



## John D. Wright

September 4, 1965 - January 19, 2021

AYER: John D. Wright, 55, of Ayer, died unexpectedly Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at his home.

John was born at the Fort Devens Hospital in Shirley Massachusetts on September 4, 1965. He was the youngest of nine children born to the late Bennie H. and Mary D. (Lane) Wright and resided much of his life in Ayer. He was a 1983 graduate of Ayer High School and continued his education at Emerson College in Boston.

John moved to Reno Nevada and worked in the Hospitality and Resort industry for about 20 years before returning to Ayer to live with and care for his Mother.

John held the position of Director of Operations at the Marriott Hotel in Cambridge for Highgate Hotels. He was an avid Boston Sports fan, especially the New England Patriots. He loved dancing and music, especially Stevie Nicks songs.

He attended New Patriots Christian Congregation Church in Fitchburg.

He leaves two brothers, Bennie (Marilyn) Wright and Michael Wright both of Virginia; five sisters, Melva Morin of Leominster, Linda (Charles) Fuller of

Maryland, Marsha Murdaugh of Nashua, NH, Queida (Raymond) Davis of Ayer, and Carol Wright of Lunenburg.

He was the brother of the late Kenneth (Carlotta), Wright of Leominster. John also leaves a host of Nieces, Nephews, and Cousins.

John's family will receive family and friends at calling hours on Friday, January 29, 2021, from 4-7 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd. (Rte 2A) Ayer.

Funeral services and burial will be held privately.

Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information or the streaming link.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Patriot Christian Congregation, PO Box 2056, Fitchburg, MA 01420

A Livestream of John's Funeral Service will be available to view at the following link: <https://my.gather.app/remember/john-wright-2021>

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

Harvard Road  
Ayer, MA 01432  
info@andersonfuneral.com

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *What an amazing, beautiful, one of a kind young man. So very sorry for your loss. His kindness lives on in the lives he touched.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Jacqui (Froias Knoops)*

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**Jacqui** - January 30, 2021 at 09:29 PM

RF

“ *I Am so sorry that John is gone and know he will be in Heaven with his Mom and Dad and my Mom and Dad. I am also happy that this great man did not suffer a tragic death as many of my old friends did, the lord would not do that to him.*

*My great wife Jane took the same train that Johnny took into Cambridge and he was my wife's Body Guard as we always joked about, but it was actually true as i know Jane felt safe when he was there.*

*I grew up on Pineridge also and that Rock is so famous now and when they built that new house on the corner of Pineridge, Johnny and myself had a talk with the builder, Johnny is the reason that rock is still there. I think some how we should get Johnny's name engraved into the rock, he would love that and so would I.*

*And I ask the Wright family, Please if i can help with any thing please call me or email.*

*Rodney Ford 508-341-3946 Rodford1@aol.com*

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**Rodney and Jane Ford** - January 30, 2021 at 04:41 PM

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**Cynthia Schick - Sullivan** - January 30, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.*



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January 30, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *My deepest condolences. Dear Dear Johnny, the soul and heart of an angel. Forever my brother-in-law!*

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**Pauline** - January 30, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *In memory of a life so beautifully lived and a heart so deeply loved. We will miss your beautiful smile and your fun loving spirit. RIH. The Watts Family*

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**Valerie Watts** - January 30, 2021 at 01:00 PM

YL

“ Johnny,

*your smile was one of the smiles I looked forward to seeing at Sunday morning service along with your beautiful mother's smile.*



*We all know where you guys got that smile from. I want to thank you for sharing that you enjoyed my singing on Sunday service and I didn't sound bad over the conference call.*

*Peace and Comfort to the entire Wright family during this time of loss! May God continue to watch over your entire family as they travel and prepare for this home going.*

*Rest in heavenly peace Johnny!*

*Sister Yolanda*

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**Yolanda D. Lewis** - January 29, 2021 at 12:28 PM

RC

“ *Johnny's smile and sweet spirit will be truly missed. Sending our deepest condolences and comforting prayers. May God continue to cover your family during this time of grief.*

