

Charles Wright, 48, university official

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Charles B. Wright, a university official and consultant, died Sunday of cancer at his East Baltimore home. He was 48.

He had been vice president of university relations at the **University of the Virgin Islands** in St. Thomas since 1990. Previously, he had worked in fund raising at Coppin State College from 1983 to 1990 and at Talladega (Ala.) College from 1981 to 1983.

He also operated the Wright Group, a consulting firm that helped nonprofit and for-profit agencies develop fund-raising campaigns for youth development programs.

Mr. Wright was born and reared in Sandtown, West Baltimore, and was a 1962 graduate of City College.

He received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Coppin in 1966.

He then taught in city elementary schools while studying for a master's degree in special education that he received from Coppin in 1970.

At Coppin, he was an associate researcher in 1969 and was named assistant professor of education in 1970. He was vice president of student affairs 1971 to 1974.

He worked for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation in White Plains, N.Y., from 1977 to 1981.

Mr. Wright was an adviser to the National Student Business League, served on the Task Force for Minority Programming of the Association of College Unions and was a member of the Coppin State College Alumni Association.

He belonged to the National Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Association of Black Foundation Executives, the Black Child Institute and the National Council of Organizations for Children and Youth.

He was a governor of Camp Farthestout, a camp for children in jTC Carroll County sponsored by Douglas Memorial Community Church in Baltimore of which he had been a member for many years.

Services were set for noon today at Douglas Memorial Community Church, Madison and Lafayette avenues, with interment in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mr. Wright is survived by his mother, Nellie M. Wright; a brother, Matthews W. Wright; and two sisters, Verna M. Dorsey and Shirley V. Parker. All are of Baltimore.

Memorial donations may be made to the Charles B. Wright Foundation, c/o Craig J. Hornig Esq., Piper and Marbury, 36 S. Charles St., Baltimore 21217.

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