



Dr. C. Larry Wright

June 21, 2025

Dr. C. Larry Wright, a dedicated physician, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2025, in Moses Lake, Washington. He was 90 years old.

Born in 1935 on a sharecropper's farm in Casey, Iowa, during a fierce winter blizzard in the midst of the great depression, Larry's life was rooted in perseverance, service, and faith. He was the son of Olen "Bud" and Mildred Wright and spent much of his early childhood attending a one-room schoolhouse. A bright and determined student, Larry left high school early to attend the University of Iowa, where he earned both his Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine degrees. He put himself through school laying railroad ties, picking peas and other farming jobs, and later as an orderly in the hospital. On January 3, 1958, Larry married the love of his life, Jeanette Kiser, in Iowa City. Together they built a life marked by service, compassion, and a love of expanding horizons.

After completing his internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Larry volunteered with the United States Public Health Service. He served at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri, before continuing his residency in Staten Island, New York, and later transferring to the USPHS facility in Seattle, Washington. It was here that his love of hiking and photography became apparent.

Dr. Wright went on to join Group Health Cooperative in Seattle, where he was a 'complete' ophthalmologist, one of the best at retinal surgery and one of the

earliest doing laser treatments for nearly two decades, while living in Redmond, WA. He later moved to Moses Lake, WA, joining Columbia Basin Eye Clinic and serving patients across Grant County and surrounding areas for the final 10 years of his 40-year career.

A man of many passions, Larry embraced retirement with the same enthusiasm he brought to his medical practice. He found joy in gardening, especially orchards, photography, genealogy, music, and woodworking. He was an active member of Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Ephrata, WA. He rang bells in the local hand bell choir, participated in Bible studies, and went on numerous mission trips. He was also a proud member of the Dutch Oven Society.

Larry was deeply connected to the outdoors and passed on his love of camping and backpacking to his children and grandchildren, creating lifelong memories of big trees, mountains, oceans and campfires. In the last decade he developed a love for cooking, collecting an impressive library of cookbooks from around the world, which he would read cover to cover, and was always cooking something from a different region of the world to the very end.

Larry passed onto David the love of music and fixing things, to Julia, Love of the natural world and the passion for caring for others, to Jon, the ability to build and create, to Joshua the love of the outdoors and woodworking, to Jennifer the love of playing instruments and medicine, to Austin photography and computers, and to Alexis playing instruments, playing grandpa's saxophone in the band.

He is survived by his children David Wright and wife Barbara of Anaheim, CA; Julia Reed-Voldal and husband Eric of Federal Way, WA; and Jonathan Wright and wife Tabitha of Port Charlotte, FL; his grandchildren Joshua Reed and wife Kristen of Missoula, MT; Jennifer Cockerill and husband Tanner of Marysville, WA; Austin Wright and wife Mackenzie of Culver City, CA; and Alexis Wright of Port Charlotte, FL; and great-grandchildren Kiara Reed and Sienna Cockerill.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Jeanette, his parents, and his

brothers Ron of Nixa, MO, and Gary of Kansas City, KS.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., with a viewing at 10:30 a.m., at Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Ephrata, WA.

Dr. Larry Wright will be remembered not only for his healing hands and sharp mind, but for his kind heart, gentle spirit, deep faith, and unwavering love for his family and community. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, both professionally and personally.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

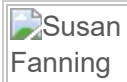
Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church
172 Ivy Street SE
Ephrata, WA

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



Susan
Fanning

“ I will never forget the kindness that Dr. Wright and Jeanette shared with our Family. When my late husband was going through cancer treatments at UW they contacted us and insisted that we stay at their condo in Redmond for any amount of time. We stayed often and the condo was our sanctuary during difficult times. I was the realtor for the Wrights in their homes, we shared a wonderful friendship over many years. May good memories be with family.

Susan Fanning - July 09, 2025 at 12:36 AM