*The Clemons family*

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**Renee Clemons** - January 29, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.*



January 28, 2021 at 11:56 PM



“ *The sweetest person with a smile you will never forget. From the memories of Johnny as a young boy sitting on my father's lap when we lived across 'the tracks' from each other. Dad always worried about him crossing the tracks with us and would watch to make sure he was safe. When the Wrights moved up town to Pine Ridge our friendships continued throughout high school and beyond. I wish I could hug all the Wrights and share more stories of time spent together. My heart and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. .*

**Pauline Sullivan** - January 28, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *All of my memories of Johnny involve smiling and laughing. What a gift that was. Thinking of family and friends. Stacy (AHS 85')*

**Stacy Harvey** - January 28, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy, Ana Grbavac purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of John D. Wright.*



**My deepest sympathy, Ana Grbavac** - January 27, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.



January 26, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.



January 25, 2021 at 11:40 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.



January 25, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ Brother Marshall I admired John how he was always willing to help and volunteer his time at NPCC. A down to earth person.

Ottoway Marshall - January 25, 2021 at 02:20 PM

OM

“ To the family of the late John Wright. We will always remember John smile and also his concern of our we doing. A young man who loved and took care of his Mother.

Ottoway Marshall - January 25, 2021 at 02:16 PM

CF

“ Courtyard Cambridge Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of John D. Wright.



Courtyard Cambridge Family - January 25, 2021 at 01:45 PM

JM

“ Wow. What a tremendous loss for Friendship, Fun, & Camaraderie, as John exemplified each of these so very well. I love that so many of us (think about how many friends he has! staggering!) have fond memories of John, and recounting them always inspires joy and laughter - no matter what is transpiring in our lives in the present. Rest In Peace, John - I pray God's eternal blessing of love and freedom over you.

Jeff Murray

Jeff Murray - January 25, 2021 at 01:10 PM

DO

“ I remember John's smile, laugh and his kindness. He will be missed. God bless the family during this very difficult time. Deborah Outing

Deborah Outing - January 25, 2021 at 08:04 AM

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“ I am very sorry to hear of Johns passing, I love his sense of humor and his love of life, he will be missed.

*Laurie (Robicheau) Urban*

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**LAURIE URBAN (Robicheau)** - January 24, 2021 at 07:42 AM

SS

“ Very saddened about the news of our longtime friend JW. I knew John for many many years out in Reno. Myself, John, Boston Mike, Kiki (from Maine) and a few other New Englanders out there were a force to reckon with when any of our Boston Sports team were playing. We would either be taking them in a Jox Sports Bar, where John worked for quite a long time and just owned the juke box and if we weren't watching on TV, we would be travelling to see the games live in Denver, Arizona, Oakland, San Fran, San Jose and of course back to our stomping ground in NE. We did it up "wright" when we were hittin' on all sixes and many bystanders would join in the fun!!!! The stories are forever endless and the memories will never be forgotten. There were NOT many days that I witnessed my boy Johnny down and dismal. He was always happy, sang Stevie Nicks loud, was welcoming to everyone and pranced around Jox like a lucky leprechaun at times. I offer my deepest condolences to the Wright family and may you all live long and strong in his memory. And may the song "Dreams" forever come true in Heaven!!! Live on brother!!!!

*Scotty "Sanbo" Sanborn  
West Palm Beach, Fl*

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**Scott Sanborn** - January 23, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.*



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January 23, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *I was saddened by the news of John passing. He was a very nice kind person. I send a lot of light to him and his family.- Maria L*



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maria L - January 23, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *I'm sitting here trying to find the words. Johnny lived just down the street from us for many years and all I can think about is when he would come up to me and say hello. He had this distinctive voice and by him just saying "Hi Bob", without having to turn around I already knew it was him. I just can't get his voice out of my head... So saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family and all those knew and loved him. Johnny may have left this life behind, but the memories will be forever... May god bless*

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Bob Walker - January 23, 2021 at 05:14 PM



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Cynthia Schick - Sullivan - January 29, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ *My little brother from a great family. May God receive your Soul and Be Pleased. ❤️*



