



## John Irving Moose, M.D.

April 15, 1937 - March 20, 2017

John Irving Moose, M.D., age 79, died March 20, 2017, at the Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehab from complications of Parkinson's Disease. He was born on April 15, 1937 at Little Rock to Charles Reid Moose, Sr. and May Hope McClurkin Moose – the third of six children.

He was raised at Morrilton, AR and finished high school there before entering Hendrix College and receiving his pre-med degree. There he met Joallen Logan and they married at the Hendrix Greene Chapel a week after their graduation on June 7, 1959. John earned his medical degree from UAMC in Little Rock and interned at Baptist Hospital there.

Now with one child, Dr. Moose and Joallen moved to Orlando, FL where he served as a captain for two years in the Air Force at the base hospital. A second child was born there.

The next move was to Siloam Springs in 1966 where he joined the Siloam Springs Medical Center and had a busy general practice and delivered hundreds of babies. The couple's third child was born in Siloam in 1969. He remained at the clinic until 1995, and then practiced part-time at the First Care Family Doctors Clinic in Prairie Grove until full retirement in 2002. His medical skills were put to good use on several medical trips to Haiti, El Salvador and Mexico. Professionally, John was a member of the Amer. Assn. of Family Practitioners, the Southern Medical Society, the American Med. Society and continuing after retirement, the AR Medical Society.

John committed his life in faith to Jesus Christ as a young boy, and grew in

that faith through active service in the Methodists churches where he lived, including the last 51 years at the First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs. He enjoyed many years of Bible study in their home groups, Disciple Bible Studies and the Men's Bible Class. He also sang in the choir and served on many committees. The couple went on many Lay Witness Mission teams to other churches in the 60s and 70's.

John had a special love for John Brown University and served as a trustee from 1985-1998. He was a board member for the Genesis House, a faithful Rotarian for 50 years and a Paul Harris Fellow. He and Joallen delivered Meals on Wheels for several years on behalf of the Rotary Club. He was a major blood donor, contributing his O negative blood regularly from med school days to this last year.

He was a man of many hobbies and interests and had a strong work ethic. Collecting began at a young age with stamps and coins, but rock-hounding trips, collecting, cutting and polishing became the major love. He was an active member of the NWA Gem and Mineral Society and was awarded a lifetime membership. The JBU pool afforded him years of regular lap swims until the last year of his life. He received great joy from yard work and raising beautiful flowers, having inherited the green thumbs of his mom and grandmother May Cazort McClurkin.

A special highlight of his late teens and early 20s were the summers he spent working at Winrock Farms on Petit Jean Mtn. at the grass farm and life-guarding. He especially loved getting to know Winthrop Rockefeller and his family.

John worked with stained glass art for several years under the expert supervision of Bea Stebbins. After years of medical charts and journals, he became an enthusiastic reader and devoured the books of favorite writers John Grisham, Louis L'amour and Richard Paul Evans, et al. He also loved to travel and was privileged to go to several foreign countries and all the states, as well as float the Buffalo River with the menfolk each year.

John was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Robert Lewis

Moose.

He is survived by his wife Joallen of 57 years, three children and their spouses, John Allen Moose (Lisa Darden) of Van Buren, Allison Lynn Hilliard (Wes) of Van Buren, and Gwen Hope Moore (Marcus) of Siloam Springs; four grandchildren, Daniel Paul Moose of Springdale, Michael Allen Moose of Little Rock, Lindsay Allison Staggs (Joshua) of Fayetteville, and Elizabeth Ellen "Libby" Hilliard of Arkadelphia, AR; two step grandchildren, Richard Darden and Shelby Darden. He is also survived by three brothers, Charles Reid Moose Jr. (Lisa) of Parkville, MD, Dr. William Cazort Moose (Diane) of Deer Park, TX, Rev. David Nelson Moose (Judy) of Louisville, KY, and a sister, Kathryn Elizabeth Kordsmeier of Morrilton, AR; seven nephews and their families, five nieces and their families plus many cousins and friends.

Memorial service is Friday, March 24th, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, Rev. Wesley Hilliard and Dr. Randy Rowlan officiating. Private family internment will be earlier at the Oak Hill Cemetery, arrangements by Wasson Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to FUMC Siloam Springs, 325 E. Twin Springs St., Siloam Springs, AR 72761, or any other worthy cause.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **24.** 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
325 E. Twin Springs St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ I’m so sorry....I just now saw this. I grew up going to church in Siloam with Dr Moose and his wonderful family. He treated my mom during many difficult times with her heart valve issues and always thought he showed a lot of compassion. His love for Christ, his family and his insatiable curiosity and intellect were always front and center. He was a stellar role model. My thoughts and prayers go out to Joellen and family.

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**Phil Ruble** - October 27, 2017 at 12:16 AM

JP

“ Dr. Moose, a great person, Doctor, and Friend, took care of my family a long time, delivered a lot of babies for my family, my grand babies, my nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews, we have had some close times with sickness and he never left our side. He kept Violets in his window at the clinic, my Mother in law was his patient, and he gave her one, she thought they were so pretty, such a kind man to the elderly, I could go on and on with story's, in the 28 yrs. I worked in OB. We cherish the time we knew our Doctor and our friend. Howard and Janet Pack

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**Janet and Howard Pack** - March 27, 2017 at 10:21 AM

TK

“ Dr. Moose was the best Doctor ever!!! He delivered my Son, I was just 17 years old and of course had tons of questions which Dr. Moose answered each one no matter how minor the question. He took the time and made this young mother feel comfortable. He always took time to listen and made you feel like you were his only patient. He truly left this earth a better place because he was in it. My prayers to the family.

