



Alva Wright Brent

July 17, 1936 - January 2, 2026

Alva Reed Wright Brent died at home in Walnut on January 2, 2026, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. Alva was born in Walnut in 1936 on the family farm where her parents, Clytie and Dillard Wright, were subsisting during the Great Depression. The family moved to Memphis during World War II when she was six. She graduated from Germantown High School and went on to graduate with a BA majoring in Spanish and library science from Blue Mountain College.

Alva proceeded to have a varied career beginning as an air stewardess (flight attendant) for Delta Airlines. In 1964, in Atlanta, she married Louis Moore, with whom she had two sons, Joey and Chris. Upon returning to Memphis in 1972, she worked variously as a legal secretary, librarian at St Joseph's Hospital, and departmental secretary in research laboratories at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It was there in 1975 that she met and, in 1976, married her second husband, Tom Brent. Together they raised her two sons and his two sons, Tim and Matt. In 1979, aged 43, Alva entered nursing school at St. Joseph's School of Nursing, graduating as a Registered Nurse in 1982. For the next more than fifteen years, she worked first in the spinal injuries division at the VA Hospital and lastly as Charge Nurse back at St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis. When her husband retired from St. Jude in 2003, she moved back to Walnut, where they built their house on the farm where she was born. Alva continued to be involved in local activities for the

next two decades, often helping other neighbors with health issues. She was a member of Harmony Baptist Church, which they attended until her health started to fail.

Alva was preceded in death by her parents, Clytie and Dillard Wright, and her brothers, Thomas, Neil, and Hugh.

Alva is survived by her husband, Tom, and her sons, Joey (Molly) and Chris Moore, stepsons Tim and Matthew Brent, grandchildren Patti, Joseph (Amber), and Allie (Jose), and six great-grandchildren.

Alva will be missed, the world being a better place for her brief passage.

Officiated by: Bro. Ron Mitchell

Pallbearers: Chris Moore, Joey Moore, Joseph Moore, Jr., Chuch Balch, Jose Escobar, Matthew Brent

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery

2860 Hwy 15 N
Walnut, MS 38683

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.
206 N. Commerce St
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Alva Wright Brent.*



January 09 at 08:30 AM



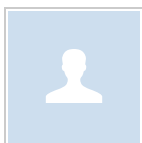
“ *Shawn Ross and your EFW extended family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alva Wright Brent.*

Shawn Ross and your EFW extended family - January 09 at 08:30 AM



“ *I have special memories of days long ago of a special sister-in-law. She was the pride of her whole family. One memory stands out in particular of going to Goldsmiths in downtown Memphis together for a Clover Day sale and getting caught in a mega ice storm on the way home! It definitely stepped up my prayer life! (we made it fine) She was a special person....*

Linda Busch - January 08 at 03:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alva Wright Brent.*



January 08 at 03:24 PM

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“ *She was my aunt but I always called her Sis. She was a beautiful woman with a kind heart. Sis, also, loved and cared for animals. I always wanted to be like her. A great lady with a wonderful smile and laugh. I know you are now in heaven with my dad, uncles and grandma and grandpa. I love you and will miss you.*
Rhonda Wright Coe

Rhonda Wright Coe - January 08 at 12:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Alva Wright Brent.*



January 06 at 03:37 PM

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“ *I have never seen 2 people more in love than Mrs. Alva and Dr. Tom. She was his Queen and she loved every minute of it. Most of her days she spent looking for Tom, kissing Tom, telling him she loved him , holding his hands or ordering him to sit by her! She loved her "Tom" fiercely and he spent his days fiercely loving her in return. Even in her passing she stuck out her lips wanting a kiss and he so sweetly abliged. My life will have many found memories of my life with them. They treated me as a daughter and my life was so enriched by meeting my 2nd family.*

Shelia Ray - January 04 at 10:06 AM