

Celebration of Life
Susie Mae Moore

April 27, 1926 – January 25, 2015



Saturday, February 7, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Kevin J. White, Officiating

New Zion Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ

HOME

*Though fame and fortune may be ours
Fond memory recalls
The happiest of happy hours –
Those spent within the walls
Of home – how much that one word holds
Of sweetness – what surcease
From cares of life – how it enfolds
The heart in perfect peace!
It seems God guards it from above
Through all the passing years
It stands, a hallowed place of love
To bring our joy and tears.
What matters one brief hour of care:
The sunshine seems so near
When we meet Life's shadows there
With those we hold most dear.
In seeking happiness, we find,
Wherever we may roam,
It waits – a gift of love divine,
Within the arms of – Home!*

Anonymous

From Our Marriage

Edmond & Susie M. Moore

September 26, 1946

Processional.....“Leaning on the Cross”

Selection.....“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament - Proverbs 3:13-23

New Testament - 1st Thessalonians 4:13-14

Prayer of Consolation

Reading of the Obituary

Solo.....“He Knows Just How Much You Can Bear”

Special TributeCreated by Mrs. Carlene Pierce

Remarks and Acknowledgements

Solo.....“I Won’t Complain”

EulogyRev. Kevin J. White, Pastor
New Zion Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ

Benediction

Recessional“Jesus Is Love” by Lionel Richie

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INTERMENT

Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Cemetery

Sumter, South Carolina

(next to her beloved Edmond)

Susie Mae Moore, age 88, of Sumter, South Carolina, departed this life, January 25, 2015 at a nursing home in Bishopville, SC.

She was born on April 27, 1926, to the late Viola Simpkins Pompey and Lewis Pompey – the fifth of seven children – Carroll, Prudence Lucille, Elijah, Fred, Charlie and Noah in Johnston, South Carolina.

After attending high school she relocated to Newark, NJ to live and work. She then met in March and married in September, 1946, her husband Edmond Moore – a marriage lasting 61 years until his death in September 2007.

They had a “yours, mine and our” family. Edmond blessed with his first born daughter – Rose Ann and Susie with her first born son – Willie James and starting five years later the “ours” became Del Marie, Edwin Bernard, Alvin Lewis, Margaret, Gerald and Geraldine (twins).

She loved her husband and he loved her. She was a strong, hard working woman – truly a trooper. Her brother-in-law, husband of her only sister, Lucille -- our Uncle Bill described her as “The Rock of Gibraltar.” The family joke was that when Dad needed help – he’d say, “Come on Susie – I need a man.” She had big hands and feet and if you were silly enough to misbehave a shoe may have been aimed at the back of your head! (DYFS was not knocking on your door back in the 1950s – 1970s) Soft spoken, none of us, children or grandchildren can ever remember her raising her voice.

For years (like many Negro women) she did domestic work in the home of her employers. In 1964 she gained employment from the State of New Jersey – working at Woodbridge State School where she was a Cottage Technician tending to the needs of teenagers and young adults who were mentally and/or physically challenged – retiring in 1991 and moving to Sumter, SC.

In the 1960s, she raised her children in a non-denominational church – The Community House of Worship, Orange, NJ. She then became a member of Israel Memorial A.M.E. Church in Newark, NJ and upon returning to SC – Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church in Sumter, SC, where she was a member of Sunday School Class Number 1 and the Sweetheart Burgess Missionary Society.

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Susie and Edmond were avid Pinochle players and were formidable opponents. Upon their marriage in 1971, they taught Del Marie and her husband Eugene to play the card game and their son Ehren in the late 80s, spending hours of quality time, fun and laughter “whopping” on each other, other family members and friends.

Susie loved her flowers, especially roses. The love of gardening tilled her soul. She sowed the seeds of flowers, herbs, fruits and vegetables and reaped bountiful harvests which she mixed with love creating delicious treats and meals for all that came to her home and table whether family, friends or strangers.

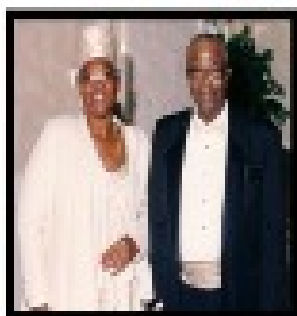
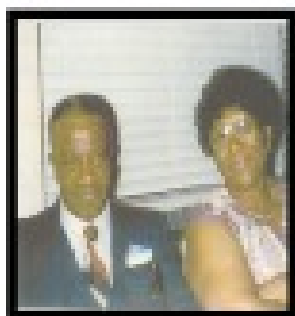
Her hobbies included reading and doing crossword puzzles and preserving foods by canning, drying and freezing and took pride in her culinary skills and the fresh organically grown food that she and Edmond grew. Many life changing and life enhancing conversations were spent around the kitchen table and on the sun porch shelling beans and peas. She gleaned peanuts from the nearby farms and shared bushels of them with family and friends. Self-sufficient and always resourceful, Susie was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, niece, aunt, cousin and friend to many. If you could think of one word to describe her character, it probably would be the word “kind.”

Unfortunately, legal entanglements kept her from returning to and spending her last few years in New Jersey, which she so desired and which was the desire of her children in NJ. Her parents, Lewis and Viola Pompey preceded her in death, as well as her siblings, Carroll, Prudence Lucille, Elijah, Fred and Noah and her youngest son, Gerald Moore, predeceased her in March 2013. Besides her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, mourning her lost is her only surviving sibling – Charlie Pompey and his wife, Mattie, and her only surviving brother-in-law, William Moore, Jr. (Bubba) and her sister-in-laws, Susanna Snow and Rebecca Moore. Surviving are her daughters-in-law: Antoinette Moore, Marilyn Moore and Keena Pompey and sons-in-law: Eugene Roberts and Melvin Lilly, also many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and Wayman Chapel A.M.E. church members.

A special thank you to her diligent next door neighbor, Rev. Charlie Howard, whom faithfully kept around her home mowed and manicured, who watched out for her when she still lived at home and away and faithfully visited with her at the nursing home along with her cousin Ceaser Thompson, Jr. You are good men that helped her feel loved and cared for. Ms. Nancy Middleton, you were God sent and the children of Susie M. Moore thank you for the care you diligently gave our mother while she was still able to live in her home.

*All Because
Two People
Fell In Love*





WE
ARE
FAMILY

"Living Life"

Words of Wisdom

Life is not a race – but indeed a journey. Be honest. Work hard. Be choosy. Say “thank you” “I love you” and “great job” to someone each day. Go to church, take time to pray. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper. Love your life and what you have been given, it is not accidental – search for your purpose and do it as best you can. Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that which you aspire to be. Laugh often. Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. Some of the best things really are free. Do not worry, less wrinkles are more becoming. Forgive, it frees the soul. Take time for yourself – plan for longevity. Recognize the special people you’ve been blessed to know. Live for today, enjoy the moment.

Bonnie L. Mohr

Acknowledgement

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone for your prayers, concern, love and many acts of kindness. We ask for your continued prayers.

May God bless you and keep you in his loving care.

In faith, gratitude and love,
The Family of Susie M. Moore

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