



Otis O. Wragg III

December 30, 1939 - January 26, 2022

Otis O. Wragg, III, died Jan. 26 in Bonita Springs, FL, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Wragg was a longtime resident of Key Biscayne, FL, a U.S. Navy veteran, and founder of Wragg & Casas Public Relations (now Wragg & Casas Strategic Communications) of Miami. A former newspaper editor and reporter, he was managing editor of The Miami News and had held positions at The Lakeland Ledger, The Clearwater Sun, The St. Petersburg Independent, The Tallahassee Democrat and the Associated Press.

A member of the Counsellors' Academy of the Public Relations Society of America, he had been a member of the Florida Managing Editors' Association and of Sigma Delta Chi journalism society.

Born Dec. 30, 1939, in Gadsden, AL. Wragg moved with his family to Clearwater, FL at age 13. He attended public schools there and joined the U.S. Navy from high school at age 17. After two years aboard the destroyer USS Robert L. Wilson, Yeoman First Class Wragg attended St. Petersburg Junior College and Florida State University.

He was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, a Jack Black Fellow of

the Steamboat Springs, CO, Rotary Club, and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

A lifelong Episcopalian, Otis had been active at St. Christopher's by-the-Sea in Key Biscayne, St. Mary's in Bonita Springs, and St. Paul's in Steamboat Springs, CO, where the family has maintained a second home since 1992.

Wragg is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joanna DiCarlo Wragg, their children Otis Oliver Wragg IV of Ft. Lauderdale; and LaMae W. (Mrs. Keenan) Klos, and grandchildren Karel Klos and Josie Klos of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; and daughter Jill (Mrs. Andy) Magioncalda of New Jersey.

A requiem mass will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bonita Springs, on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 11:00 A.M., with entombment in the columbarium at St. Christopher's by-the-Sea, Key Biscayne, FL, at a later date.

The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bonita Springs or Hope Hospice.

To sign Otis's guest book or to leave on line condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Requiem Eucharist

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
9801 Bonita Beach Rd SE
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
(239) 992-4343

Tribute Wall

SN

“ During the 1970's, I had the great fortune of having Mr. Otis Wragg as an English teacher at Largo High School. It was at a time when I was floundering and trying to make my way in a new state and a new school. He was one of the most compassionate and amazing teachers that I've ever encountered. He not only taught me to appreciate literature and what it takes to write well, but also the life skills of having confidence in myself and moving in the world with grace. I see that it has been two years since my beloved teacher has passed, but his legacy will continue to live on in my heart and the fortunate others that he impacted during his life. Although it has been two years, I still wanted to extend my condolences and let you know that Mr. Wragg touched me and many more lives than you can imagine.

Susan Nachtigal - April 25, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ Otis O. Wragg III

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM

KF

“ As a young reporter in Charlotte County, I covered General Development Corp. and had the pleasure of meeting Otis and calling upon him many times for information. We enjoyed discussing journalism and he was always helpful and supportive at a time when I was struggling as a transplanted Philadelphian in a small town. He had a great sense of humor, lots of perspective on journalism and was always helpful when I was racing to write a story. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Karen Feldman - February 10, 2022 at 04:10 PM

JM

“ Dear Joanna, our hearts are with you during this difficult time. Have peace in knowing that Otis leaves a positive legacy of caring and integrity.

Susan and Jerry Mozian

Jerry Mozian - February 08, 2022 at 01:56 PM

AN

“ Well done thou good and faithful servant...
Our sincere love and sympathy go out to Joanna and family for their loss of husband, father, and grandfather.

Ann - February 06, 2022 at 08:26 AM

JS

“ Joanna, Otis IV, LeMay and family—my heartfelt love and sympathy go out to each of you. Otis was a dear friend, colleague and mentor. While we naturally spent a great deal of time discussing work, this incredibly empathetic man also was a font of wisdom and advice on family and life. Otis was witty, kind and loyal. My life is all the better for having known him!

Judy Clayton Sanchez - February 05, 2022 at 03:05 PM

PP

“ I remember Otis from Rotary in Key Biscayne. A true Rotarian ready to work for the good of the people. Otis and Joanna trusted us in the sale of their home in Key Biscayne, but most of all I treasured their friendship, their smile, the joy of life and their lives together.

Patricia Peraita - February 04, 2022 at 09:37 AM

BW

“ Dear Joanna, beloved by the Lord, We thank God for all that both of you have meant to our journey of faith and the wonderful love and support that you have for so many that have placed their love in the Lord. You have been so involved with St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Steamboat Springs and so supportive of our ministry to St. Mark's Church of Grace in Craig, Colorado. We love you, will miss Otis tremendously and are so comforted in knowing that we will all see each other again at that Great Messianic Banquet waiting for us where all of the pains of the world will be behind us and we will be in the presence of the ONE who loves us and grants us eternal life in His Name. Blessings and all of our love. Fr. Bain and Christine White

Bain and Christine White - February 02, 2022 at 04:46 PM

FM

“ We were fortunate to have Otis and Joanna as neighbors for 15 years in Steamboat Springs, Co. With his intelligence and grace he brought civility to our condo community. We remember him fondly. Fred and Linda Mitchell

Fred Mitchell - February 02, 2022 at 11:59 AM

MM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I have a wonderful memory of having lunch at Pink Shell with Otis, such a sweet man, and in many ways he reminded me of my Dad. As we chatted that day, I could tell he really enjoy being with us. Sending much love, he will always hold a dear place in my heart, and I will remember him as a sweet, gentle man.



