

Fred Ellis Wright, 96, Mt. Juliet, died Thursday, July 19.

Wright was a lifetime member of Laguardo Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during WWII and retired in 1981 as Chief Administrator of Loan Services for the Veterans Administration. Mr. Wright was the son of the late, Joseph Fred and Maggie Eagan Wright. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Margaret Jones Wright; his brother, Lt. Joe Wright and his sister, Mary Alice Wright.

He is survived by: son, James "Jim" (Valerie) Wright; daughters, Suzanne (Ken) Brown and Linda Bruce; brothers, Raymond Wright and Glen (Jeanne) Wright; grandchildren, Dwayne Wright, Ange Cave, Chris Wright, Jonny Bruce, Mike Bruce, Andy Brown, James Simpson, Matthew Bruce, Joseph Bruce and Jake Brown; eight great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 22 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Rev. Chuck Groover officiating. Interment with military honors followed at Hollis-Wright Cemetery. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Harris, Tony Weitlauf and Marie Parrish.

Flowers accepted or, memorials may be made to the Laguardo Baptist Church Building Fund.