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Leonard (Len) Denton Wright III, M.D., respected and loved in the West Michigan community, died April 8, 2017; he was 62. Leonard was born on June 6, 1954 to Leonard Denton Wright, Jr. and Libby (Miller) Wright in Flint, Michigan. Leonard graduated from Flint Central High School in 1972, and Albion College in 1976; he was Captain of both his high school and college football teams. He attended University of Michigan Medical School, graduating in 1980. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and his Emergency Medicine Residency at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois. He studied Medical Acupuncture at UCLA and achieved board certifications in Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Medical Acupuncture and Hospice and Palliative Care. Through the course of his accomplished medical career, Dr. Wright was Director of Hackley Hospital Emergency Department in Muskegon, and later introduced Medical Acupuncture and Holistic Medicine to his community through his practice, Celebrate Center for Holistic Healing. He served as Medical Director of the Wege Institute for Mind Body and Spirit in Grand Rapids, Harbor Hospice in Muskegon, and Spectrum Hospice in Grand Rapids before retiring in 2015. He married his wife, Rita Ann, on Mackinac Island on October 2, 1982 and moved to Muskegon where together they raised their two beautiful sons, Sean and Khristian. Through the years he loved running, playing his piano, downhill skiing, windsurfing, but most of all, playing and coaching his sons in basketball and cheering on his Wolverines. He spent time rescuing and healing wildlife, planting daffodils, summiting Mount Kilimanjaro, and watching Lake Michigan sunsets. In his retirement, he studied to become a Docent for the Muskegon Museum of Art and was looking forward to joining his golf league this spring. Len was predeceased by his father, Leonard Wright, Jr. and his brother-in-law, Jim Moriarty. He lives on in his wife, Rita Ann; his beloved sons, Sean and Khristian; daughter-in-law to be, Karly Billings; his adoring mother, Libby;



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sisters, Lynn (Albert) Hackett and Cheryl (Mike) Porter; brother-in-laws, Jack (Carol) Moriarty, George Moriarty and Patrick Moriarty; sister-in-law, Pamela Moriarty; beautiful nieces and nephews, his wonderful extended family and friends and those who he loved as brothers. His family welcomes you to a Celebration of Life on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 12noon officiated by Marilyn Rottschafer, Chaplin for Harbor Hospice, at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., Muskegon 49444, (231)798-1100. Visitation for family and friends begins at 10AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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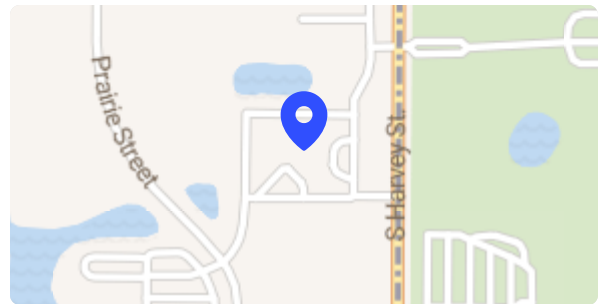
Memorial Visitation

Saturday, May 13, 2017

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

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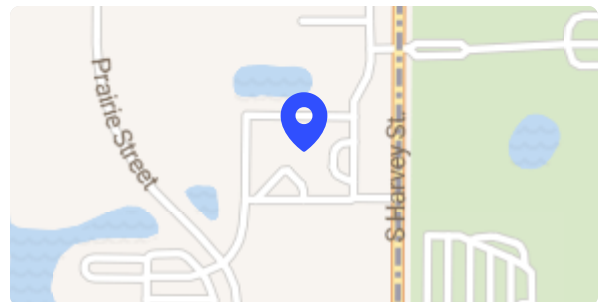
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DF

Dean Feldman posted:

As a child, for a few weeks during the summers (between 1961 and 1964), my siblings and I would visit our grandparents in Flint. Len figures prominently in my memories of playing in those days of joy.

August 24 at 7:28 AM

JF

John Flanagan sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Wright III, family.



May 11 at 7:53 AM

JF

John Flanagan posted:

Hi Rita Ann, Sorry to hear of your loss. May Jesus, the God of all comfort, comfort all who loved your husband Leonard, especially those of your family. Your cousin, John Flanagan

May 10 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wright III, family.



