

Memorial Resolution on behalf of Marilyn “Jay” Wright

April 3, 1949 – August 12, 2015

Marilyn Jane (Miller) Wright affectionately known as Jay to some family, friends, and co-workers, was the middle child born to Henry and Minnie (Whiteside) Miller Brown on April 3, 1949, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Both parents preceded her in death. Marilyn was also blessed to have had a wonderful stepfather Daniel L. Brown of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Although Jay was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, she grew up in South Bend, Indiana and was educated in the South Bend Public Schools: Perley Elementary, Jefferson Jr. High School and was a 1967 graduate of John Adams High School. Jay attended Vincennes University and Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Jay was employed at IUPUI for a total of over 44 years starting at the old campus working at the University Library. She worked for over 37 years at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. During that time she was a member of the IUPUI Staff Council at its on-set, serving three terms. Her hard work and ceaseless contributions to the law school were recognized when she was awarded the IUPUI Spirit Award in 2001. She was ‘mom’ to generations of students and staff at the law school.

She was an active volunteer for the CAACW, Consortium of African-American Christian Women. She was a member of the South Bend Eastside Reunion Planning Committee from 2008 through 2011. During the 1980s, she also operated her own business, The Wright Loose Leaf Filing Service, through which she serviced law firm libraries and practicing attorneys by maintaining their loose leaf services.

Jay loved reading and writing and kept many journals during and after her participation in various writers’ groups throughout Indianapolis, She also loved creating personalized greeting cards for friends and family.

Jay is survived by her wonderful husband of 46 years, Nathaniel; two sons, Steven and Timothy, Sr. (Marie); three step-children, David (Cynthia) Wright, Cheryl Shannon, and Jazz Wright; eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandsons, all of Indianapolis. Her siblings, who she always said were her best friends, Maurice Miller (Dalayna) of Indianapolis, and Marian Miller (Brent) Nicks-Walker of South Bend.

THUS, BE IT RESOLVED that this memorial resolution be placed in the minutes of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Staff Council with a moment of silence observed in her honor.

Adopted by the IUPUI Staff Council at their meeting on September 23, 2015