Melanie Maingot - January 31, 2022 at 10:51 PM

AR

“ Joanna, my condolences to you and your family. I have never met anyone who knew more about the state of Florida than Otis. I take with me many things I learned at my 15 years at the firm. You once told me, after I had lost someone, that the world was a better place because they been in it. I found much comfort in those words. I hope you find the same kind of comfort.
Audrey Rohlehr

Audrey Rohlehr - January 31, 2022 at 09:11 PM

FJ

“ The Jaeckle family lived next door to Otis for 3 years at the Cottages. Otis was a prince of a neighbor and stellar in kindness to our special needs son. He was a great acquaintance. So sorry for your loss Joanna.

Fred and Jane Jaeckle - January 31, 2022 at 08:35 PM

ML

“ Joanna,
Our condolences to you and the family.
Otis was a true gentleman who did me the greatest of favors -- he encouraged me to come to Miami 45 years ago. I have been and will be forever grateful.
Our thoughts are with you.
Michael Lewis

Michael Lewis - January 31, 2022 at 08:11 PM

MV

“ Otis was a valued Rotarian at The Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs. His generosity lead to him being recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow and a Jack Black Fellow. Our club has missed him over the past couple of years and we will always remember him for his service to our club and our country. His legacy will live on in those whose lives he touched.

Marci Valicenti - January 31, 2022 at 07:48 PM

JB

“ Joanna, I extend sympathy to you and Otis Wragg family. At my age I now skim obits and spotted your maiden name. Toni I recall pleasant many memories of Edgewater HS. My wife Julie and I have lived 50 years in Coral Gables and congrats you on a full life.
Jim Berlin

Jim & Julie Berlin - January 31, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Otis O. Wragg III.



January 31, 2022 at 08:26 AM

MP

“ Joanna we remember Otis for all the times we spent together, He was a very active member of our Church group. All the good times we had a dinners and retreats. Several times we played golf together. He will be missed ar our St Mary's community,

Moe & Pat - January 31, 2022 at 08:17 AM

BM

“ Joanna, my condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers in Miami.

Bill Martinez

Bill Martinez - January 30, 2022 at 02:23 PM

BS

“ I very much enjoyed being with Otis at Rotary meetings and functions. He was truly a fine man.

Bill Schmearer - January 29, 2022 at 01:07 PM

JS

“ Joanna: I send my heartfelt condolences to you and all of your family on the passing of Otis. I have fond memories of our days at FSU (with both of you), including one late night drive with Otis to Clearwater for some family crisis as I recall. It has been years since I have seen either of you, but I have been aware of your careers over the years. I wish you and your family peace and happiness in knowing Otis will be in Heaven watching over you all. By the way, I found out about Otis' death through his brother after responding to a Facebook posting about Howard Johnson restaurants and his mention of the former one on Clearwater Beach. God bless you.
John Schaffner

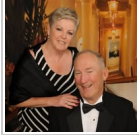
John Schaffner - January 29, 2022 at 01:03 PM

CZ

“ We are so sorry Joanna. He has suffered enough and is at peace now. May you find peace in your memories of him.

Chuck and Christa Zeman

Chuck and hrista Zeman - January 29, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Otis will be missed the Rotary Club of Estero. I enjoyed our conversations. Jack Funderburg*

Jack Funderburg - January 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ *When I visited the Steamboat Springs Rotary Club as a Rotarian guest, Otis was the first one to welcome me. He had kind eyes and a wonderful smile. We stayed in touch and it was an honor to have him as one of our Snowtarians while he lived in Colorado. Rest In Peace Otis. Prayers to all of your family. Jamie Lienhardt-Engle*

Jamie Lienhardt-Engle - January 29, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Dear Joanna,*

Our love for so many cherished moments as family and so many friends now celebrate the life of a truly remarkable man. Memories are strong and will be ongoing for anyone privileged to know this man of generous spirit. Michael and Caroline Petit, Melbourne Australia.

Michael Petit - January 29, 2022 at 05:38 AM



“ *Florida has lost a genuine gentleman, a respected journalist, a civic leader and a friend. Joanna is in the thoughts and prayers of our family. Sincerely, Horacio Stuart Aguirre*

Horacio Stuart Aguirre - January 29, 2022 at 05:12 AM

JS

“ Dear Joanna,

We have such fond memories of our lunches with you and Otis in Steamboat Springs! The two of you were always so generous with your time in advising us on communications and media issues. I also remember vividly when you and Otis very generously offered your Steamboat condo for Col. Allen West and his family when they visited Steamboat during the Christmas holidays!

Otis was a true American patriot and a kind and generous soul. We are fortunate to have called him - and you - our friends.

May you find comfort in your faith and a lifetime of wonderful memories.

With warm regards and deepest sympathies,

Jennifer & Rick Akin

Jennifer Schubert-Akin - January 28, 2022 at 12:59 PM

AS

“ *I send my most heartfelt condolences to Joanna, his family and close friends.*

I had the privilege of working at Wragg & Casas PR firm. He will always be remembered.

Alexandra Swanberg - January 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Otis O. Wragg III.*



January 28, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Otis O. Wragg III.*



January 27, 2022 at 08:27 PM