

Jerome Thomas Wright (CE 71)

Mr. Jerry Wright attended Officer Basic Course at Fort Belvoir Virginia, and began a reserve/national guard career of 27-plus years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army. His final tour of duty, was at the age 59, as a retiree call back, serving as the Executive Officer, Engineer Section, 3rd Army HQ, Kuwait, returning to civilian life on November 25, 2007.

In his civilian role, Wright owned a construction and trucking business. He worked for the Milwaukee Railroad and the City Planning Commission. He retired in 2010, after a 23 year career in Public Works for the City of Rapid City. Wright is currently serving his third term as a City Councilman for Rapid City, and avidly supports the university's renewal and growth plans.

Wright earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and a Commission in the U.S. Army. He received a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering in Urban Engineering and Transportation Planning from Perdue University.

He is married to Patricia Lang Wright, together they have eight children and eleven grandchildren.