May 10 at 4:36 PM

ME

Mary-Ellen posted:

Dear Rita Ann, Sean and Khristian --I am sorry to hear of Len's passing away. May God comfort you with your fond memories of times shared now and in days to come. Mary-Ellen (Flanagan)
BurgessVancouver, Canada

April 24 at 10:50 AM

CB

Cecille Boyne posted:

Rita Ann: Mark and I are so sorry to hear of your loss, the loss of Leonard. Our deepest condolences are with you and your sons. Sending love and prayers across these many miles. Your cousin Cecille Boyne (Flanagan)

April 24 at 7:26 AM



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GF

Gerry Farrar posted:

Dr. Len Wright not only rescued and healed wildlife, he rescued my husband and, while not able to completely heal him, he was able to heal his spirit. He gave him his spirit back and enabled him to truly live his last years. I am forever grateful to both Len and Rita for their care and concern. I know there must be many many others who have been touched by this marvelous man -- and his lovely wife. I wonder how many souls are waiting to greet him -- and thank him--- in heaven. The world has lost a true healer.Gerry Farrar

April 19 at 1:44 PM

DT

Deb Tufts lit a candle in honor of Leonard.

To Rita, and the Family and Friends of Len, Sending love and prayers to all of you. Len was such a great man. He did a lot for our community, and touched many lives in a positive way, in his lifetime. He is appreciated, loved, and will be greatly missed by so many... I feel a great spirit such as Len's will live on forever in our hearts and beyond...God bless all of you that meant so very much to Len, Deb Tufts



April 19 at 7:22 AM

DR

Debra Dominiak Rinck posted:

I was privileged to work with Len at the Wege Institute of Mind, Body Spirit and Spectrum Hospice. I also had the pleasure of facilitating his guest lecturing at Western Michigan University's Holistic Health Department where he introduced hundreds of students to the ideas of integrative medicine and acupuncture. He blazed a trail in areas of Western Medicine and expanded people's views on what constitutes healing. He was a trusted colleague, healer and friend and I will miss him dearly. My deep condolences to you Rita and your entire family. He was nothing less than a treasure.

April 15 at 11:34 AM

DE

Deann & Jim posted:

Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Len. Our prayers are for your peace during this time.

April 15 at 8:39 AM



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Laurie Powers shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.



April 15 at 5:44 AM



Jeanne Tholl posted:

To dearest Libby, Lynn & Al, We are so very saddened and surprised to learn about Leonard. We know how much you will miss him. It is so difficult to lose a sibling and a child. Our thought and prayers are with you. Wish we were there to give you "big hugs" With deepest sympathy & love, Mary Ellen, Bill and Jeanne Tholl

April 14 at 3:23 PM



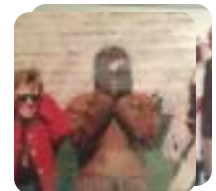
Frank & Evie Dipiazza posted:

We shared some time together, raising our boys and watching them play soccer. You will be missed. Our deepest condolences to Rita, the boys and family.

April 14 at 10:55 AM



Mike P shared an album called **New Album Name**.



April 13 at 5:12 PM



Martha Mccune posted:

I will remember Len often. I feel like I knew several of his lives, working with him in the ER, getting guidance on new ways to look at health and healing, learning about yoga and acupuncture and labyrinths. I will hold you all in my heart.

April 13 at 4:58 PM



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Mary Warschauer posted:

I remember when Leonard would come to Nexus in CO to visit and he would tell me stories about his two sisters. He had a wonderful sense of humor and along with Rita he raised two wonderful Sons. He will be missed. Rest In Peace Leonard. My prayers are with your family.

April 13 at 9:44 AM



Lynn Addicott posted:

It is difficult to summarize a person who was as amazing as Len . It was a privilege to work with him at Hackley ER . He was so many things funny , caring , smart & always true to himself . The world was a better place because he was here . My heart is sad for Rita and his beautiful boys . I know his boys will always be able to carry on with the things that made Len so special . He was one of a kind and he always made a difference .Peace to each of you until you are together again .

