



M. Elahvonne Wright

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M Elahvonne Wright, age 91, of Knoxville, Iowa, formerly of Centerville, passed away Friday, October 2, 2020 at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines.

Elahvonne was born the daughter of Dorin and Vera (Hiatt) Wailes on November 8, 1928 in Centerville, Iowa. She graduated in the class of 1946 of Centerville High School and remained active in class functions through the remainder of her life. On October 10, 1948, Elahvonne was united in marriage to Ivan Wright at the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua.

Elahvonne was a proud and supportive long time Centerville resident. She and Ivan served as youth center directors for a short time. She worked as an administrative professional at St. Josephs Mercy Hospital, and enjoyed many community traditions such as homecoming and Pancake Day. She was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi International and PEO, and attended the Drake Avenue Christian Church for many years. She enjoyed playing bridge, participating in book club activities, and keeping in touch with many treasured and life-long friends. She was a caring supporter of her parents in the last years of their lives. Elahvonne was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Ivan, and son, Vaughn.

On October 28, 2007, Elahvonne joined Harold Wright in marriage at 1st Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Dexter, Missouri, presided by her son, Rev. Vaughn Wright. They lived together in Knoxville. Elahvonne and Harold enjoyed winters at Enchanting Shores Co-Op Park in Naples, Florida, going on adventures together, such as cruises to tropical areas, and attending Capri Christian Church in Marco Island and Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Knoxville.

She is survived by husband, Harold Wright; daughter Marla (Mike) Swesey of Iowa City, IA; daughter-in-law Nancy (Vaughn) Wright of Republic, MO; four grandchildren, Shawn (Morgan) Wright of Springfield, MO; Shannon (Carrie) Wright



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of Nixa, MO; Micah (Brad) Swesey-Caruth of Madison, WI; and Marin Swesey of Chicago; and six great-grandchildren, Ayla and Oakely Wright; Blair and Elliot Wright; and Maia and Sam Caruth.

Due to COVID-19 conditions, private family-only services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to either the ALS Association (als.org) or Hemophilia of Iowa Inc. (hemophiliaofiowa.org), and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, C/O Wright Family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Private Services



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:07 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:07 PM



Kay Jensen posted:

Harold and Family, when Elahvonne moved her PEO membership to Chapter M PEO in Knoxville, we were blessed with a sister who was very special. Her smile and caring heart will be missed. I am glad that several members of our chapter were able to be a part of the 90th birthday party. Our hearts are with you. Kay Jensen

October 10 at 7:00 PM



Fran Wadle posted:

While our friendship was way too short, I enjoyed visiting with and playing Bridge with you. May you rest in peace.

October 8 at 7:00 PM



Sharon And Jerry Bishop posted:

Jerry and I were at Enchanting Shores with Eahvonne and Harold. They were such a nice couple. She was a real joy to know and was always so friendly to everyone. She will be missed. Our condolences to Harold. Jerry and Sharon Bishop

October 5 at 7:00 PM



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LO

Linda Tennant Osborne posted:

Harold, Marla, Nancy, and family Elahvonne was a beautiful and special lady. I met her only a few times - once in Iowa when I came up with my grandparents (Archie and Pearl Hiatt), Colorado at my Aunt Anita (Vic) Hickman's wedding anniversary, when she stopped in Springfield to see my mother (Anna Mae Tennant) and Vaughns funeral. Only a few times but enough to know she was a special lady. God bless you all and give each of you His peace and comfort. Linda Tennant Osborne

October 5 at 7:00 PM

16

16 posted:

Harold so sorry to hear of Elanvonne passing we loved her so much and we love you Hope we get to see ypu in fla.this year JUNE AND FRANK BRIGGS

October 5 at 7:00 PM

JK

Judy Klein posted:

Harold, sending you my deepest sympathy. I always will remember our times together at ESC and going on a cruise together and how she loved to dance. You are in my prayers. Sending my hugs .
Judy Klein

October 4 at 7:00 PM

JO

Jeff & Krysten Osby posted:

Sad to hear of Elahvonne's passing. We always enjoyed seeing her. She was a wonderful friend to our Nana (Hinda Meyers).

