



## Vince Wright

August 30, 1987 - June 12, 2026

Jay "Vince" Wright, a larger-than-life presence in both stature and personality, passed away on Friday, June 12, 2026, at Franciscan Health South in Indianapolis. He was 38 years old.

Born in Bloomington, Indiana, on August 30, 1987, Jay was the son of the late Lisa Gayle (Truesdel) Jester and step-father, Thomas H. Jester.

Standing an imposing 6'5" and weighing in at 400 lbs, Vince was impossible to miss, but it was his booming personality that truly filled every room he entered. He grew up locally, graduating from Monrovia High School in 2006.

Vince was a man who overcame immense hurdles throughout his life, finding his own unique way in the world. He suffered a profound loss at just 21 years old when his beloved mother passed away from breast cancer. Later, he courageously faced his own battle with the same disease after being diagnosed in 2018. Never giving up on the fight, his resilient spirit carried him through every storm. Recently, on April 22nd, Vince opened his heart to Christ and was baptized at Mt. Gilead Church, surrounded by a small, supportive audience of close friends.

An unfiltered, yet sensitive, and fiercely independent soul, Vince possessed a sharp tongue and sarcastic wit that could make anyone laugh. He channeled

his natural gift of gab into a successful career as a master barber. After graduating from Kenny's Barber Academy, Vince built a massive, devoted clientele while working behind the chair for Hot Rod's Barber Shop in both Bloomington and Monrovia. In his previous years, he also worked at Conway, Job Corps, and Hinshaw Farms. He found peace on the open road riding motorcycles, out in nature hunting, and simply talking shop.

Vince never had children of his own, but his tender heart shone through in the way he fiercely protected and loved the next generation. He proudly stepped into the role of a big brother and uncle to the "littles" in his life, who absolutely adored him.

To know Vince was to know a man who loved deeply and was deeply loved in return. It is rare to see one person surround themselves with such a fierce protective circle, but Vince managed to build an absolute "army of friends"—a chosen family who stood by him through everything. His spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those he left behind, and he peacefully waits on the other side.

Vince is survived by his dedicated caregivers; his beloved work family at Hot Rod's; a multitude of children who loved him as an uncle; and the countless friends who became his family. He was reunited in peace with his adored mother, Lisa.

Per Vince's wishes, cremation arrangements were entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, Monrovia and no formal services will be observed. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence, or light a candle in his memory, please visit his tribute page at [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation

585 E. MAIN STREET  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
<http://www.lightmemorial.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Cynthia Dowell sent a virtual gift in memory of Vince Wright



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Cynthia Dowell - 33 minutes ago

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“ Cynthia Dowell lit a candle in memory of Vince Wright



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Cynthia Dowell - 33 minutes ago

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“ I won't ever forget the 1st day he came home with Jessie Lynn he was so funny he walked in the kitchen and said what's for supper Mom this boy is hungry as I was putting away groceries he picked through what he wanted for his snack and sat down in my husband's chair and made herself right at home from that day forward he was at our house after school at least three out of the five days he was always so sweet and so loving he will forever be missed in our home and in our hearts.

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Cynthia Dowell - 41 minutes ago



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