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**Irvine McConney** - January 23, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *MY BROTHER & FRIEND YOU WILL BE MISSED. RIP*

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**TIM WILSON** - January 23, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *LISA RICHARD lit a candle in memory of John D. Wright*



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**LISA RICHARD** - January 23, 2021 at 12:50 PM



*My sincere condolences to the family of Johnny! He was a remarkable person that could light up any room he walked into. He was a beautiful person. He will be missed by many and it was an honor to know him. God Bless*

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**LISA RICHARD** - January 23, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ *My sincere condolence to the family of John. He worked closely with me on his mothers veteran benefits. God rest your sole John. Ayer Veterans Officer, Mike Detillion*

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**Mike Detillion** - January 23, 2021 at 10:05 AM

KB

“ Karen Blood lit a candle in memory of John D. Wright



Karen Blood - January 23, 2021 at 05:32 AM



“ He was such a fun loving guy. You always noticed when he entered the room. He will be missed. I wished I had known him better.



Becky Lauderback - January 22, 2021 at 09:45 PM

SC

“ Johnny was a great man and a wonderful son. We will surely miss him.

Shelina cox - January 22, 2021 at 09:41 PM

JL

“ Joe Langowski lit a candle in memory of John D. Wright



Joe Langowski - January 22, 2021 at 09:20 PM

JL

*“ I loved this man I use too live in Reno and was lucky enough too meet him in my stay there and he made me laugh cry smile and was a joy too be around I will miss him so much but his life will forever be in my heart god bless John*

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**Joe Langowski** - January 22, 2021 at 09:19 PM

NS

*“ Nancy Sherwin lit a candle in memory of John D. Wright*



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**Nancy Sherwin** - January 22, 2021 at 08:33 PM



*“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.*



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January 22, 2021 at 08:08 PM

LB

*“ Sending my most heartfelt condolences for the loss of this wonderful person who was a dear friend. I'll never forget to find out he loved ice skating as much as I did back in the day and we would “practice” for the olympics on Flanagan's pond from time to time, often to Stevie Nicks sings. He really had a wonderful vibe and caring soul about him that reached out to all.*

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**lisa bukkhegyi** - January 22, 2021 at 06:56 PM

CS



Cynthia Schick - Sullivan - January 29, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.*



January 22, 2021 at 06:56 PM

BR

“ *Picture this: Me and John, front row at Stevie Nicks. Providence Civic Center. 1986. Back up dancers pointing to us both while they were singing. I'd never seen him so happy. Rest easy John.*

Brian - January 22, 2021 at 05:44 PM

JJ

“ *Jonny will be greatly missed. I have fond memories of him growing up on oak ridge drive. Thoughts and prayers to his family at this sad time.*



Jennifer Janis - January 22, 2021 at 04:34 PM

SY

*My brother from a nother mother I can't believe you are gone I loved you Sydney*

Sydney - January 22, 2021 at 04:51 PM

SH

*I am so sorry for your loss. I knew John from Reno. He would go over and beyond to help. Rest in Peace John. To the family, my God give you strength to overcome this difficult time.*

Shafin - January 23, 2021 at 10:41 AM

JM

“*John and I go way back to the Oak Ridge/Pine Ridge neighborhood days. I have so many vivid memories of, and with, John from back in those days, and it's hard to post just one. Back in those days (the 70's and 80's), we were the only real Patriots fans in the neighborhood. We took a lot of grief in those days from everyone for it. The outings to the Garden and Centrum for WWF. His OBSESSION with and devotion to Stevie Nicks. Many, many others.*

*But the biggest thing that I remember about John is that he was a loyal, true friend, who was fun to be around, and who connected well with EVERYONE. He could be in a room full of strangers and be friends with them all in about 30 minutes. It seemed like everyone knew John. He was also a VERY good card player. We played mean games of spades in his basement on Pine Ridge and on Central Ave. So much laughter, ribbing each other, and good fun. RIP good friend.*

Jeff Mann - January 22, 2021 at 04:29 PM

ST

*John and I go back to the Pineridge Dr. days. He used to tease me all the time and treated me like I was his little sister. We used to hang at the “Big Rock” and walk through the neighborhood like we owned it. His mother and my mother were good friends and our families were lifelong members of the same church. I pray our mothers welcome you heaven with open arms. Rest well.*

Shannon Beasley Taitt - January 22, 2021 at 07:57 PM

JM

“ Jeff Mann purchased the Healing Tears - Yellow and White for the family of John D. Wright.



