

## SHE IS GONE

You can shed tears that she is gone  
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back  
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone  
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back  
or you can do what she'd want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins, © 1981

**INTERMENT**  
Grandview Cemetery  
801 Millcreek Road  
Johnston, PA

### Acknowledgments

Though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and depth of thankfulness we hold for you, the family of Mary L. Moore acknowledges with deep appreciation the many expressions of love and sympathy shown during this time of bereavement. We are grateful for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and floral arrangements. Please continue to lift our family in prayer.

Special thanks to Pastor Colvin and the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church Family.  
Gratitude to the Cleveland Clinic Hospice. *The Family*

### Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

Watson's Funeral Home  
10913 Superior Avenue | Cleveland, Ohio  
*and*  
Harris Funeral Home  
500 Cherry Lane | Johnstown, Pennsylvania

# Celebrating

## A Life Well Lived



## MARY L. MOORE

Sunrise: March 9, 1925 ~ Sunset: October 22, 2025

*Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025 & Friday, Nov. 7, 2025*  
*Family Visitation 10am | Service 11am*

Olivet Institutional Baptist Church  
8712 Quincy Avenue | Cleveland, OH

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Mt. Sinai Institutional Baptist Church  
35 2<sup>nd</sup> Street | Conemaugh, PA ✦ 11:00 a.m.

## *Litany of Consolation*

**Minister:** *O God, as we weep with tearful eyes and bereaved spirits, we do not weep as those who have no hope, but in faith, hope and love.*

**Congregation:** *Lord give us the strength to understand our yesterdays, face today and embrace our tomorrows.*

**Minister:** *O God, we thank thee that death is not a period, but a comma, not the end in the paragraph of life. You, O Lord, are the Alpha and Omega, death is but a jot and a tittle in the journey of life.*

**Congregation:** *But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)*

**Minister:** *The dangers of life are not in dying but in living without faith, hope, love, dreams and aspirations.*

**Congregation:** *Fear not for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. (Isaiah 41:10)*

**Unison:** *Lord, thou hast made us for thyself and our hearts are forever restless till we rest in thee. (Augustine)*

Holidays were especially meaningful to her, as she delighted in creating joyful memories and traditions that have been passed down through generations. Her warmth and generosity extended beyond her immediate family, as she was always ready to lend a helping hand or offer words of encouragement to friends, neighbors, and anyone in need.

Mary joined the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in 1978 and remained a loyal member until her death. She loved her church, her pastor, and its members. She was active in the Women's and Seniors' Ministries. At 100+, she was often the oldest participant in the room. At their recent retreat, Mary was posthumously awarded a Living Legend award.

She was a constant companion of her daughter, Kathryn. She enjoyed attending Cleveland galas, luncheons, and other social events with her throughout the years. She was also thrilled to accompany her on business trips across the country. She became known as The Little Lady and had a Facebook following, as people loved her chronicles.

She loved traveling and shopping with her daughter, Deborah. They shared a love for fashion and shopping. Deborah's greatest gift to her mother was her first grandson, Jerome. Together, they loved him immensely. Mary was by her side throughout her battle with Cancer and was heartbroken when she passed. They have been reunited in heaven.

When her only son Billy was born, in her early 40s, Mary's wish was to live long enough to see him graduate from High School. She had a special relationship with Billy, supporting him in all his endeavors. From sports to drill team to his college career, Mary was always there for him.

A frequent visitor to Colleges and Universities across the nation, Mary supported her boys in their football careers. Son Billy was a star football player at Admiral King High School and later attended Slippery Rock University. Mary would support his games, frequently driving down the road by herself. When Grandson Jerome entered his career as a college football coach, it wasn't uncommon for her to travel the United States to support his games in her 80s and 90s. She attended games at Ashland University. Wofford University: Georgia Tech and Clemson. When Grandson Andrew played college football, she attended his games at "The Ohio State University". She was looking forward to attending Great Grandson LJ's soccer and football games this year, but her health would not permit. That didn't stop her from discussing the games with him afterwards. She also loved the Cavaliers and was an avid fan.

Grandma Mary also supported her granddaughter Alyssa in her pursuits. Whether it was attending her soccer games or taking in a good theatre production, she loved hanging out with Alyssa. She even passed on her famous pound cake recipe to her. Her last outing was to celebrate Alyssa's birthday at a local restaurant. Mary lived an extraordinary life, a life worth celebrating. She worked hard and instilled strong values and character in her children. She loved her family fiercely and made room in her heart for many of her family's friends who considered her their mother and grandmother.

She was Mary Louise Moore – a stubborn woman at times, a proud woman, a strong woman, an independent woman who held to her convictions.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandson, cousins, nieces and nephews, and a host of extended family and friends, too numerous to count.

Mary Louise Moore was only on loan to us for a short 100 years. Today, we send her back to God with all our love.

