



Norma Wright

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On Thursday May 2nd, 2024, Norma Jean Wright, a pillar of grace and wisdom, passed away peacefully, leaving a legacy of love and community service. Born November 12, 1938, in New York, NY, Norma was the eldest of two children of George Worthington Bennett and Allean Ernestine Nairn. A brilliant student at Washington Irving High School, she excelled academically, skipping two grades and earning a full scholarship to Howard University.

Norma began her illustrious career at Irving Trust Bank in Manhattan, where she broke barriers as the first Black woman to hold her position. Her journey of love and partnership began in Harlem, where she met George Wright during their middle school

years. The couple married in 1957 and moved to the Pacific Northwest for George's military service at Fort Lewis Army Base.

Norma continued her education in accounting and business management at Tacoma Community College and the University of Puget Sound. She held key positions, including roles at First Interstate Bank and as an internal auditor for Pierce County. Norma concluded her professional career as an administrative manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, appointed by Governor Booth Gardner.

A dedicated member of Bethlehem Baptist Church for over fifty years, an active participant in the Tacoma Urban League Guild and The Red Hat Society, Norma was instrumental in organizing the iconic Ebony Fashion Fair runway shows. She significantly contributed to fundraising initiatives for local youth.



Norma's gift of hospitality often lead to a home filled with food, friends and music. Reflective of her passion for plants and flora, and a reputation for her green thumb and

lush, manicured gardens, she was lovingly known as affectionally "The Ficus and Fuchsia

Lady". You could always expect her home to be graced with thriving flowers and beautiful plants.

Norma was a passionate sports enthusiast who found joy in every game and match, from the intensity of boxing to the excitement of basketball and football. Her love for sports was evident whether she was cheering for her husband in the boxing ring, supporting her children and grandchildren in their various athletic pursuits, or fervently

rooting for her beloved Seahawks. Norma's spirit as the consummate cheerleader brought energy and enthusiasm to every event, making her an unforgettable presence

on the sidelines, whether in person or virtually.

Preceded in death by her husband, George Wright, Norma is survived and lovingly remembered by her children, Yvette Wright Gauff and Brian Wright; her sister, Frieda

Roberts (Bert); her brother, Norman Donaldson; grandchildren Anthony Ungaro, Brianna,

Bryson, and Caleb Gauff, Jayda and Alliyah Wright; great-grandchildren Jamira and Jazz

Murray, and Ava Angus, along with numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Norma Jean Wright will be remembered not only for her elegance and sophistication but also for her profound impact on everyone she touched through her mentoring and

community involvement.



Tribute Wall

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Cindy Pleasants sent an Arrive in Style to the Wright family.

May 16 at 1:53 PM



Cindy Pleasants planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Norma.

May 16 at 1:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Wright family.

May 14 at 3:22 PM



Martini Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Norma.

May 14 at 3:22 PM



Dennis & Dora Austin sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Wright family.

May 14 at 9:04 AM



From Bloedorn Lumber Company Corporate sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wright family.

May 14 at 7:32 AM





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Anonymous sent a Written in the Stars to the Wright family.



May 14 at 3:33 AM



Your Bloedorn Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Norma.



May 14 at 3:33 AM



Stephanie Caldwell posted:

My sincere condolences to Brian and Yvette. Norma and her husband George were dear cherished family friends. Hold on to the memories! Stephanie Caldwell

May 7 at 9:13 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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