VETERAN JAMES WILLIAM WRIGHT was born on September 15, 1939, in Ellaville, Schley County, Georgia, to the late James William Wright and the late Cealia Terry Wright. He received his education in the Schley County School System and graduated as the Valedictorian of John Lewis High School in 1958.

He later attended Fort Valley State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1968 and a master's degree in 1969. From August 1968 to August 1970, he served as Dean of Students at Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas. From 1971 until his retirement in 1999, he taught Social Studies at W. T. White High School in Dallas, Texas.

From December 1963 to December 1965, he served honorably in the United States Army as a member of the 793rd Military Police Battalion in Ansbach, Germany. He was also affiliated with Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Ellaville, Georgia.

Left to cherish his memory are two loving sisters, Ms. Annie Storey and Ms. Mary Wilson of Ellaville, GA; his nieces, Takedriah Brown and Shaundreika Morgan; and his nephews, Chambliss Storey and Jamaul Storey, whom he lovingly raised as his own. A host of cousins, other relatives, and friends also survive him.