



## Frank Wolford Wright, Jr.

March 18, 1935 - July 27, 2024

Dr. Frank Wolford Wright Jr. died on Saturday July 27th at 3:30am at The Beehive Assisted Living Facility in Lubbock Texas with his family by his side. He was born March 18, 1935 in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated Lubbock High school in 1954. He graduated from Texas Technological College with a degree in Business Administration in 1958. He earned Masters Degree's in Theology from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1961, and Chicago Theological Seminary in 1966. In 1979 he received a PHD in higher education from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas. For 12 years, he served as a Methodist minister serving churches in Lake Dallas, Texas and Saint Paul's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. He was an Assistant Professor of Religion at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and assistant to the president at Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth, Texas. After graduating from East Texas State University he spent more than 20 years serving as an educational administrator in community colleges in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Kansas, and Florida... ending that chapter of his life at Texas State Technological College in Sweetwater, Texas. Also in Sweetwater he was employed as the Director of Headstart program People for Progress, as a field supervisor for Burnett Construction Company, and finally at the Sweetwater Country Club Pro Shop. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the Texas Tech alum Association, and the Texas Tech Letterman's Association. He attended the first Methodist United Church in Sweetwater where he was the Sunday School

teacher for seniors.

Frank was an avid runner and triathlete. Over a 10 year period he ran six marathons, completed 40 triathlons, and at the age of 50 completed the Ironman triathlon in Hawaii.

Survivors include two daughters, Amanda Ruth Procter (Husband Denis Procter) of Lubbock Texas, and Elizabeth Wright of Sherman Oaks, California. His four grandchildren: Lanae Elias, Joshua Procter, Elizabeth Procter, and Clayton Drier(Father Moosie Drier). His First wife, Janice Rose Hall and his third wife, Nancy Beth Ciskey.

The family will be at Sanders Funeral Home for a viewing on Monday the 29th from 5pm to 6:30pm.

Services will be held at Sanders Funeral Home on Tuesday the 30th at 2pm with the burial immediately following at The City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mccoyfh.com](http://www.mccoyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **29**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

## Funeral Service

JUL **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Frank Wolford Wright, Jr.



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - July 30, 2024 at 06:05 PM



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“ Remembering a Friend

*I don't exactly recall when I first met Frank. I think it was in 1982 either after a race or at Southern Runner running store in Uptown New Orleans. I do remember that we hit off right away. It turned out we had been dating the same woman and we both had a good laugh over it and do what guys do and compared notes. That was the start of a beautiful and lifelong friendship.*

*Frank was one of the toughest runners and triathletes I have ever met. He trained hard, raced hard and brought out the best in you if you dared tried to keep up with him. After the race or training session he loved to relax and party. I loved it. Some of the best memories of my life are those days with Frank. We traveled throughout Louisiana, Texas, Florida and Mississippi participating in runs and triathlons and then checking out the local nightlife. Later on Frank served as the best man at my wedding in 1993 and surprised me when he showed up for my graduation ceremony when I was awarded a Ph.D. in 2000.*

*On a more serious note Frank was a very principled and courageous man. He told me about him standing up for civil rights in the 1960s in his native Texas. That was probably not very popular but it did not stop Frank. In 1987 Frank left his beloved New Orleans because he could no longer put up with the corruption he saw at his workplace by some very powerful people.*

*What I learned most from Frank and have tried to incorporate into my life, especially as I get older was that he had the most charming and relaxing demeanor of any man I have ever met. Even my own father, who was not the easiest of men to get along with, really enjoyed sitting down with Frank and just talking with him. In my opinion Frank was the prime example of what I have always imagined a true Texas gentleman to be.*

*I could go on and on with many more stories but I'll end with this ;*

*Frank my friend you had a amazing life, raising to fantastic and beautiful daughters and grandchildren. You have made a lot of friends and helped many people. You have given me a much more full life than I would have had it we have never met. God truly Blessed me on the day we met. You are no longer old and frail but young a strong. I hope you are enjoying meeting all of our old friends who have passed on ahead of us. I will miss you Frank but I'll never forget you.*

*Cool Running!*

*Joe*

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**Joe** - July 30, 2024 at 10:42 AM