



## Bradley Auburn "Brad" Wright

April 15, 1958 - May 15, 2025

Bradley Auburn "Brad" Wright, age 67, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed away on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Heroes' Haven in the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was honored with a Hero's Honor Walk by the VA in recognition of his service to our country.

Brad was born on April 15, 1958, in Las Vegas, New Mexico, to Joyce Ann Foster Wright and Bobby Gene Wright. He was raised in Siloam Springs, where he graduated from Siloam Springs High School in 1976.

He served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 4th Class with the 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry, Berlin Brigade, from February 24, 1978, to February 19, 1981, during the Post-Vietnam War era. Brad was proud of his military service and cherished the time he spent stationed in Germany.

Following his service, Brad worked as a supervisor at Gates Rubber Company in Siloam Springs until a back injury led to his retirement. A gifted musician, Brad played drums and guitar in several local bands during his youth. One of his bands, Grandstand, formed in 1974, reunited years later to perform at his sister's 50th high school reunion — a memory Brad treasured.

Brad was raised in the Church of Christ and later became a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church, where he was baptized. His faith was a source of strength and peace, and he passed with the assurance of his salvation.

Brad was also a devoted Arkansas Razorbacks fan. He rarely missed a game and often enjoyed texting with family, especially a cousin in Louisiana, to celebrate big wins.

Brad is survived by his son, Darren Wright; his daughter, Alisha Wright Schmalz; his sister, Crissa Nixon and husband Larry of Fayetteville, AR; his brother, Scott Wright of Siloam Springs, AR; his nephew, Britt Barnes of Fayetteville, AR; his niece, Yalonda Pinnell and husband Ryan of Republic, MO; several other beloved nieces; several aunts; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bobby and Joyce Wright; one brother, Jay Wright; his maternal and paternal grandparents; and several aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held at the Fayetteville National Cemetery, 1000 S Lt Col Leroy Pond Ave, Fayetteville, AR 72701, on June 3, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bo's Blessings, P.O. Box 8558, Springdale, AR 72766, and the Veterans' Homeless Program and Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks, 1100 N College Ave Fayetteville, AR 72703, to honor Brad's memory and his love for his fellow veterans.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the Palliative Care Unit at Heroes' Haven for their exceptional compassion and care during Brad's final days.

# Cemetery Details

## Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 3. 11:30 AM (CT)

Fayetteville National Cemetery  
700 Government Ave.  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Brad was a good man and a wonderful friend. He was so proud to be a veteran. I always took him with me to our churches veterans breakfast every year around Veterans Day. He will be missed by all who knew him. Love you buddy!

C.D. Jordan - May 30, 2025 at 09:56 AM

CJ

“ Oh my word this is such a shock to me! I loved Brad so much and kept in touch with him over the years. I'm so sorry Scott! Yes Brad was a true Razorback fan and me being a Sooner fan would always give each other a hard time in fun of course. I'm going to miss my fellow Army buddy. Heaven now has a wonderful drummer and a proud veteran! Love you Brad!

C.D. Jordan - May 29, 2025 at 09:51 AM

BM

“ We give our deepest condolences to you. Praying for your comfort during this difficult time.

Bodacious McCoy - May 28, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ I remember when he and his band would play at Dawn Hill in the 70's, he was really good. He's probably the only drummer who did a drum solo there.



John Woods - May 24, 2025 at 10:05 PM

PA

“ Brad was a great neighbor and friend

patricia - May 23, 2025 at 12:41 PM

RN

“ Good Ole Brad is in Heaven waiting for all of us.  
I will always remember the 3 dollar High Hat.  
Deep appreciation for Brad's Friendship.  
I Love you all , Randy Newton

Randy L Newton - May 21, 2025 at 06:17 PM

DM

“ I have so many great memories of the time I  
spent with Brad. He was a great guy and an  
all around good person. I'm going to miss you  
buddy 🎵🎸☀️



Dennis Metcalf - May 21, 2025 at 02:29 PM

BS

“ Brad was a great guy. So sorry to hear of his  
passing. My thoughts and prayers to the  
family.



Bill Staggs - May 21, 2025 at 12:15 PM

JS

“ It was great living next door to and hanging out with Brad and his brothers when we were in elementary school. Brad and I were the same age, and my brother Chris was the same age as Jay. After a hard day of playing football, baseball, or whatever, there was always a cool drink waiting for us at the Dairy Queen.

*Jeff Stewart*

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**Jeff Stewart** - May 20, 2025 at 09:05 PM

LR

“ Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Bradley Wright



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**Liz Reading** - May 20, 2025 at 04:59 PM