



## Dr. Harold Mitchell Wright

June 12, 1943 - June 26, 2022

Durant, OK- Harold Mitchell Wright was born Saturday, June 12th, 1943 in Durant, Oklahoma to Orman Wright and Cathryn Alice (Mitchell) Wright. He departed this life on Sunday, June 26th, 2022 at the age of 79.

Harold grew up and graduated from Durant High School in 1961. He attended Southeastern State College, before going to Southern School of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee from 1965-1968. After Harold became a licensed optometrist, he enlisted in the United States Air Force for two years specializing in optometry. After a short stint with the military, he worked with his uncle, Joe Wright, in 1970 at Denton, Texas. Dr. Wright and his good friend, Dr. Logan Beard, practiced together for a few years when Harold first moved to Madill, Oklahoma and then opened his own practice in 1974. He also had locations in Durant for fifteen years and in Tishomingo. All together he practiced Optometry for almost 50 years. Throughout his career, he had a passion of caring for his patients. For many years, he would travel with his eyecare equipment to nursing homes in the area and examine the eyes of residents at no charge.

Dr. Wright was very giving and would give the shirt off of his back to anyone in need. His practice in Madill gave eyeglasses to children at a local church and as a member of the Lion's club he was very instrumental in helping with glasses to underprivileged children. Harold was very influential in giving

advice to his brother or anyone he came in contact with. Harold loved fast, strong race cars and racing cars. He acquired and owned many collectible Dodges and Plymouths. His favorite season was Christmas time so he can arrange many decorations and display countless lights throughout his home inside and out. Harold was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Madill and would later join the First Presbyterian Church in Durant.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Todd Wright in 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of the home; daughter, Angela Renee Wright of Durant, OK; grandson, Spencer Todd Newman, of Durant, OK; granddaughter, Keeleigh (Newman) Rogers and her husband, Karson, and their kids, Zaileigh and Bellamy, of Durant, OK; brother, Stephen Wright and his wife, Betsy, of Ardmore, OK; nephew, Jeff Wright of Ardmore, OK; step-daughter, Amanda Vick and her husband, Chris, with their daughter, Kenzie, of Keller, TX; and step-son, Seth Clevenger with his son, Ashton, of Ardmore, OK.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Dr. Wright will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 1st, at Brown's Funeral Home chapel in Durant with Bro. Anthony Williams officiating. He will be laid to rest in Highland Cemetery with Karson Rogers, Chris Vick, Jeff Wright, Spencer Newman and Eric Jim Taliaferro, serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers will be Dr. Jay Williams, Dr. Greg Martin, Seth Clevenger, Dr. Logan Beard and Noel McBee.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 30th, from 6-8 PM at Brown's Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/F2MBLNG7HZ4PWFGJ>

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd  
Durant, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701  
(580) 920-0393  
[info@brownsfuneralservice.com](mailto:info@brownsfuneralservice.com)  
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Harold Mitchell Wright*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - June 30, 2022 at 12:32 PM



“ *Dr. Harold Mitchell Wright*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Doc was a very good longtime friend of my. He was my eye Doc and I was his Mopar racing parts girl in Parts with Bud Glidewell Chrysler Dodge in Kingston ok. He loved fast cars. Bless you Doc..Angie Cantrell*

**Angie Cantrell Fowlkes** - July 03, 2022 at 11:49 PM



“ *I worked for Doc, for almost 10 years! He, Ellen, Todd & Angie was like my family! I enjoyed going to the lake, with them and learning how to water ski! I have a lot of good memories! He will definitely be missed! Prayers for Angie and all the family!!*



**Nancy Page May** - June 30, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Harold Mitchell Wright.*



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June 29, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ *Having know Harold from the first day he started to school at Washington Irving, he was a loyal member of the DHS Class of 1961 and I recall he really enjoyed riding on our float at our 50th Class Reunion. It goes without saying he did enjoy cars.*

*I lived just down the street from Harold and his parents did not allow him to smoke (yes- Harold would enjoy a smoke occasionally) and in High School, nearly every night around 10PM I would see him drive his 1955 or 1956 Crown Ford Victoria around the block, just have a final smoke (ha).*

*Harold has always been a kind and sincere person and a friend to all .*

*RIP my HS friend.*

*Noel*

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**Noel McBee** - June 29, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Harold Mitchell Wright.



June 29, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Harold Mitchell Wright.



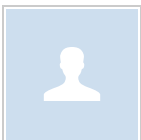
June 29, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ Since hearing of Harold’s passing, Logan has been reliving many happy times while they practiced together for several years. They were great friends as well and Logan says Doc was “King of the Hemi’s!” How he loved the race cars and owned the best! Our kids grew up with Angie and Todd and we have a long history of love for the Wright Family. God bless you all.💔Logan & Mary Lou Beard



**Logan & Mary Lou Beard** - June 29, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Harold Mitchell Wright.



June 29, 2022 at 11:24 AM

JP

“ Thoughts and prayers to Dr. Wright's family and friends. I sure enjoyed visiting with him online.

Jayson Howell Pruitt - June 29, 2022 at 08:53 AM

WH

“ Harold was a good friend thru our schools years (class of 61) . We had so many classes together and even dated a few times. Will always remember our fun times. He will be missed and my prayers be with the family.

Wanda Shipman Holcomb - June 28, 2022 at 08:59 PM

PD

I became acquainted with Doc a few years ago through his wife Shirley working at Medical Center Pharmacy. He always said to me Pam how are you doing every single time he came in the door. He was very kind and full of compassion for others. He always had a smile every time he entered the door. He will be missed by all of those that knew him.

Pamela Dalton - June 29, 2022 at 02:05 PM

RW

“ So sorry for your loss Shirley and Angie, may he Rest In Peace, no pain and no sorrow no more. God Bless you and yours.  
Rich and EJ

Rich & EJ Woodard - June 28, 2022 at 05:50 PM