

*Flower Bearers and Pallbearers
Family and Friends*

Until We Meet Again

We think of you always,
We talk about you still
You have never been forgotten
And you never will
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives
Until we meet again.

Love, Taryn, Gordon II, LaKarla, Bryanna and Gordon III

~ Acknowledgments ~

The family gratefully acknowledges those who provided Mary with exceptional, compassionate, and tender care during her time in Sumter: Cherrish Welch, Home Health nurse of Amedisys Home Health Agency; the doctors, nurses and staff of Prisma Tuomey Hospital, Prisma Hospice-Sumter and Ursula Williams; a private caregiver.

To share a memory of Mrs. Moore or send a condolence to her family, please visit jobmortuary.net



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Celebration of Life for

Mary Butler Moore

*First Breath
March 24, 1940*

*Final moment of
Life
September 5, 2026*



**Thursday, September 17, 2026
11:00 A.M.**

**Salem Chapel and Heritage Center
101 S Salem Avenue, Sumter SC 29150**

Reverend Dr. Gertrude Spann Thompson, Presider and Eulogist

Mary Butler Moore

“When time has surrendered for me...”

Mary Butler Moore, 86, fondly known as “Mamie,” passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on September 5, 2026 in Sumter, South Carolina. Mary was born in Sumter, South Carolina on March 24, 1940, to the late Jeanette Spann Butler and Wilson Butler.

She attended and graduated from Salterstown Elementary School and Lincoln High School in Sumter. After graduation, she moved to New Haven, CT, where she built a remarkable personal and professional life. She met and married Gordon M. Moore and they had two children, Taryn Y. Moore and Gordon M. Moore II.

Mary began her professional career at Yale University as a secretary in the Intensive Summer Studies Program (ISSP), the Department of Sociology, and the Department of Public Information and she worked as a computer operator for Yale Building Maintenance.

Mary continued to use her business acumen as a business teacher at James Hillhouse High School, Stone School of Business, Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.,(OIC), New Haven Adult Education and as an adjunct professor at Gateway Community College. In addition, Mary was instrumental in creating and was the first advisor to the Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Tutorial Program with Southern Connecticut State University which strengthened the basic skills of the attending students. Mary was a dedicated educator who believed deeply in her students’ abilities to learn as she steadfastly encouraged and motivated them to develop their potential.

While in Connecticut, Mary earned an Associate of Science in Secretarial Science from Gateway Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from the University of Bridgeport, a Master’s degree in Business Education from Central Connecticut State University, a Sixth-Year Degree in Administration and Supervision and took advanced courses toward a Doctorate Degree in Education at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. Mary became certified as a “Best Teacher” at Yale University-New Haven Teachers Institute.

Mary was a member of the following organizations: Hillhouse School Planning and Management Team, Governor’s Schools Committee for the Connecticut Associations of Schools, the Future Business Leaders of America, The Eastern Business Education Association and the New England Business Education Association, the Delta Phi Epsilon-Beta Mu Chapter, the National Graduate Society in Business Education at Central Connecticut State University and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Mary was recognized as a presenter with the National Convention of Business Education, Who’s Who in American Education, Who’s Who in Human Services Professional, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Award, Teachers, Administrators, Parents and Support Personnel (T.A.P.S. of the Year).

Mary was a fashionista who created a style that included the latest trends of appropriate attire for future business teachers of America.

During her early years, Mary was a member of Mayesville United Methodist Church in Mayesville, SC where she participated and won ALL her gospel competitions. She and her sister, Dr. Earnestine B. Kirkland, were often requested to sing on the radio and at funerals. She later loaned her voice to several church choirs and semi-professional groups such as the “New Ensemble” and the “Heritage Chorale” in New Haven, CT. Significantly, she was the co-founder of Miracle Temple United American Methodist Episcopal (UAME) Church.

Socially, Mary loved to entertain guests in her homes in Sumter and Connecticut. This is where she prepared and served her Southern cuisine menus for anyone who visited her. Mary was the devoted matriarch of her family. Her warmth, wisdom, and unconditional love guided all who knew her. She eventually returned to her roots in Sumter, where she spent her final days surrounded by family.

Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gordon M. Moore, and her parents, Jeanette Spann Butler and Wilson Butler.

Her extraordinary legacy of love and faith lives on through her children, Taryn Y. Moore and Gordon M. Moore II; daughter-in-law, La Karla N. Moore; grandchildren, Bryanna A. Moore and Gordon M. Moore III; her sister, Dr. Earnestine B. Kirkland; her nephews, Carlos D. Kirklnad and Christopher G. Kirkland; her grand niece, Victoria J. Kirkland and grand nephew, Carlos D. Kirkland Jr.; her aunts, Susan Emma M. Spann, Maggie S. Williams, Queen W. Spann, and Hester M. Spann.

She will also be remembered by many loving cousins, devoted friends, and former students whose lives she touched.





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ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Gertrude Thompson, Pastor
Life Changing Ministries, Irmo SC



Prelude Shonda English, Musician

Nearer My God To Thee / Precious Lord Take My Hand

Processional and Viewing Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand

Prayer of Comfort Apostle Eugene Brunson, *Cousin*

Old Testament Minister Kay Spann Byrd, *Cousin*

Proverbs 31:25-31

New Testament Hermayonne Sumpter Epps, *Cousin*

John 14:1-6; I Timothy 4:7

Remarks:

Church Dr. Earnestine Butler Kirkland, *Sister*

Community Ms. Carla Morrison-Chit, Chit Tours, Atlanta GA
Former Student, James Hillhouse High School, New Haven CT

Lincoln High School Class of 1959 Mr. Coley White

Family William James Brunson II, *Cousin*

Acknowledgements Resolution of Remembrance: Ms. Bryanna Ariel Moore, *Granddaughter*

Solo Sister Sue Collins, Jehovah Baptist Church

Words of Comfort Dr. Gertrude Thompson, *Cousin*
Pastor, Life Changing Ministries, Irmo, SC

Committal and Benediction

Recessional Medley of Songs



My Siblings

