

A Celebration of Life
for
James Lewis Moore

May 15, 1945 – April 12, 2020



Thursday, May 14, 2020

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home

Suitland, MD 20746
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn Love Lifted Me

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 27:1-5

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Song of Preparation

Message of Hope Reverend Reuben Monmouth, III

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery
Cheltenham, Maryland

Congregational Hymn

LOVE LIFTED ME

*I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.*

REFRAIN

*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me*

*All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing,
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs,
Faithful, loving service too, to Him belongs.*

REFRAIN

*Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves,
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.*

REFRAIN



Obituary

On Resurrection Sunday, April 12, 2020, James Lewis Moore went home to be with the Lord. Jimmy, as he was fondly called by family and friends, was born on May 15, 1945, in Washington, DC, to the late James Moore and Maggie Bruce Moore. He was the second of three children born to that union.

Jimmy grew up in the northeast Washington, DC, community of Lincoln Heights in a close-knit family environment with surrogate mothers and fathers who were always willing to help one another in many situations. He was educated in the DC Public School System, graduating from Spingarn High School in 1963. He was an excellent athlete who loved all sports, including basketball, swimming, and track and field. Jimmy, a track and field standout, was awarded a scholarship to Fayetteville State University. As a member of their track team, he won several meets, earning him many accolades. He especially excelled in the 4 x 4 relay and was nicknamed, "Twinkle Toes" because of his agility on the track. In 1967, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, and later found employment with the DC Recreation Department Roving Leaders Program.

In the summer of 1967, Jimmy met his future wife, the former Jean Wallace, who quickly fell in love with his charming personality, love of family, and kind, caring demeanor. From the time Jean brought Jimmy home to meet her family, they loved him, and welcomed him with open arms. Her family loved the qualities they saw in him; and always treated him as someone special. Jimmy often spoke of how he appreciated all of Jean's loving qualities, and was especially impressed with her cooking skills. If he ever observed anyone else's food preparation, he was quick to say "that's not the way Jean does it."

Jimmy enlisted in the U.S. Army (Airborne), and at the rank of sergeant earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Parachutist Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, and more. In 1970, after having completed his three year military obligation, was honorably discharged. After military service he was hired by the District of Columbia Government as a probation officer. In order to meet stringent, newly imposed requirements for promotion, Jimmy enrolled in the Southern Illinois University Graduate School Program and, in 1979 received a Master of Science degree. In 1996, after retiring from the Probation Department, he later re-entered the workforce as a Drug Enforcement Administration security officer where he worked for about eight years.

Jimmy's love of sports continued into his later life. Whether he was watching on television or at a stadium, playing basketball at the gym or tennis on the court, watching or playing 18 holes of golf (at which he insisted he was just okay), he was always doing something. At home, however, during his quiet times, he loved playing his guitar. He was very much into classical music and loved serenading his wife, making beautiful music, impressing her with his musical talent and skills. Having taken only a year or two of piano lessons, he was quite impressive, and was to a great degree self-taught.

In 1999, Jimmy gave his life to Jesus Christ at From the Heart Church Ministries where he remained a dedicated member until his death. Jimmy loved his church family, and looked forward to attending services whenever his job permitted. He often spoke about how grateful he was to have had the opportunity to turn his life around through receiving God's salvation, and how living for the Lord had truly changed his life. One of the first things he did after joining the church was to purchase a Holy Bible. He remembered how important it was to "finish joining the church," and set out to do just that by signing up for the very next scheduled New Members Orientation, and Perfecting Class series offered at the Church.

Jimmy possessed a warm personality, and was a kind, humble, sweet-spirited man who seemed to draw people to himself. He rarely had anything bad to say about anyone, and always saw something good in the people he met. He seldom argued or complained. His friends often said "If you don't like Jimmy, something is wrong with you." Jimmy had a deep sense of family, and always had words of encouragement, especially for his nieces and nephews who loved him dearly and looked up to him. They recall being younger and Uncle Jimmy treating them like real people—never talking down to them; and never too busy to listen or share. Jimmy will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jimmy leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife of 50 years, Jean, whom he loved dearly, and who loved him beyond measure; sisters, Cheri Moore and Yvette Medley; 16 nieces; 17 nephews; 16 great-nieces; ten great-nephews, four sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law, and many close cousins and friends, who are like family.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his mother, Maggie Moore; father, James Moore; sisters, Sheila McNeil and Cynthia Freeman; mother-in-law, Bertha Wallace; four sisters-in-law; and five brothers-in-law.



To My Dear Husband

Our life together some would say was very long indeed, but my hearts aches simply because it ended too soon for me; we shared a tender, loving bond, you were so sweet and kind; you wanted everything for me, that measure of love, except from heaven above

I know I can never find;

Our journey was sometimes fraught with tears we had our ups and downs, how trivial they came to be, for by God's grace we loved unconditionally;

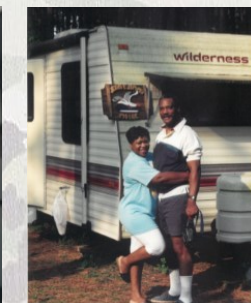
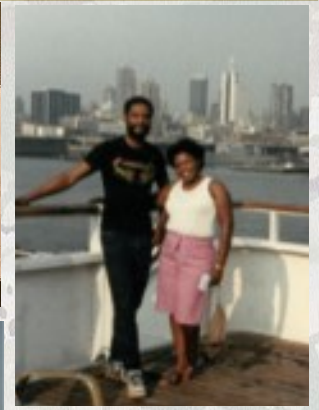
Each night before we settled in, I'd make a point to say "Did I remember to tell you, Jim, I love you today? You'd rub your chin as you considered the truth I never hid, you pretended to think it over then say "Babe, you just did;"

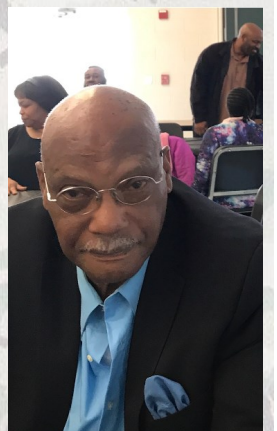
Loving you has been easy to do, but God loved you best, it was with His special blessing that he took you home to rest. I knew that you were just on loan, so I thank Him every day, for allowing me time with you, and to have you for my own;

My fervent prayer now will be, and I hope God will agree, that someday very close to you, He'll make a place for me.

With all my love,

You Wife





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FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

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