



Robert Wayne Moore

February 15, 1924 - September 12, 2019

Born February 15, 1924 in LaCrescent, MN. Bob graduated from Houston High School, Houston, MN, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, and attended the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. Bob came to Birmingham, AL in 1947 to begin a career in banking at First National Bank. During his time in banking, he became involved with McAdory High School in McCalla where he started the first band; later starting the first choir at Pleasant Hill United Methodist. He would serve as the band director at McAdory from 1947-1959 and as choir director and Sunday School teacher at Pleasant Hill from 1948-1985. During this time, Bob instituted a revolutionary music therapy for wounded veterans at the Veterans Administration in Tuscaloosa, which is still in effect today. Bob's dear friend, Dr. David J. Rowland, was president of Walker College in Jasper, AL and he asked Bob to come to work for him. While at Walker College, he established their first college band and became the Director of Development for 49 years, retiring in 1993. Bob's love for music and high school bands led him to establish the first Honor Band program in Alabama which affected thousands of high school musicians and helped to grow the Walker College footprint in Alabama.

After retirement Bob became active in the West Jefferson Historical Society and started his own band, The Bob Moore Band, comprised of former students which still plays today. Bob was also active in the Jasper and Bessemer Rotary Clubs, The Zamora Temple, and Kappa Phi Kappa.

Aside from his love for music and teaching, Bob was also an avid horseman and continued to ride horses until his early eighties.

Bob was the kind of person who could relate to all kinds of people. He had friends from all walks of life and was equally comfortable in a variety of conversations. He was a true Renaissance man from Minnesota who made his life and family in Alabama during a time when there was still some resentment toward northerners. Bob fit in well with the McCalla, Jasper, and Bessemer communities and became very respected for the levels of teaching and achievement at McAdory, Walker College, and Pleasant Hill.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents George & Helen Moore, brothers Alan, Graydon, and Donald Moore and sister Marjorie Moore Baker; his first wife Jean Laugen Moore. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Sue Parsons Moore, son Robert Parsons Moore (Brigitte), granddaughters Maggie Moore and Amelia Moore; along with a host of nieces and nephews in Alabama, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to The Bob Moore Project at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 4809 Bell Hill Road, Bessemer, AL 35022. Services will be at Pleasant Hill, Monday, September 16, 2019 at 11 a.m. with Alan Head, David Thomas, and Bill McCall presiding, with burial at Moore's Cemetery in McCalla. The family will receive friends Monday from 10:00 a.m. until service time at the church.

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“ Sue so sorry for your loss

Beverly Culwell - September 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ Sue, Bert, Brigitte, Maggie and Amelia: We are so very sorry for your loss. Bob was truly one of the “great people” we are blessed to know on this earth. We loved him and love all of you so much! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I pray God’s blessings and comfort for each of you.

Susan Stamps - September 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ Mr. Moore was a man students looked up to and admired. He was a real man. He was the greatest influence on my life, beside my parents. Not only did Mr. Moore teach music, he taught life. He taught morality. He was loved. Sonny Ausman

Herbert (Sonny)Ausman - September 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM

DR

“ Our sincere sympathy for your loss of this extraordinary man. Bob touched the lives of thousands with his love of music and we feel blessed to have known him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all

De Ann Rohrbach - September 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM

BJ

“ I remember the very first time I met Bob Moore. I had just taken an admissions position at Birmingham-Southern College in 1978 and was at a meeting for admissions professionals from area colleges and universities. Bob comes up to me and introduces himself as an ex-band director, currently working for Walker College in admissions/public relations — which was the path I was taking! I had been a high school band director in Guntersville for the previous seven years.\n\n\nFor the next 17 years or so, I had the privilege of knowing Bob personally and professionally. He was funny, kind, well-read, generous, genuine and everyone’s friend — the kind of friend you could trust and count on!\n\n\nI will never forget the wonderful times we had together professionally, as well as the many memorable occasions with Bob and his loving wife, Sue. Two very special people!

Bobby Johnson - September 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ I was in the first drill team. I loved it and Mr. Moore. He will always be remembered . That drill team made my senior year great. I t had to be because of Mr. Moore.

Ann Canino (Brook) - September 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ While I was a recruiter for the University of North Alabama beginning in 1974, Bob was one of the first college representatives that I met. He was a great mentor, supporter and friend to all of us rookie “road runners”. He will surely be missed.

Dr. Joe Wallace - September 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM