## **ROSE MARIE WAY**



Ms. Rose Marie Wright Way, 70, passed away on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. She was born January 18, 1949. She came from a large family and actually helped to raise her younger siblings. The Wright family has always been a very close knit family. They all have

that smile and watch over each other. She attended and graduated from Pine Forrest School in Callahan. She graduated from Florida Memorial College in Miami for her Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and later Florida A&M University for her Masters in Administration & Supervision. She began her career with the Nassau County Board of Education as a PE teacher at Callahan Middle School where she coached girls basketball, volleyball and track & field. She later transferred to West Nassau High School where she continued as PE teacher and Girls Basketball Coach. At her retirement party she was serenated by West Nassau Principal Emmitt G. Coakley. It was a bittersweet day as she was happy about retiring but knew she would miss her students. She was a very good instructor who taught her students about life and living. She always wore a smile! She loved the Lord with all her heart and was proud to tell you so.

This year, 2019, she was inducted into the first West Nassau Hall of Fame prior to the West Nassau homecoming game. Her achievements included: West Nassau Head Coach Girls Basketball - 15 years; Assistant Track and Volleyball Coach; Physical Education Teacher; and beloved coach, mentor and teacher. What a great honor for such a special lady. She touched so many lives throughout her career with her genuine caring and loving spirit. She will be forever missed.

She is survived by her sons Troy (Kyanne) Way of Yulee and Tamar Way of Callahan; her granddaughters Khamani and Khyl'ee Way of Yulee and Leilani Way of Jacksonville; her sisters Linda (James) Long of West Palm Beach, Emily Wright of Orlando, Marilyn (Benjamin) Pickens of West Palm Beach, Shryl (Anthony) King of West Palm Beach, Carolyn Denese Wright and Valerie Wright, both of West Palm Beach; her brothers Curtis, Sidney and Gerald Wright of Callahan; and the father of her children James Way; and many extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, November 22 from 5-7 p.m. at The Anchor Church of God, Callahan. The funeral service will be held Saturday, November 23 at 11 a.m. also at the church. Burial will follow at Callahan Community Cemetery.

Sarah L. Carter's Funeral Home Northside is serving the family.