October 4 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kay & Bob Sherman posted:

Sad to hear of Elahvonne's passing. We always enjoyed cruising with her. We loved touring with her in the Caribbean Islands. She will be missed by her ESC friends. Praying for Harold and family.
Kay & Bob Sherman

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GL

Ginny And Dennis Lazar posted:

We will miss her in Florida at ESC. She was a lovely lady that always had a smile for everyone.

October 4 at 7:00 PM

LG

Laura Goodrich posted:

Harold, miss her already! What a warm and welcoming woman to all

October 4 at 7:00 PM

JD

Julianne And Doug posted:

We will miss Elahvonne so much. She was so sweet and kind. She is beautiful and will always be in our hearts.

October 4 at 7:00 PM

KO

Ken Orris posted:

Harold, will surely miss Elavonne at ESC. Think of her every time I make corn casserole. She always brought good things to the pot locks. Love her corn casserole. She also always had me borrow her motion sickness bracelets when I was going on a cruise. She was a dear lady and we will truly miss her. Love and prayers, Ken and Joyce Orris. 7 Peridot

October 4 at 7:00 PM

JB

Janet Brown posted:

Elahvonne was such a nice lady!! Remember her from my childhood at the Drake Avenue Christian Church.

October 4 at 7:00 PM

PM

Pat Muterspaw8 posted:

Harold our hearts are heavy since hearing that dear Elahvonne has passed away. Enchanting Shores will not be the same without her for sure! Heaven is rejoicing at her homecoming, but we will miss her dearly. Pat and Dick Muterspaw

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BR

Becky Russell posted:

Elahvonne and Harold are everything you could have for neighbors ! We love having them across the street during season at Enchanting Shores! She was like a mother to me giving me love and advice! I'll miss her so much. Love you Harold

October 4 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jennifer Salstrand posted:

I was so shocked to hear of Elahvonne's passing. Her mom and dad lived three doors down from us pretty much all my life, as I live in my childhood home. We also knew when summer was coming as the Wailes' were back in Iowa. We would visit with Elahvonne and her parents a lot...even as my daughter grew she'd go down and sit on the porch and visit. She was such a sweet lady. May she Rest In Peace. My heart hurts to hear this.

October 3 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jo Sharr posted:

Elahvonne was such a kind, dear person and made everyone feel special. Just met her in the last couple years but since I had a Centerville connection, we were friends from that day on. Rest in Peace.

October 3 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jerry Power posted:

Our condolences to her family! I was in the seventh grade when I met her as she chaperoned the Wonderful Community Center. She always brought the seventh graders in for a tour and the rules. Elahvonne was one of those rare human beings who made you feel like you were her best friend. If you know Paul Johnson, then you know Elahvonne is much like Paul! RIP and thanks for making the World a better place during your life here!

October 2 at 7:00 PM

RM

Rick And Mary Louise Mathews posted:

A special lady!! Thinking of you Marla and Harold. Rick and Mary Louise Mathews

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MM

Martha Trotter Ficke Marti posted:

The Wright family was always special to the Trotter family. They were always there when you needed something. Marla and Harold my thoughts and prayers are with you.

October 2 at 7:00 PM

RE

Robby Evinger posted:

Harold and Marla I will dearly miss Elavhonne, she was a sweet, kind person and a wonderful neighbor. Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time.

October 2 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jack And Paula Dal Ponte posted:

Elahvonne was a kind neighbor. She was such a warm, friendly person. No one stayed a stranger in Elahvonne's presence. She made the world a better place!

October 2 at 7:00 PM

SC

Shirley Cormeny posted:

She was such a sweet lady, always kind and took interest in people. She will be missed

October 1 at 7:00 PM

SM

Susan Mcdanel posted:

I always enjoyed visiting at the Hiatt reunion. We was always a class act.

October 1 at 7:00 PM

GT

Greta Tarbell posted:

Harold and MarlaElahvonne was a dear friend and a neighbor for many years, I will sure miss all the phone conversations. After leaving Centerville she always remained interested everything going on in town. Rest In Peace my dear friend

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