



Mr. Milton Perry Moore

December 3, 1943 - June 22, 2021

Milton Perry Moore was born December 3, 1943, in Clinton, South Carolina to Wilma McCracken Moore and Perry Martin Moore. His father was a farmer and his mother owned and operated a loan office. She was one of very few women in business in her day. Growing up in Clinton, an idyllic, southern mill town, shaped his life. He and his wife Jean attended Clinton schools, from Kindergarten through graduating together from Clinton High in the Class of 1962. After High School he attended Oak Ridge Military Academy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a graduate of Wofford College in the Class of 1967. He moved his young family to Columbia in 1972 to attend Graduate School at the University of South Carolina. Jean supported the family as Resident Manager of Hampton Park Apartments. Milton earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Accountancy. Many years later he was an Adjunct Professor of Finance and Taxation at the University of South Carolina. He served in the South Carolina National Guard as a Military Police officer. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, the Columbia Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow), the Irmo Navy, and was a pioneer in the development and success of the modern-day Republican Party in South Carolina. He led many highly successful fundraising efforts for candidates statewide from the early days. He was a head Usher at Eastminster Presbyterian Church for more than twenty years.

He grew up water skiing on Lake Greenwood and then Lake Murray, where he built the Moore family lake home in 1980. He enjoyed duck hunting with friends and ultimately his sons. He floated almost every river in South Carolina. He taught his sons, among many other things, about shotguns, tractors, boats, and motors. He was extremely proud of his daughter and her commitment to succeed him in his business. He could and would fix or build most anything. He studied the South and wrote the family book on our Scottish heritage. He was gifted as an inspirational public speaker and teacher of life. He possessed a quick wit. He loved Bluegrass, Country, and Gospel music. He threw a little Fourth of July party at Lake Murray every now and then. He was meticulous, had an unrivaled positive attitude, endless motivation, and energy. He had a special heart. He was the compass of our family. He guided us to the rivers, lakes, the ocean, churches and most importantly our family. He will be missed every day.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jean Bailey Arnold; children, Martin Arnold Moore (Lauri), Meredith Moore Housman (Gary), Matthew McCracken Moore; grandchildren, Ross Martin Moore, John Bailey Moore, Lyndsay Meredith Moore, Adlai Vassy Moore, Langston Emory Moore, Louisa Perry Moore, Reese Woodruff Housman, and Riley Kathryn Housman.

The memorial service for Mr. Moore will be held at 11 o'clock, Friday, June 25, 2021, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 320 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC. A visitation will be held in Thompson Hall immediately following the service, and from 5 until 7 o'clock at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, 2721 Dutch Fork, Chapin, SC. A livestream of the service may be seen by visiting eastminster-pres.org.

At a later date, Milton will be buried in Bethesda Cemetery in York County. Generations of Moore's have been laid to rest in this special place since their arrival in South Carolina in the 1700s.

Donations in his memory may be made to Eastminster Presbyterian Church; Hammond School, 854 Galway Lane, Columbia, SC 29209; Lake Murray Presbyterian Church; or the Animal Mission of Columbia, P.O. Box 50023, Columbia, SC 29250.

Events

JUN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM
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Eastminster Presbyterian Church
3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC, US, 29205

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - June 25 at 09:45 AM



“ We were shocked to hear about Milton's passing from a neighbor today. We were fortunate to have known him and will miss his large personality. He was a lot of fun; and a gracious and welcoming neighbor. Jean, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill & Marcelle Brown

bill - July 08 at 09:38 PM



“ Jean - I was so sorry to hear last weekend of Milton's passing. What a great guy! What a great loss. I know you have a lot of great memories from a very blessed life with a wonderful husband and father. But, I also know you have to be sad to lose your life partner and that makes me sad. I am praying for you and your whole family. Warm Hugs.

Kyle Michel - June 30 at 01:18 PM



“ Jean, was unaware of Milton's passing until today. Grateful to have known y'all over the years and in the neighborhood. Praying for you and your children. May the Lord be your comforter. Grateful for all the years He gave you together. Charlie Davis

Charlie Davis - June 27 at 08:54 PM



“ Beautiful tribute to a life well lived in service to family, friends, church and country. '62 has lost another stellar classmate. Sending love and deepest condolences to Jean and family. Linda Barron

Linda Barron - June 26 at 11:30 AM



“ I went to Clinton High School with Milton and Jean. I really was blessed to have two such wonderful friends. May God be with the family and richly bless them as they go through this sad time in life. Love, Elaine Austin Horton

Elaine Austin Horton - June 25 at 09:54 PM



“ Mrs. Moore and Meredith,
I cried when my mother called to tell me the sad news. Mr. Moore was always so full of life, laughter, and energy that I literally cannot wrap my mind around the fact that he is gone. He is such a huge part of my childhood memories. Oh, how wonderful it was to grow up in Hampton Ridge! I remember dancing to the juke box in playroom, birthdays, and the unbelievable Halloween displays your husband/father would work so hard to put on for the entire neighborhood. Need I mention the Christmas and 4th of July parties at the lake? Your 4th of July party was my favorite event of the summer. I have thought of all of you so often as Clemson has once again become such a top tier football team. When the Tigers won the National Championship in 2016 (and 2018) all I could do was smile and remember watching them win it the first time in 1981. With who else? The wild and wonderful Moore family. I love you all so much and want you to know that Mr. Moore will live on as a legend in my mind.
Warmest Regards, Jennifer McCartha-Pearce