April 13 at 6:31 AM



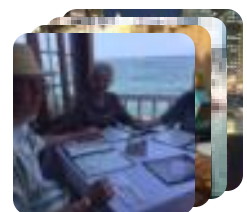
Frankie Wilson posted:

Although I regret never meeting Len in person, I felt as though I knew him through the stories of his mother, Libby, and sister, Lynn. I know that Len was a kind and caring person who made a difference in so many lives and made the world a better place. Len will always be a part of an amazingly close extended family and my sincere sympathies go out to you all. Frankie Wilson Boca Raton, FL

April 13 at 4:39 AM



Cheryl shared an album called **The many faces of Len.**



April 12 at 2:25 PM



Ed Tennison posted:

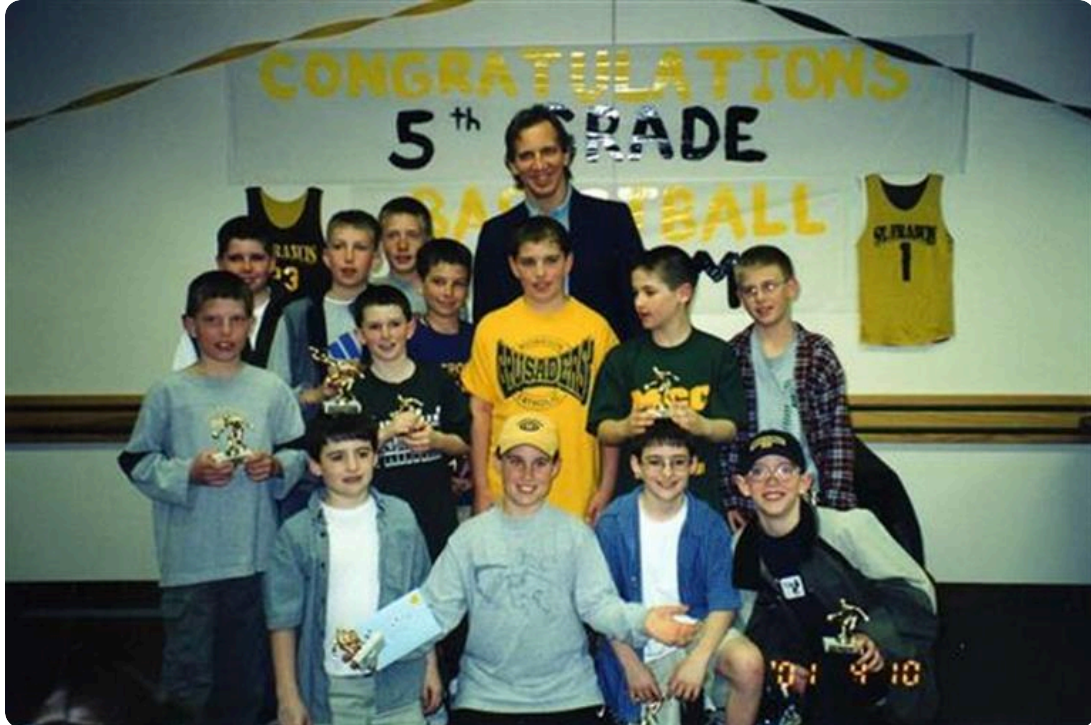
I was privileged to work with Len at Hackley. What an awesome doctor and person he was. To the Wright family I am so sorry for your loss. I know his legacy will live on and he will be greatly missed.

April 12 at 2:25 PM



Laurie Powers shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

April 15 at 5:44 AM



They loved their coach !



Mike P shared 2 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

April 13 at 5:12 PM



Family times



Forever together



Cheryl shared 5 photos to the **The many faces of Len** album.

April 12 at 3:13 PM



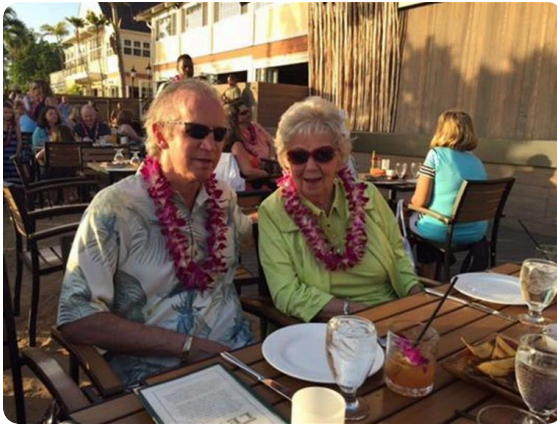
Len with the love of his life Rita



The family together- Sean, Len, Rita and Khristian



A chip off the ole block



This is my beloved son. ??Mom



Len, mom and Lynn in Maui



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leonard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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