



James "J R" Wright

November 22, 1945 - October 18, 2024

James "J R" Wright, 78, of Greene, formerly of Marion, passed away Friday, October 18, 2024, at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 4, 2024, at Woodley Funeral Home, 519 N 1st Street, Greene, Iowa. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Greene is caring for J R and his family.

James Richard Wright was born November 22, 1945, in Louisville, Kentucky, son of Harry and Amelia (Middleton) Wright. He graduated from high school in Louisville. On September 20, 2003, James was united in marriage to Nancy Wallen at Freshwater Community Church in St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. They lived in Marion for 13 years until they moved to Greene in November 2016. He worked as a district manager of Brown Shoe Company for 30 years. He retired and began driving school bus for the Marion School District and then for North Butler School District. James was also a member of SCORE.

James is survived by his wife Nancy Wright of Greene; daughter Amy Dolley of Cedar Rapids; step-children: Christy Anne Wallen of New York City, NY; Michael Wallen of Dallas, TX, and Matthew Wallen of Maple Plain, MN; and 8 step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and previous wife Pam Wright.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Greene - Woodley Funeral Home
519 N 1St St
Greene, IA 50636
(641) 823-4457

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm sorry to hear this. He was a great story teller and always able to make people laugh. I will miss seeing him around at our music therapy group.*
Kara Rewerts

Kara Rewerts - October 31, 2024 at 09:33 AM

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“ *One of my fondest memories of Jim was when he would patiently share his sales wisdom with me as I grew my own businesses early on. He was never too busy to give quality attention and tell me his experiences and wisdom. He was my SCORE mentor. :) And he loved helping people so much - it truly brought him joy. That and the fact that he was completely devoted to my mom, and loved her so unconditionally and deeply. This was evident any time I was with them. I only ever knew him as a good, kind, loving, gentle man.*

Christy Anne Wallen - October 24, 2024 at 11:50 AM