*Humbly submitted, The Family*

# Order of Service

Wednesday, November 5, 2025  
 Family Hour 10am | Service 11am  
**OLIVET INSTITUTIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 8712 Quincy Avenue | Cleveland, Ohio  
 Rev. Dr. Jawanza K. Colvin, Officiant

Organ Prelude..... Bryan Golden

Invocation.....

Lessons from the Holy Scripture.....

Old Testament Reading.....

New Testament Reading.....

Selection..... Thank You Lord, For all You've Done for Me

Expressions of Love

- Tony Kinslow
- Rev. Robert Hall
- Donna Flynt
- Tracie Thompson

Acknowledgements /Resolutions.....

Selection..... For Every Mountain

Reading of Obituary.....

***Litany of Consolation (see inside cover)***

Hymn of Meditation..... Safe In His Arms

Eulogy..... Rev. Jawanza Colvin

Committal.....

Benediction.....

Recessional.....

**Vocalist: Charmaine Wilson**

### PALLBEARERS

Charles Bailey     Jeff Pryor  
 Andrew Moore     L. Jerome Riase  
 Mychal Lilly     Lemuel Riase

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Lemuel Jerome Riase, Jr. (LJ)  
 Sylvester Lyons



# Order of Service

Friday, November 7, 2025  
Family Hour 10am | Service 11am  
**MT. SINAI INSTITUTIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
351 2<sup>nd</sup> Street | Conemaugh, PA  
Rev. Maurice T. Williams, Officiant

- Organ Prelude..... Musician
- Invocation .....
- Lessons from the Holy Scripture .....
- Old Testament Reading .....
- New Testament Reading.....
- Selection..... As Long As You're There
- Expressions of Love .....
- Selection..... Oh How Precious
- Acknowledgements /Resolutions.....
- Reading of Obituary .....
- Hymn of Meditation..... Jesus Promised
- Eulogy ..... Rev. Maurice T. Williams
- Committal.....
- Benediction.....
- Recessional.....

## **Music by "Power of Praise"**

### **PALLBEARERS**

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| Rod Jones       | Jymil Thompson |
| Kevin King      | Butch Tullis   |
| Erskin Thompson | Malik Walker   |

## *Cherished Memories*

**Mary Louise Moore** was born in 1925 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to David and Mary (Kelly) King. She was one of seven children born to this union. Her siblings are William H. King (Sport), Norman R. King, and Caroline Miller King.: David King Jr. (Gloria Rozier); Mildred King Thompson; Joseph King (Joan Bracco King), and Patricia King Herring. All preceded her in death. Mary recalled fond memories of her childhood living as a happy family. She would often share stories about her mother being a great cook and baker, and about her father's parents, Taylor King and Lou Anthony King, who lived with them and loved them fiercely.

Mary's mother passed away when she was 18 years old. As the eldest daughter, she took on the role of a mother figure to her siblings, especially her youngest sister, Patricia, who was very young. She often took her on dates as a young woman. Mary remained close to all her siblings throughout their lifetime.

Eva Kelly McSwain, Mary's maternal grandmother, lived to 94, suggesting longevity in her lineage. However, Mary believed that her daily cup of hot tea with fresh lemon and sugar, along with her daily sweet treats, which she enthusiastically enjoyed, may also have played a role.

Mary was a trailblazer and did things her way. At the age of 28, she married William Moore after he served in the army. They relocated to Berea, Ohio, where he attended and graduated from Baldwin Wallace College. Their union produced three children: Kathryn, Deborah, and William (Billy).

Mary always put her children first, instilling in them honesty, higher education, community service, and a family-first approach. She was a devoted stay-at-home mother for years. She was intentional about doing day work so that she could see her children off to school and be home to greet them upon their return. When her children got older, she went to school at night and became certified in dietary services. This certification enabled her to assume a position in the nutritional services department at the Cleveland Clinic. She held this career for over 25 years before retiring.

Mary was a devoted Grandmother to Jerome Riase and daughter in love Dawn; Alyssa Moore; Andrew Moore and daughter in love Kennedy; and great-grandmother to Lemuel Jerome Riase, Jr., affectionately known as L.J. He was the apple of his "grammy's" eye. Following her retirement from The Cleveland Clinic, she volunteered at local elementary schools, helping several children improve their reading proficiency.

In her 40s, she decided it was finally time to learn to drive. Being a Renaissance woman, she went out and bought a brand-new car, which was delivered to her home. Her rationale was avoiding an accident in someone else's car. After months of practice and lessons, she passed her driving test and earned her license. She loved the freedom that driving afforded her. She continued to drive until she reached age 85. Not wanting to take her keys, her children decided to no longer get her car fixed. Believe it or not, her vehicle remains parked in her driveway to this day!

Mary's unwavering dedication to her family was evident in every aspect of her life. She cherished Sunday dinners, where she would lovingly prepare her signature dishes and gather loved ones around the table.