



Robert Wright

September 3, 1936 - August 16, 2024

Robert Wright, 87, of Lake Wales, Florida passed away on August 16th, 2024, at the Lake Wales Wellness and Rehabilitation Center. Robert was born to William and Margaret Marks on September 3, 1936, in Cortland, NY, and was their only child. He graduated from Cincinnatus High School, and attended Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY where he earned a degree in Music Education. He was the minister of music at the Baptist Church in McGraw, NY for a period of time and was a beloved music teacher in the Cortland City School District for many years. He was a regular in the Old Timers Band in Cortland, as well as a member of the Bear Cat Jass Band in Syracuse. Bob was a Brooklyn Dodgers fan from childhood, and later switched his allegiance to the New York Mets. His knowledge of baseball statistics and history was amazing. After retiring from the Cortland Schools, he moved to Florida where he met and married Polly Whidden and they were married for forty years. He is survived by his wife Polly, four children: Cindy (Tim) Stogsdill of Camillus, Darren (Mary) Wright of Cortland, Elissa Wright of Cortland, and Glenn (Lisa) Wright of Chesapeake VA, his stepchildren Kaye (Barry) Hurt, Fred (Michele) Lastinger and Gary Lastinger, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren .

Bob always remembered his many relatives and friends in the Cortland area and had a place in his heart for them. Burial was on August 21st in the New Zion Cemetery in Hardee County, Florida. Donations in memory of Bob may

be made to Good Shepard Hospice, 3470 Lakeland Hills Blvd, Lakeland, FL
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Tribute Wall

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“ Our sympathies to Polly and Bob's family. He was our orchestral teacher in Junior and Senior High Schools here in Cortland and at some point earned the nickname of the Commander, and through the years, Commander became a good friend.

I had the opportunity to perform with him with the Old Timers Band as well as with small combos in and around the area. We are saddened of his passing but cherish the memories left behind. God Bless you all.

Jeff and Sue Dovi

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