

WRIGHT, DR. GEORGE T., 93, resident of Treyton Oak Towers of Louisville, KY, passed away from pneumonia on Wednesday, May 1st, 2019, at Jewish Hospital surrounded by family.

Dr. Wright was born on Staten Island, NY, on December 17, 1925. His undergraduate degree was earned at Columbia College (NYC) and his Master of Arts at Columbia University. He received a Ph.D. In English Literature From the University of California in 1957. Dr. Wright had a long and distinguished teaching career beginning at the University of Kentucky as an assistant professor from 1957-60 and continuing at the University of Tennessee as Associate Professor from 1961-68. He began a long tenure at the University of Minnesota in 1968 and served as Professor, Regent's Professor, Chairman of the Department of English, and finally Professor Emeritus. He also received two Fulbright awards, an NEH Senior Fellowship, and a Guggenheim Fellowship, as well as numerous other academic honors and awards.

Dr. Wright authored six books on diverse topics in the world of poetry including works about Elliot, Yeats, Pound and Auden but his specialty was the examination of the metrical qualities of the works of Shakespeare. He wrote dozens of articles in professional journals of English and published about eighty of his own poems in periodicals which included New Yorker, Esquire, The Sewanee Review, and The Nation. Finally, he published a volume of his own poetry, "Aimless Life", which covered his work over four decades.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jerry Honeywell Wright, parents, George Thaddeus Wright Sr. and Tekla Anderson Wright; his brother, Lawrence Wright; and his sister-in-law, Joyce Wright, and sister Norma (Wright) Weaver and brother-in-law Robert Weaver. He is survived by his nephew Raymond L. Weaver and nieces Pamela Rehman and Colleen Long, from Hale, MI, and Sharon Wright of Vero Beach FL. A celebration of his life will be held at Treyton Oak Towers at a later date to be announced.