



Howard Bankie Wright

March 14, 1932 - April 14, 2026

Howard Bankie Wright was married to Carolyn Crouch of Bethesda, MD and father of two sons, Thomas Howard Wright (Cheryl) and Richard Carlton Wright.

He, later, married Marilyn McCrary and had daughter, Donna Leigh Wright-Duffer (Bryan), and son, Michael Howard Wright.

After graduating from high school, Howard served his country in the United States Marine Corps. Following his military service, he began a long and respected career in the automotive industry. In the late 1950s, he worked in the Parts Department at LP Stewart in Northwest Washington, D.C. He later served as Parts Manager at Silver Spring Chrysler and Plymouth in the early 1960s, and at Fairfax Chrysler and Plymouth in the late 1960s.

Howard was one of the founding members of the Virginia Association of Towing & Recovery (VATRO), reflecting his leadership and commitment to the industry. He went on to purchase Merrifield Amoco, where he established Wright's Towing, a business that became a well-known part of the community.

In his leisure time, Howard enjoyed watching car races, a pastime that reflected his lifelong passion for automobiles and motorsports.

He is survived by sisters, Mary Lee Melton and Linda Mansfield, his four children listed above, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

His favorite charities were Tunnel 2 Towers, ASPCA, and St Jude Children's Research Hospital if you would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

12614 Valley View Drive
Nokesville, VA 20181

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Funeral Service

APR 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Centreville United Methodist Church
6400 Old Centreville Road
Centreville, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Semper Fi, and RIP Howard.*

Lou Duffer - April 28 at 10:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Bankie Wright.*



April 24 at 12:51 PM



“ *CLD purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Howard Bankie Wright.*



CLD - April 23 at 12:32 PM



“ *SCD purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Howard Bankie Wright.*



SCD - April 23 at 12:29 PM

DL

“ *DLD purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Howard Bankie Wright.*



DLD - April 23 at 12:00 PM

LK

“ *Linda Keys lit a candle in memory of Howard Bankie Wright*



Linda Keys - April 19 at 06:25 PM

BL

“ *Bob Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Howard Bankie Wright*



Bob Lindsey - April 18 at 04:10 PM