



## Jerry Wayne Wright

August 25, 1944 - November 28, 2016

Memorial services for JERRY WAYNE WRIGHT, 72, will be held at 2pm Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the First Baptist Church with Reverend Rick Cederholm officiating. Jerry died November 28, 2016 at Community Hospital and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers and plants memorials may be given to either Raising Readers in Wyoming or the Torrington Salvation Army. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Jerry was born August 25, 1944 in Deming, New Mexico the son of Gail and Joyce (Story) Wright. He grew up in Laramie, Wyoming where he graduated high school. After school he joined the US Navy. Upon his discharge he married his high school sweetheart Nancy Jo Reiber and they had two daughters. After the death of his wife he attended the University of Wyoming and received a Bachelors Degree in Industrial Education. He taught auto mechanics and held troubleshooting contests in Torrington, Wyoming. He later worked as the foreman at the bus garage in Torrington for the school district. He always loved flying and after his daughters grew up he began flying as his career. He married Cindy Williams on March 30, 1991 and continued instructing pilots. He became the chief pilot for Windrock Aviation in Bullhead City, Arizona and then returned to Torrington in 1994 to manage the Torrington Airport. Jerry later became a flight examiner and received Flight Instructor of the Year for the Northwest Mountain Region in 1997. Jerry's chocolate lab

Fred was the airport greeter, entertaining visitors with tricks. Pilots often changed their flight plans to come and see Fred's tricks.

Jerry enjoyed flying, woodworking, reading and he loved making Christmas ornaments for family members. He was a member of the AOPA.

Jerry is survived by his wife Cindy Wright of Torrington, Wyoming; daughters Brenda Wright (Lance Anders) of Spokane, Washington and Shelby Wright (Shane Beck) of Portland, Oregon; a sister Sandy (Ted) McNeff of North Hampton, New Hampshire; one niece; one nephew; two great nieces; two great nephews; and his much loved dog, Fred. He was preceded in death by his parents Joyce and Gail Wright; and his wife Nancy Jo Reiber.

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *Dennis Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Wayne Wright*



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**Dennis Johnson** - January 30 at 10:40 AM

EK

“ *Eric Ketchum lit a candle in memory of Jerry Wayne Wright*



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**Eric Ketchum** - November 27, 2022 at 10:06 PM

EK

“ My folks were good friends with Jerry and his wife. Sometime around the year 2000 my folks bought me a one hour flight with Jerry at the airport in Torrington for my birthday. I was so exited that I was going to get to take pictures from the plane. Little did I know he was going to make me fly the damn plane! He was so relaxed and calm when he made me taxi the plane down to the runway and steer with the wheel brakes, then take off and climb to altitude. I've never been so scared and excited and happy at the same time in my life! The sweat was running down my face as I was trying to learn as fast as I could without any previous warning. Jerry acted like he'd done this hundreds of times, like there was no reason I couldn't fly the plane without any previous experience whatsoever. This man had a soul of solid granite. He gave me the best experience of my life. I will never forget it. Rest in Peace Jerry. I will never forget that day. Sorry it took me over 20 years to write this on his wall.

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**Eric Ketchum** - November 27, 2022 at 09:49 PM

 David  
Simon

“ I met Jerry while flying passengers into Torrington the last several years. Jerry was a very kind gentleman and shared many stories of his instructing and giving checkrides. I was saddened to hear the news of Jerry's passing today while at the Torrington airport.

*Dave Simon  
Draper, Utah*

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**David Simon** - January 31, 2017 at 10:30 PM

GB

“ *Ginger Barthel lit a candle in memory of Jerry Wayne Wright*



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**Ginger Barthel** - December 16, 2016 at 02:34 PM

ES

“ *Mr. Wright was one of the biggest influences in my life. I became an automotive teacher and entered the Ford/AAA Student auto skills competition just like he did. Mr. Wright will be missed, but remembered for his wit. I called him the first time my troubleshooting team took first in the state of Wyoming. I was so proud and I wanted to share it with my auto teacher. His comment to me was, "What took you so long? I won every year." I laughed so hard. Rest in peace my friend, my mentor, my teacher.*  
*Earl L. Smith*

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**EARL SMITH** - December 06, 2016 at 09:03 AM

ES

“ *EARL SMITH lit a candle in memory of Jerry Wayne Wright*



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**EARL SMITH** - December 06, 2016 at 08:51 AM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Jerry Wayne Wright*



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**Theil Ryan** - December 06, 2016 at 08:44 AM

DJ

“ *So sorry to hear about Jerry's death. I remember him from my childhood in Laramie. He was older than I was and I always looked up to him. I remember when he turned 10. I just wished that I could be as old and wise as Jerry. I know how he'll be missed. My thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. David Johnson, Stratham, NH*

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**David Johnson** - December 03, 2016 at 11:38 AM

SA

“ *Cindy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss, know that I am thinking of you and send love and blessings to you and your family.*

*Shirley Allen  
shirleyallen461@gmail.com*

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**Shirley Allen** - December 03, 2016 at 05:44 AM

BM

“ *He always had a joke to make you smile. Hope we can all remember the way he lifted us all up. Very sorry for his loss.*

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**Brian Montgomery** - December 02, 2016 at 08:43 PM

SH

“ *Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of Jerry Wayne Wright*



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**Scherri Hacker** - December 02, 2016 at 07:01 PM

TR

“ *A recent visit to see cousin Jerry and Cindy was one of our most pleasurable and memorable times. Jerry was a very kind-hearted, generous person with a great sense of humor and easy-going way. it is an honor to know him the short time that we did and just when we had reconnected. Thoughts and prayers are with the family on their great loss. He certainly will be missed.*



*Russell and Thaylee Rourk*

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**Thaylee Rourk** - December 02, 2016 at 04:50 PM