

L.J. “Joe” Wright, M.D.

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L.J. (Joe) Wright, M.D. was born in Mapleton, Oregon to Sylvia Millicent Morris Gunn and Henry Gunn. He later took the name of his adopted father, Ben Wright. Resident of Yucca Valley, California. Joe graduated from Loyola University with Engineer Degree in 1941, joined the Navy Seabees from 1942 to 1945 building roads in Alaska and Guam. He graduated from St. Louis University Medical School in 1955, and started a family practice in Eureka, California from 1955-1990. He loved practicing medicine in the more physician-directed and patient-oriented era of medicine that allowed the life-long patient-physician relationships and house calls. He became a pillar of the community and was the president of the Humboldt-Del Norte County Medical Society 1977-1978. He served as Editor of the Medical Society's *The Bulletin* for several years. He was loved by his patients and respected by his fellow physicians. He retired and moved to the Desert. Wife, Myrtle B. Wright Children- Mark Wright, Escondido- Wendy Wright, La Mesa, Calif.- Julie Wright, deceased- Aimee Wright, Escondido, Calif. - Leslie Ruggles, Citrus Heights, Calif. Step Son - Dennis Ireland, step son Dennia O'Neil, step daughter- Kathy O'Neil. Seven Grandchildren, Two Great Grandchildren and one Great Great Grand child.