



## Rev Frank E Wright

July 16, 1929 - July 26, 2018

Frank Earl Wright was born July 16, 1929 at home in Fombell, Pennsylvania. His sisters were sent to a neighbor's house and told that there would be a surprise waiting for them when they came home. When they took one look at the new arrival, they were disappointed. They thought that they were getting a pony for their surprise.

Frank was named after a work horse, and was reared on a farm that did not have electricity until he was around 10 years old. He attended a one room country school which had one teacher for all 8 grades. Frank graduated from Lincoln High School in Ellwood City, PA and also from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA. He went on to

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary where he met Dorothy Burley, who was studying Christian Education. The real truth is that Dorothy's mother sent her to seminary to find a husband. She claims the "pickins were slim". They both graduated on May 17th, 1956 and were married the next day in the seminary chapel (May 18th, 1956).

Frank received a call to serve at Wayside United Presbyterian Church in Wanakah NY. He started as an assistant pastor and then became the associate. While there he attended clinical pastoral training courses which qualified him for the chaplaincy first at Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Lackawanna and later at DeGraff Memorial Hospital in North Tonawanda. During his tenure at Wayside, Dorothy and Frank had two daughters, Pamela and Marcia.

After serving for nine years at Wayside, Frank received a call to become the pastor at North Presbyterian Church in North Tonawanda. Frank was active in the Presbytery of

Western New York serving as chairman of various committees. While at North Church, Frank helped establish the Twin Cities Community Outreach (TCCO) an organization bringing together the Food Pantry, Clothes Closet and Meals on Wheels under one roof. He served as president of the Board of Directors. Bonnie Orbin became their foster daughter while at North Church and is currently the Co-Ordinator for the Food Pantry at TCCO.

After retiring from North Church in 1992, he served as part-time pastor at Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church, North Park Presbyterian Church and Curtis Park Presbyterian Church.

Frank also enjoyed his clown ministry for many years. His name was Barnabas which means "son of encouragement".

Frank and Dorothy made many new friends at their home at Weinburg Campus in Getzville.

Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (nee Burley) Wright;  
devoted father of Pam ( Charly) Kelly, Marcia (Randy) Westphal and Bonnie (Kim) Shaffer;

grandfather of Charlie Kelly, Colleen Rau, Sarah Westphal, Bethany Klimuk and Della Reiller;

great grandfather of Aubrey and Bryson Hummel, Vincent, Anthony and Remington Reiller,

Evelyn Mae Klimuk and Amelia Rae Kelly; brother of the late Mildred ( late Walter) Young and

late Nancy Wright. Visitation Wednesday 4 to 8 PM (August 1, 2018) at the WATTENGEL FUNERAL HOME,

533 Meadow Dr. N. Tonawanda. Memorial Services will be held Thursday (August 2, 2018) at 4 PM

from North Presbyterian Church, 168 Payne Ave. N. Tonawanda. Private interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Twin City Community Outreach, 100 Ridge St.

N. Tonawanda NY 14120

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn

1411 Delaware Ave.  
Buffalo, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home  
533 Meadow Drive  
NY 14120

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

North Presbyterian Church  
168 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Pam and Charly, Marcia and Randy, Bonnie and Kim, and children and grandchildren,

*Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your Dad (Grandpa, Great-grandpa) Rev. Frank. We gratefully cherish memories of the warm friendly kindness he brought into our lives, and into the lives of our parents and family, and of his dedication and work in the ministry. We keep your beautiful family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*We are praying you will find strength, consolation, and peace in the gracious comforting love of our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Love, Dave and Carol Carere*

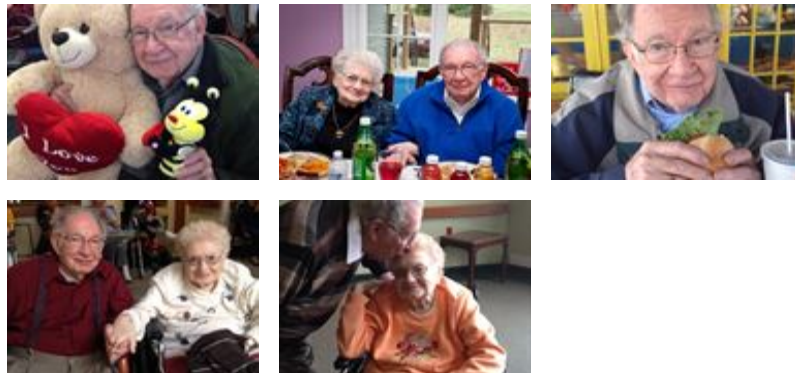
*"...and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ..." (Philippians 4:7)*

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**Carol Carere** - August 04, 2018 at 01:01 PM



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**Wattengel Funeral Home** - July 30, 2018 at 03:19 PM

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“ Remember Frank well. Served many years on Session during his ministry. In particular, remember presenting him a poster at his 25th anniversary as our minister, signed by many of our members.

*Bob Baker*

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**Bob Baker** - July 29, 2018 at 03:45 PM

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“ Reverend Frank Wright meant so much to my family and I. He was a source of great joy in good times. He was a wonderful comfort during the times of grief that our family experienced.

*Tina Laughler, Keith Blakely and I played guitar and sang in the "Folk Music Group" of North Presbyterian.*

*Reverend Wright had a great speaking voice in the pulpit. His sermons were always very thoughtful and thought provoking.*

*My husband and I had the great pleasure of sharing lunch and dinner with the Wrights. They would bring their camera and we would bring ours and take photos of our gathering.*

*My own parents have been deceased for many years. I was able to bring my husband "home" to Frank and Dorothy.*

*Reverend Frank will be greatly missed as we also miss his dearly beloved wife Dorothy.*

*It was truly an honor to know them both.*

*The Wright family can take great comfort in knowing Rev. Frank gave compassionate care and love to many.*

*Roxanne Hobbs*

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**Roxanne Hobbs** - July 27, 2018 at 04:42 PM