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Paula Wright, 65, of St. Louis, MO, passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in St. Charles, Mo at 11:00 AM.

Paula Ann Wright, age 65, of St. Louis, Missouri, passed away peacefully on October 16, 2025, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Paula was born on August 23, 1960, at St. Joseph Hospital to Floyd Shelton “Tom” Wright and Roberta Brown.

Paula grew up surrounded by love, laughter, and the strength of family. She was educated in the St. Charles School District, graduating from St. Charles High School. She later pursued studies at Lincoln University and attended St. Charles Beauty Academy, adding to her creative gifts and vibrant personality.

Paula was blessed with a talent and passion for food, working as a culinary specialist and caregiver for many years. She was employed at Fontbonne University, Gerbes (Kroger), Mizzou Fraternity, and Emmaus Homes, where she shared her skills in hospitality and culinary service. She also worked as a Patient Tech at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles, demonstrating her compassion and commitment to caring for others.

Baptized at an early age, Paula held a quiet yet steadfast faith. In her early years, she served faithfully in the Culinary Ministry, expressing her love for God and others through her service. Her personality was jovial, strong, pleasant, and caring, and she carried herself with a gentle confidence that touched everyone she met.

She enjoyed living simply, doing things in her own unique way, and finding joy in life’s everyday moments. Paula’s humor and compassion made her unforgettable to her family and friends. Her legacy lives on through the many lessons she shared—especially the art of cooking—and through the love she poured into those around her.



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She will be lovingly remembered by her five heartbeats—her children, Jolomi and Meisha (Pharis)—and her cherished grandchildren, Jaiviana, Troy Jr., and Na’amah. Paula also leaves to celebrate her memory her devoted siblings Jerry, Kerry, Joy, John Jr. (Alicia), and Melvin Sr. (JaQuisha), along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, her grandbaby Baby Wright-Zomphier, her stepfather Reverend John McCaleb Sr., her brother-in-law Marcus McDonald, her sister-in-law Denise McCaleb, and three special friends, Bolaji Renwick, Thomas Vaughn, and Burlan Thomas.

In her own way, Paula often expressed her faith through song. One she held close to her heart was “Lord, I Want You to Help Me” from the soundtrack of Tyler Perry’s *I Can Do Bad All by Myself*. Those lyrics reflected her life’s prayer—her desire for God’s help, guidance, and grace through every season. Though her work on earth is done, the echo of that song remains, reminding us all to lean on the Lord for strength, just as Paula did.

Her love, laughter, and light will continue to shine in our hearts forever.





Events

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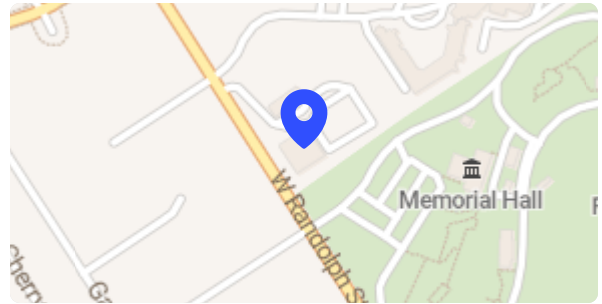
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, November 1, 2025

 11:00 AM CT

 **Mt. Zion Baptist Church**
2100 W. Randolph St, St. Charles MO 63301





Tribute Wall

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Richard And Lois Vardeman & Family sent an Arrive in Style to the Wright family.



October 28 at 10:52 PM



Sonja Jackson lit a candle in honor of Paula.

Not only is she my friend she is and always will be my family. Our friendship/ familyship goes all the way back to the early 80's. She and I worked at St. Marys Hospital in Jefferson City Missouri. I worked in the ER, my mother in the ER and Paula worked on the orthopedic floor. When I met her Jolomi was probably 2 years old. We all became the best of friends and then she became our family. She recently told my sister Tamika and I we were her sister nieces and my mother was her sister. Not blood related, but attached by the heart. Remembering every minute of our sister/ familyship we shared awesome memories, hilarious laughter and good times. She spoke straight from the hip no chaser. She would do anything for you and vice versa. Our hour(s) long marathon phone calls, we're the best! I'd call her and she would greet me with her " Hey girl hey" or she'd call me with the same " hey girl hey". We'd talk about God and how good He was. I'll always remember our last "I love yours because they were authentic. I will always love her because God's love is everlasting and never ending. ♥ I will forever love and miss my sister friend/ family. This isn't a goodbye because we'll see each other again. We'll meet each other once again with " our "Hey girl heys". I'm sure her and my mother are together on the arms of Jesus cutting up as they always did. This one hurts 😭❤️ but God blessed me and our family with the most precious gift, our love for each other. Sleep easy Paula I love you so. "Hey girl hey"...



October 28 at 6:38 AM



William Hardiman lit a candle in honor of Paula.



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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