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**Jeff Mann** - January 22, 2021 at 04:15 PM

AM

“ I had the honor of working with John at the Courtyard in Cambridge years ago. He was a good man who always had a smile and a joke. I am a better man for having known him. Sad to see him go.

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**Anthony McComas** - January 22, 2021 at 03:42 PM

CT

“ I am so saddened by the loss of such a beautiful person. Johnny I am blessed to have known you since childhood. You will be greatly missed by all who have known you whether from childhood days or recent Introductions. Condolences to all.



*Cynthia Crickett*

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**Cynthia Thiers** - January 22, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ I met him when I was a young kid growing up in Ayer. He mentioned Stevie Nicks, and I said "Who's he?" We cracked up and it remained a running joke whenever we ran into each other. He had a great, positive impact on the world and he will be missed by all who knew him. He is smiling down on us all. Rest in peace!

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**John Ellis** - January 22, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.*



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January 22, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *My heart is heavy my eyes filled from the loss of my dear childhood , neighborhood and forever friend who ALWAYS brought a smile, a giggle, and more so often, a belly laugh.. The fond memories from kick ball games. spades, our self made balance beam we were so proud of regardless of splinters, and our MANY dance rehearsals in hopes of fame and fortune over John Travolta at the Fort Devens Teen Club will forever hold a place of joy love and laughter in my heart. From hot summer days just hanging at The Rock, to towel heads running through The Path from horse flies , grabbing a day of fun at Sandy Pond, and the many late nights of Hide and Go Seek, gazing in the sky at all the stars in conversation, until forced to go home will always be remembered and held dear in my heart. I know I speak for many in the Oakridge Pineridge Gang.. Johnn-yyy...touched our lives with his gift of love acceptance kindness and humor ..we and SO MANY were blessed to be a part of his life. Abundant love and prayers are being sent to his entire family whom have all been a part of ours over the many years. It's a bond that will and can never be broken. It's precious beautiful and etched perfectly in everyone of our souls. BLESSED!*



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**Cynthia Schick - Sullivan** - January 22, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.



January 22, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Harvey joe and Jenell bynum long time friends of cedar bluff , a His mom was his heart. He long to be with her. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

Love

Joe and jenell bynum

Piacenti Bynum ( jenell & joe - January 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ Loved John. So friendly. So pleasant. So comfortable to be around. Loved by all who knew him. This is a terrible loss.

Miss you John.

-Murph

Steve Murphy - January 22, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ Johnny will forever hold a seat on the big rock on Oak Ridge Drive.

Mike Noeth - January 22, 2021 at 08:16 AM



Cynthia Schick - Sullivan - January 22, 2021 at 11:37 AM

CS

*Mike can you contact me about a memorial for one of ours Oakridge Pineridge peeps. 978- 732-8287*

**Cynthia Schick - Sullivan** - January 22, 2021 at 11:53 AM

MN

“ *Mike Noeth purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of John D. Wright.*



**Mike Noeth** - January 22, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of John D. Wright.*



January 21, 2021 at 07:00 PM

AM

“ *Johnny was one of the nicest, kindest people I ever met. Since forever, whenever we crossed paths, he always had a smile and hug to give. I am truly saddened to learn of Johnny's passing. May he Rest In Peace*

**Allison Migrants** - January 21, 2021 at 06:54 PM

CH

“ Johnny you were such a caring guy and the world will miss you dearly! God speed my friend! So many great memories with you back in the day.

*Chris and Dawn Hyde*

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**chris hyde** - January 21, 2021 at 06:11 PM

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**Cynthia Schick - Sullivan** - January 30, 2021 at 08:26 PM