



## Gordon L. Wright, DDS

February 5, 1940 - July 22, 2017

Dr. Gordon Lee Wright 77, returned to his heavenly home on July 22, 2017 in Clermont, FL. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God strengthened both him and his loved ones, and ultimately gave him peace.

Gordon was born to Edyth I. and Vern O. Wright in Dayton, OH on February 5, 1940. On June 9, 1962, he married his childhood sweetheart, best friend, soul mate & confidant, Ann E. Kinsel. Together, they shared 55 years of marriage and the joy of raising their three sons and one daughter. Gordon is survived by his wife, Ann E. of Groveland, FL; sons Timothy A. (Kathy) Wright of Gansevoort, NY; Steven P. (Angela) Wright of Beaverton, OR; Jeffrey B. (Kara) Wright of York Harbor, ME; daughter Elisabeth (Gary) Nye of McKinney, TX, and grandchildren, Megan, Maya, Kaylei, Finn, Claire, Catherine, Isabelle, Charlotte, Andrew, Ella and Jacob. He is predeceased by his parents and his sister, Nancy.

After graduating from Fairborn High School in Fairborn, OH in June 1958, Gordon went on to receive a DDS from his beloved alma mater, The Ohio State University in 1965, and completed his residency in Oral Surgery from the University of Pittsburg in 1973. Gordon used his education, training, & skills acquired to live in service to those entrusted in his care both personally and professionally.

On July 23, 1965 Gordon joined the United States Air Force, and served as an active duty officer through September 15, 1979, and is a Veteran of the Vietnam War where he was awarded the Bronze Star. Upon returning to civilian life and entering private practice in upstate NY, Gordon continued his military service as a member of both the USAF and Army Reserves, retiring in 1991 with the rank of Colonel after more than 25 years of honorable service.

In 1979, Gordon left active duty and joined an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery practice in Niskayuna, NY and remained with them for over 34 years. Additionally, Gordon was the Chief of Staff of Oral Surgery and Oral Surgery Attending for St. Clare's Hospital. In 2000, he was recognized by his peers and students with the Spirit of Healing Award for exemplary care within the community, and several times was recognized as Teacher of the Year.

He was involved in the Christian community from an early age and most recently, was an

established member of both First Reformed Church of Scotia (NY) and First United Methodist Church in Clermont, FL.

He is dearly missed by his family, friends and loved ones, who celebrate the fact that he is now at peace with his Creator.

Burial services to be held on August 4, 2017 at Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Saratoga, NY

(<https://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/geraldbhsolomonsaratoga.asp>) at 2:00 PM, with an additional memorial services to be held at First Reformed Church of Scotia, Scotia, NY (<http://firstreformedscotia.org/>) on August 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Reformed Church of Scotia, Scotia, NY (<http://firstreformedscotia.org/>), First United Methodist Church in Clermont, FL (<http://fumc-clermont.org/>), Wounded Warrior Project (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>), Shriners Hospital for Children (<https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/donate>), or Hospice Foundation of America (<https://hospicefoundation.org/Donate>).

# Events

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**JUL**   **Funeral Service**                      01:00PM  
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First United Methodist Church  
950 7th Street, Clermont, FL, US, 34711

# Comments

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“ I had heard that Gordon was ill, apparently much worse than I realized. I'm at a loss for words. Gordon was a wealth of advice and expertise; always there to lend an ear for consultation and answer questions regarding dental matters. A generous and kind soul, he will be missed sorely. My condolences to Ann, the Wright family and all associates and patients who knew the decent man he was.

Richard Lamanna, DDS

Richard Lamanna - August 03, 2017 at 11:46 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to learn of Gordon' passing. My prayers go out to his family. May he rest in peace.

Jennifer Rodd (gallop)

Jennifer Rodd - August 02, 2017 at 09:53 PM

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“ Dear Wright Family,  
My condolences and prayers to your family. Gordon was a colleague and friend. He was my go to Oral Surgeon and never refused a case I sent to him regardless of the difficulty or challenge. He was always gracious, kind and sincere. He will not be forgotten and will be included in my prayers.

Sincerely, Dr Tony Pomato

Dr Anthony D. Pomato DDS - August 02, 2017 at 03:19 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of G as we called him, but one of my fondest and most exasperating was working with him on his property in Scotia. He loved the place and was always doing something with his machinery...moving rocks (boulders), mowing, pulling out trees, digging holes, etc. He loved his "toys" and used them often. The exasperating part comes in when he would decide to pull out a small tree rather than just letting me cut it down. The ensuing mess and damage to the surrounding vegetation used to make me nuts, but it was his property, after all, and he was in his glory. I'd just shake my head and smile and do my best to repair the damage. We had a lot of laughs.

He leaves a huge hole in my heart and my life. Rest in peace, dear friend, you earned it.

Mavis Coppolo - August 01, 2017 at 09:14 PM

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“ Dear Wright Family,  
It is with sorrow that we learned of Gordon's death. Our memories of Gordon go back many years. When Gordon and his family moved to the Schenectady area, we greeted them with open arms, The family became members of Union Presbyterian Church. of which were members. The Wright family became quite active within the church and made many life time friends through the church.

As an oral surgeon, Gordon treated my husband, on a Sunday, who had been hit in the mouth with a hockey puck (before the start of a game that our son was participating). Gordon treated my husband's mother and removed our son's wisdom teeth. As a compassionate and professional oral surgeon, he was rated quite high in our opinion!!

We send our thoughts and prayers to all the Wright family at this sad/trying time in their lives. We are grateful to have had Gordon touch our lives

In Christian Love,  
Jerry and Carolyn Crawmer

Carolyn Crawmer - August 01, 2017 at 11:13 AM

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“ Cath And Valerie lit a candle in memory of Gordon L. Wright, DDS



Cath and Valerie - August 01, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ Both of us are thinking of you and your family at this difficult time, thoughts and prayers for you. RIP Gordon

Cath and Valerie - August 01, 2017 at 10:24 AM

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“ To one of my best friends for over 40 years. The one thing that I will never forget is the incident of Hampton Beach, We were going to try out our new sail boats with yours being first, and last that day. When we all ended up in the Atlantic Ocean. Then we couldn't locate Tim or Steve with the TEN FOOT waves pounding on us for

what seemed like forever. Ann and Earlene were on shore watching this very scary event take place and just know their was nothing they could do to help us, however God was with us all with everything and everyone being just fine. That was the closest I have ever come to drowning and I am sure it was the same for you, Tim and Steve.

May Hod continue to be with you and the rest of us.

Jay Hanson

**Jay Hanson** - August 01, 2017 at 09:36 AM

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“ Beth, Ann & family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I have such wonderful memories with you all, from college to your wedding and beyond. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Sarah (Griffith) Cartmill



**Sarah Cartmill** - August 01, 2017 at 09:23 AM

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“ Tracie Dunn lit a candle in memory of Gordon L. Wright, DDS



**Tracie Dunn** - July 27, 2017 at 08:02 PM