

## *I Needed the Quiet*

by Alice Hansche Mortenson

I needed the quiet so He drew me aside,  
Into the shadows where we could confide.  
Away from the bustle where all the day long  
I hurried and worried when active and strong.

I needed the quiet tho at first I rebelled  
But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld  
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things  
Tho weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay.  
He loves me so greatly He drew me away.

I needed the quiet. No prison my bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead –  
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.  
I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.

## *In Appreciation*

The family of Jean Wright wishes to express  
our gratitude to her wonderful caregivers.  
We are so fortunate to have had them.

**Freeman**  
MORTUARY



“WELL DONE,  
GOOD & FAITHFUL  
SERVANT!”

*Matthew 25:24*

*Ola Jean Wright*

NOVEMBER 5, 1922 - APRIL 16, 2020

# Remembering Jean

Ola Jean Wright, 97 years, of Jefferson City, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at her home.

She was born on November 5, 1922 in Centertown, Mo., the daughter of Dewey and Millie Vogel Gibler. She was married on November 5, 1942 in Jefferson City, Mo. to Clinton Wright who preceded her in death on November 26, 1991.

A lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area, Jean attended Harmony Grove, Pleasant Grove, and Kings Chapel Elementary schools. She later went on to graduate from Centertown High School in 1940.

Jean worked at Tweedie Footwear Co. and later was a 17 year employee as a library clerk and secretary for Jefferson City Public Schools. She was also a charter member of the Jefferson City Public Schools Association of Educational Secretaries.

Jean possessed a strong faith and for much of her life, she was a member of the Free Methodist Church serving as an assistant Secretary-Treasurer and teaching children's Sunday school classes for more than 30 years. In 1997, she joined Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City, where she maintained an active membership and enjoyed the fellowship of the Joy Sunday School class. She was an avid gardener and a lifetime member of the Bittersweet Garden Club, Jefferson City, also serving on the Concord Baptist Church Beautification Committee, helping tend to the church's many flower gardens.

Jean had a love for the outdoors, always working in her flower gardens for all to enjoy. She will be remembered for her giving heart and dedication to helping others. She was always there to lend a smile, her time, a friendly conversation, or just make family and friends feel special. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, canning, and cooking for her family. Most of all, Jean loved spending time with her family, and her grandchildren were the light of her life. She had a passion for life and always enjoyed every moment.

Survivors include: two daughters, Carolyn Thomasson of Jefferson City, Mo. and Brenda Wright of Wheatland, Mo.; three sisters, Evelyn Stock (husband Dennis) of California, Mo., Rita Connell of Jefferson City, Mo., and Catherine Vaughan (husband Richard) of Lohman, Mo.; four grandchildren, Kendall Thomasson of Kirksville, Mo., Dwaine Claxton (wife Christy) of Mesa, Az., Brett Claxton (wife Deneise) of Mustang, Ok., and Karla Washington (husband Kerry) of Columbia, Mo.; one nephew, Jerry Wright (wife Maureen) of Jefferson City, Mo; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband of 49 years, Clinton; one sister, Laverne Wadley-Carson; four brothers, Richard Gibler, William Gibler, Roy Lee Gibler, and James Dewey Gibler; one son-in-law, Gary Thomasson; one sister-in-law, Irene Gibler; and four brothers-in-law, John Wadley, Curtis Connell, Charles Carson, and Gene Belt.



## *Memorial Service*

12:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2020,

Freeman Chapel

Reverend Dr. Monte Shinkle & Reverend John Forsythe

## *Graveside Service*

Hawthorn Memorial Gardens

## *Pallbearers*

Kendall Thomasson, Brett Claxton, Karla Washington,  
Brian Connell, Rick Vaughan, and Dale Gibler

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Dwaine Claxton, Jerry Wright, and Mike Carver

## *Order of Service*

Prelude

Greeting & Invitation to Worship.....Reverend John Forsythe

In the Garden.....Reverend Dr. Monte Shinkle

Scripture Reading .....Reverend John Forsythe

Reflections on Ms. Jean

Prayer

Message.....Reverend Dr. Monte Shinkle

Jesus Loves Me.....Reverend John Forsythe

Benediction & Postlude