Jen McCartha-Pearce - June 25 at 08:48 PM



“ Jean, we were stunned when we got the news about Milton. Knot is barely able to speak about this loss, but oh! the memories of all the times together over the years—the lakes, our wedding, the births of all the children-yours and ours, the visits...SO much fun and hilarity. Our thoughts, love and prayers are with all of you.
Leonard (Knot) and Linda Price

Linda Price - June 25 at 05:29 PM



“ Jean and family, so very sorry to read of Milton's passing. A beautiful tribute to him and his life! Sending love and hugs from a Clinton High classmate of '62 !

Patricia Brown Lollis

Patricia Brown Lollis - June 25 at 01:40 PM



“ Jean, no words can express how I feel about Milton's passing. You and he live in my memories of life in Clinton. Also, the memories of seeing and reuniting wit ya'lls visit to the Governor's Mansion. It made me truly happy. It is hard but I pray the memories that you and Milton shared will keep you strong. Love to you and your family. Thank you for the friendship for all the years.



Melda Dean Scott - June 25 at 09:41 AM



“ We loved Milton very much and appreciate all he did to bring joy, fun, and wisdom to those around him. Our hearts are with his rock, Jean, and his devoted children. We send our love.

John and Susan Irion

susan skinner-Irion - June 25 at 09:01 AM



“ Jean, please know that my heart goes out to you and your children. You and Milton will always be among my dear, lifelong friends. So many wonderful memories growing up in College View and having fun at Lake Greenwood. Sending prayers and love to you.

Celia Gasque - June 25 at 01:28 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of Milton passing. I pray for the Milton family, Ms. Jean, Martin, Meredith and Matthew to guide all of you through this hard time.

I always enjoyed being around Milton. My fondest memories of him were at our Bream Bust when we were all much younger and life seemed so much simpler. Milton would jokingly call us little girls because we didn't like fish smell on our hands, we all laughed about it. Those memories will be cherished by me forever. Not long ago I saw Milton at the Carolina Sportsmans Classic, we briefly talked about the Bream Bust and he says, "that's when we were all just little girls", I had to laugh.

Eric Douglass - June 24 at 09:30 PM



“ Milt was a great Rotarian. We enjoyed having him visit with us at Columbia East Rotary. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during these difficult days. God bless.

Anne L. Matthews

Anne L. Matthews - June 24 at 04:05 PM



“ Becky Hash, William and Donna purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Milton Perry Moore.



Becky Hash, William and Donna - June 24 at 03:34 PM



“ Becky Hash lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Perry Moore



Becky Hash - June 24 at 03:13 PM



“ Milton was one of a kind and was loved by so many of us. He graciously provided a place for Lake Murray Pres to socialize and have services on his beautiful lake property. We will grieve beside Jean as we recover from the shock of losing him.

Becky Hash - June 24 at 03:17 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Milton Perry Moore.



June 24 at 02:58 PM



“ Jean, this is so hard to write! It's so hard to believe, and we are so-o sorry about the passing of Milton. Jimmy and I have been talking about all the good times we had with you and Milton...double dating, doing things together, going to Greenwood and dancing, enjoying water skiing at the Lake Greenwood lake house and all the fun get-togethers with friends there. We are so thankful we were able to visit with you and Milton at Irene's and Kinard's house last fall. That was a wonderful time together! You and your family are in our prayers during this "shocking and difficult" time! It is so good you have your children close to you. Love and hugs to you, Jean!

Jimmy and Shirley Ann McKee



Shirley Ann Timmons McKee - June 24 at 02:22 PM



“ Jean, don't know if you remember me but Milton & I worked together at Efirm's in Clinton when we were in high school. We were such good buddies. I adored Milton! He was hilarious & quite a caring young man. Reading his impressive obituary does not surprise me at all. Milton was a born leader, people person & accomplished business leader as it turns out. I am so sorry to have lost all contact with him after our part-time job days ended. We would have had a lot more in common today than we did way back then. I still think of him more than you might imagine. Sounds like you have a wonderful family. I know for sure Milton will be greatly missed. I just lost my husband on June 23rd one day after Milton's passing. You & I surely have some challenging days ahead of us with our great losses. All the best to you & your family as you navigate through the coming months.

Franceen Smith Wells
North Myrtle Beach SC
Clinton SC Native

Franceen (Fran) Smith Wells - June 24 at 09:40 PM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Mr. Milton Perry Moore.



June 24 at 12:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Milton Perry Moore.



June 24 at 12:10 PM



“ Milton was the Greatest. Greatest Host for us all, Greatest Friend of Thousands, Greatest Leader in our community on the Lake, and greatest family man around. Milton will be missed by all, especially his loving wife Jean!
God Luv Ya, Milton!

Ken McKellar - June 24 at 11:05 AM



“ Milton was a fun person to be around. He was a “hoot” and he will certainly be missed. My prayers and sympathy to Jean and the boys.

william brumbach - June 24 at 09:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Milton Perry Moore.



June 24 at 12:17 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Milton Perry Moore.



June 24 at 12:06 AM