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“Dearest Mother Wanda, Sandra, Mary, Lynn, Sandy/Tom, Teddy/Nancy, and the entire Wright-Collom family, My mother, Miss Ivy, myself and Daniel continue to pray for your strength, love, peace and unity as a family. Steve was an honorable humanitarian, loving supportive family man, astute academician, an educator, a youth advocate, a great and funny friend. We are blessed and better off having known him in our lifetime. Since being absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, I am so appreciative to God for calling Steve to him, and bringing him home to rest and glorify our Savior who loved us so much that he sacrificed his son for our soul salvation. I look forward to meeting with my friend again, in heavenly places”

L - December 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“Sandra and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Academic Games will not be same without him as was he a tremendous leader and friend to the league. I still remember what Jim Davis told me about all Steve's efforts when the program was in legal jeopardy. He was definitely the kind of person who went above and beyond for people!”

Susan Mellon - December 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“My prayers are ascending for Sandy and her daughters as well as the rest of Steve's family. I will miss seeing and working with him in Academic Games each spring at Nationals. He was an inspiring man who will be missed greatly.”

Betty Smith - December 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MS

“It was a pleasure to be able to care for such a strong willed brave patient. My condolences to his entire family. You all are in my prayers.”

Megan S - December 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“Thinking of you and your family as you celebrate Steve remarkable life.”

Sue Zink - December 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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Margaret Deschamps - December 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM