



Abraham Moore

March 12, 1936 - June 9, 2024

Abraham 'Abe' Moore was born on March 12, 1936, in Savannahland, Charlotteville, Tobago, West Indies. Son of William Barnabas Moore and Eugenie Moore, he was the fifth son in a family of eight sons and two daughters. He started his schooling at Charlotteville Methodist School where he was a stellar pupil. From an early age, he gardened beside his father and brothers on the family land, thus developing a lifelong love for gardening. Additionally, he worked at multiple trades, including carpentry with a senior cousin (J. D. Elder); building with Uncle Sonny (Phillip); and trucking with an older brother (Darwin). Abe was unique in his family: he proudly claimed that he was the only genuine Trini-Tobagonian among them; for he was conceived in Trinidad and born in Tobago! Though each son had a turn at the family cooking, Abe had the longest stint. He excelled in his culinary skills, developing into a master cook, bread maker, and cake maker. Abe would often remind his siblings that he was the middle son. Indeed, we, both the older and the younger

siblings, looked up to him, as the family pinnacle. He was our touchstone, our wise, fun-loving, humorous, encouraging, challenging, stern and kind brother. Entering as a mature, industrial student, Abe attended secondary school at Caribbean Training College (now University of Southern Caribbean), while working at the school's broom shop, print shop, and farm. He distinguished himself as the first student at the College to earn a degree labeled as "pre-professional." Later he would complete a bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) in Washington state and a master's degree in Economics at The American University in Washington, DC.

Abe's professional career started as a teacher and dean of men at Caribbean Union College (CUC; formerly CTC), and he would later serve as Business Manager there. When he and his family migrated to the United States he worked briefly in Washington, DC, at Howard University, then went on to Alabama where he held the position of Comptroller at Alabama State University. In 1981 he was appointed to the position of Vice-President of Finance at Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, which he held for 28 years. Together, Dr. Earl Richardson (President) and Abe developed a series of capital improvements that transformed and expanded the iconic university campus into what we know now.

Abe was born into a Seventh-day Adventist family, and throughout his life he maintained a very active connection with his church. For many years he served as the First Elder of the local church, and he had a keen interest in the function and development of the church in his island home of Tobago. As a born-again Christian, he was steadfast in his faith and belief in God to the end.

Abe met the love of his life Delris "Del" Henry at school and flew to British Guiana (now Guyana) to marry her in 1965. Their three beautiful children, Amanda Lynn, Carmen Lucille, and Lennox (deceased), were soon born in the United States. Abe was a loving husband and father. He taught his children to love music, especially the hymns. He taught them his beloved pastimes of baking and gardening. He was a hands-on father, the kind of father who stayed up late at night, the kind who played fun-loving tricks like a little kid at times, the kind who was always able to find time no matter how busy he found himself. One of the children's favorite memories was Sabbath afternoon family picnics, which they enjoyed throughout their lives, even into adulthood. And, perhaps because of his childhood experience with gardening, Abe was an avid gardener everywhere he lived.

When he lived in Randallstown, Maryland, the deer consistently plundered his early gardening attempts, and he, along with Del, took to container gardening on the deck,

producing envious supplies of household vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Abe saw the possible where others saw the insurmountable. He tackled a problem with drive and an energy which was difficult to stem. He fought tirelessly for the cause for which he was passionate.

He was generous to a fault: generous with his means, advice and expertise, be it to an individual, church, educational institution, at home or abroad. He encouraged, coached, motivated, cajoled; urging each individual in his life to seek excellence. Abe was a peacemaker to his last days, mending rifts and bringing people together. Relatives, students, staff, coworkers, and church members all attest to this.

After a long fight with Parkinson's disease, Abe passed away peacefully at home on June 9, 2024.

Abraham is survived by Delris, his faithful wife of nearly sixty years; daughters Amanda (David)

Lang and Carmen Moore, and granddaughter Abigail Moore; siblings Samuel, patriarch of the

Moore clan, Nathaniel (Elma) Moore, Carlyle (Wynoma) Moore, Linda Moore, Addison (Miriam)

Moore, and Nelda Moore-Nana; sister-in-law Mary Moore; and brothers-in-law Lennox (Grace) Hen-

ry and Wilton (Carol) Henry. His brothers Darwin, Nathan, and Eugene preceded him in death.

He dearly loved and supported each of his nieces and nephews and their families (Hilton, JoAnne,

Joey, Sheldon, Rowena, Christina, Serena, Anne, Ricardo, Delia, Wendell, Wendy, Adrian, Andy,

Derrick, Jinel, William and Wendell), as well as his many grand nieces and nephews. He will be missed by the extended Moore clan of Charlotteville, Tobago (The Alleynes, Carringtons/Walcotts, James, McDonalds, Moores, and Williams); his Morgan State University family; USC alumni friends; Pikesville SDA Church family; the Carrs; Jennifer James and Shemika Satchell, his loving nurses; and many others, too numerous to list. In our mind's eye, we see his mischievous smile, hear his merry laughter, and smell his homemade bread; and we give thanks to God for a life well lived. We look forward to meeting him again on the great resurrection day. Shalom!

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Rd
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110

Wake

JUN 19. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pikesville Seventh Day Adventist
4619 Old Ct. Rd.
Baltimore, MD

Funeral Service

JUN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Abraham Moore. I will be forever grateful for the 28 years that he spent as vice-president for finance and management, my colleague and my friend at Morgan State University. The university was enriched by his years of dedicated service, and my life was enriched even more by working with him. We are all better for our journey together. Rest in Peace, My Friend!*

Burney J. Hollis, Ph.D.

Professor of English Emeritus

Dean Emeritus, James H. Gilliam, Jr., College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Burney J. Hollis - June 29, 2024 at 02:44 PM

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“ My sincere and deep condolences to the family of Mr. Moore.

For over two of Mr. Moore's 28 years at Morgan, I served as his Acting Comptroller, reporting directly to him. I was 29 when first promoted to the role and one of the youngest controllers at an HBCU at the time.

To say I was a bit “green” was an understatement, but Mr. Moore apparently saw something in me and did his best to encourage me, coach me, and hold me accountable to be better (often in a very direct manner lol). It was an exciting experience, and I was fortunate to have an exceptional staff who (despite my being younger than everyone who reported to me) was as hard-working and as loyal as a staff could be.

In the end, I moved on to other roles at various places, and ultimately made my way to New York. And, as is often the case in life, I lost touch with Mr. Moore over the years.

In our lives, if we are fortunate, there are a handful of leaders who see something in us, even if we don't see it ourselves. And without those mentors and coaches, our lives would be the worst for it.

Mr. Abraham Moore was such a person for me. The first (but not the only) person who pushed me well beyond what I thought possible. My only regret is that I didn't recently get to thank him for his push.

Thank You, Mr. Moore.

May you rest in power and peace, following a life well lived. 🙏

Calvin Harris

Calvin Harris - June 19, 2024 at 12:44 PM

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“ Mr. Moore was the kindest, thoughtful, and empathetic decent human being. When my family and I needed help, starting from mid 80’s, he was there. He provided helping hand always no matter the odds. Through him I was able to secure a full time job at MSU while raising my family. He was a God sent. I have never forgotten him, and I will never forget him. I have always been grateful to him. He did give me an opportunity for an experience that enhanced my international United Nations career to be able to contribute to the global community in many parts of the world. May the kindness's and the blessings he shared follow his children and grand children. May his soul rest in blissful peace. May God give strength and peace to his family he left behind.

Cecilia McGill (serving in Albania) - June 18, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Abraham Moore.



June 17, 2024 at 11:21 PM

The world
gives you
so much pain
and here you are
making gold out of it

There is nothing more than that - mpi kare



“ I had the honor of working with Mr. Moore in the early 2000’s. His good work ethic and kindness will always be remembered. Rest well sir!

Donald Knight - June 16, 2024 at 08:21 PM

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Absolutely 100 correct.

Cecilia McGill (serving in Albania) - June 18, 2024 at 10:12 AM

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“ 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 Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - June 12, 2024 at 04:44 PM