



Rev. Maurice S. W. Moore

September 3, 1939 - November 19, 2018

On November 19, 2018 Reverend Maurice Sumner Whiting Moore transitioned from this life to the next surrounded by the love of his family and the sounds of hymns. Maurice was the second of nine children and oldest boy born to Maurice Sumner and Catherine Loretta Whiting. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents and sister, Sara Diaz. Maurice spent most of his childhood enjoying the family's four story Harlem Avenue home. Although as a child he did not understand why his parents moved the family moved to a smaller home in the more prestigious Ashburton neighborhood, Maurice grew to love the Ashburton neighborhood and community. He and Joan chose to live there in retirement.

Maurice was a loving and protective brother, but he did have a mischievous streak fueled by his love of electronics. He built an elevator in his closet and a "yes, indeed" chair which delivered a mild shock to his unsuspecting siblings. In the sixth grade he developed a pioneering science project which transmitted sound through light waves. As a teenager Maurice delivered for a local drug store. With the money earned, he often took his siblings for rides in his car to buy them ice cream. Unfortunately, Maurice was robbed more than once while delivering for the store, yet during a delivery he also received a blessing from a nun who told him that God had something special in store for his life.

Maurice was the proud product of Baltimore City Public Schools, graduating from Frederick Douglass High School. He attended Morgan State College as a physics major. However, family finances and God's call caused him to defer his studies. Maurice's mother, Catherine, had promised God that she would give up dancing if one of her children would become a pastor. Maurice did in 1958 when he became an Assistant Chaplain at Crownsville State Mental Hospital. Albeit grateful, Catherine, was anxious about her son working in such an environment. In 1960 Maurice was appointed as Assistant Pastor to the five point Mount-Airy Circuit where he met the love of his life, Joan Simms. Maurice was then appointed to the Villa Rica Methodist Charge in Villa Rica, Georgia. He and Joan, who were married in 1962, had a commuter marriage for the first year of their life together as Joan lived with her in-laws in Ashburton. In 1963, Maurice was appointed to the Inwood Charge in WV where his daughter, Cheryl was born. In 1964 he was appointed to Asbury, in Shepherdstown, WV where Cynthia was born. From 1969-1971 he served St. Matthews: Baltimore. From 1971-1979 he served Union Memorial in Aberdeen where Kyle and Ronald were born. Subsequent appointments included Colesville; Sharp Street: Sandy Spring; and Asbury: Frederick from which he retired in 2000 after serving there 14 years. Over his 40 year career Maurice enjoyed living his call as a pastor and shepherd. Through the grace of God each of the congregations Maurice served grew spiritually, financially, and numerically.

During the course of his ministry Maurice obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Loyola College, now Loyola University of Maryland, and a Masters of Divinity from Lancaster Seminary when it was a University Senate approved seminary. But Maurice, as an act of protest for injustices he perceived during the dissolution of the US Central Conference in 1968, chose to become an Associate Member, rather than pursue ordination as an elder. As a third generation Methodist, Maurice loved

The United Methodist Church and often prayed that it would be perfected in love. Over the years Maurice also worked as a substitute teacher, home school teacher, and Ethics Consultant for the Veterans Administration. He was a gifted teacher and ethicist.

Maurice inherited his love of music and talent for playing by ear from his father. Maurice loved to play hymns on piano and the organ he built. He wired the rooms in his parsonages for surround sound before surround sound was popular. He enjoyed making the floors rumble as he played recordings of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. Maurice was a collector - model trains, model cars, church organs, and antique radios took up as much space in their home as Joan would allow. He enjoyed showing his train layouts and the coffee table that housed N scale trains. He relished his membership on the Mid Atlantic Antique Radio Club and Board of Directors for the National Capital Radio and Television Museum.

A devoted husband and father, his siblings often teased him because of his gentle, gracious parenting techniques which included never actually telling his children, "No." He called his daughters, "the finest young ladies in the world" and his sons, "the finest young men in the world." His love and dedication to his wife of 56 years was unsurpassed. It was clear he married her for more than just her fried chicken and lemon meringue pie, although they were his favorites.

Maurice is mourned and cherished by his wife of 56 years, Joan; daughters Cheryl Jeannette Moore-Thomas (Steve), Cynthia Michelle Moore-Koikoi (Raphael); sons Kyle Emerson, and Ronald Maurice; and grandson Noah Eugene Maurice Thomas; siblings, Charlene, Bradford, Charles, David, Ann, Elzine, and Sam; and a host of in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Lorraine Park

5608 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Wake

NOV 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sharp Street Methodist Church
1206 Etting Street
Baltimore, MD 21217

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Maurice S. W. Moore*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *What an amazing man! Devoted to his wife, children and family and God most of all. A true disciple who brought many to grow in faith in God. Thank you Rev. Moore for your service and your love. Thank you for supporting Bruce and I during our ministry life together. Our prayers always for you all. We love you, Debby, Jason, Joy and Haskins Family.*

deborah haskins - November 28, 2018 at 01:36 AM



“ *I met Rev. Moore in 1985 at Loyola College. I found him to be a concerned father and a deep spiritual family man. May he enjoy his heavenly home. May the sweet Holy Spirit bless and watch over his wife and children.*



Dr. Kirk P. Gaddy - November 26, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Maurice S. W. Moore.*



November 24, 2018 at 05:32 PM

WS

“ *With sympathy, Robin & Thelma Satchell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rev. Maurice S. W. Moore.*



With sympathy, Robin & Thelma Satchell - November 23, 2018 at 08:07 PM

HP

“ *Hilda Phillips sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Maurice S. W. Moore*



Hilda Phillips - November 22, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - November 21, 2018 at 08:34 AM