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**Tina Ketcher** - March 27, 2017 at 10:00 AM

DR

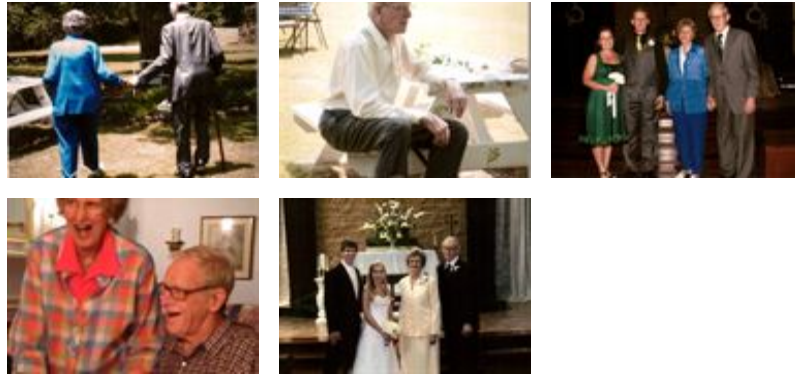
“ To the family of our colleague and friend, our heartfelt condolences to your family during this time of loss. Dr Moose has been considered a member of our family here at Siloam Springs Medical Center for many years. Prayers for peace of heart to you.  
Respectfully,  
Providers and Staff of  
Siloam Springs Medical Center/CPG

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Donna Reese - March 24, 2017 at 01:29 PM

WASSON  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Wasson Funeral Home - March 23, 2017 at 03:18 PM

PF

“ My sincere condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. True comfort comes by drawing close to God (Psalms 83:18) in prayers so He (God) can draw close to you in return. (James 4:8).

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pfl - March 23, 2017 at 01:23 PM

DS

“ Words do not adequately express our feelings at this time. we have lost more than a friend. John and i were rock collecting buddies and went on some interesting trips in search of 'rarities". His humor was a retrospect on his own view of life, and he was always a pleasure to be around .He spent many hours giving freely of his time helping at the Northwest Arkansas gem & mineral society. He specialized in People, and also petrified wood, which he had a large collection of. The best thing i can say about John is that he was our friend , and a friend is a most valuable possession.  
Ruby & Dean Shafer

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**Dean Shafer** - March 23, 2017 at 07:50 AM

SL

“ Such a wonderful sweet caring man. He delivered me when I was born, my one and only Dr till he retired. When I was 24, I was scheduled for an ultrasound, he listened to my babies heartbeat for the longest time, he smiled and told me sherry, with a big smile on his face. Let me know the results of the test. He knew I was having a set of twins before I did. :) prayers and loving thought for his family. He will be sorely missed.

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**Sherry beck lowery** - March 22, 2017 at 10:31 PM

SL

“ Sherry Beck Lowery lit a candle in memory of John Irving Moose, M.D.



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**Sherry beck lowery** - March 22, 2017 at 10:22 PM

LN

“ Linda and Steve Nelson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Irving Moose, M.D..



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**Linda and Steve Nelson** - March 22, 2017 at 02:58 PM

 Becky Capps

“ A very loving and kind soul has left this earthly realm. He is with his Lord and savior. He leaves many with wonderful memories. I met John many years ago. He was always asking how I was and my boys. He took my youngest under his wing, teaching him all about rocks and taking him on many digs. He and his wife love all and are ready to aid anyone in need. May God's peace and love be with JoAllen and family during this time. Love always from your family in Christ  
Joe and Becky Capps

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**Becky Capps** - March 22, 2017 at 01:56 PM

LH

“ Dr Moose was a great doctor and was so compassionate. He brought all three of our children into this world. Always loved him.

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**Leona Hamilton** - March 22, 2017 at 12:19 PM

RK

“ I worked as a maintenance man at the old medical center by the park and became good friends with Dr. moose. I also went to several meetings at the Arkansas Gem and Geo. association with Dr. John. I have many fond memories of him. Robert Ketcher, Westville, Ok.

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**Robert Ketcher** - March 22, 2017 at 12:18 PM

JB

“ He delivered my niece many years ago. Rest in God's arms my friend.

Jack & Ann Brasher - March 22, 2017 at 11:11 AM

PP

“ Dr. Moose was one of my favorite Dr. been going to him for years one day I had to have blood drawn my daddy said I better not cry because I hated needles well I didn't cry but I fainted bigger then Dallas lol Dr. Moose looked at my dad and said next time let her cry !!!

Pam Pruett - March 22, 2017 at 07:36 AM

RJ

“ He delivered 3 of our baby girls. He was a much loved doctor for our family for many years.

Ron & Mary Jeffries - March 22, 2017 at 04:14 AM

RK

“ Robert & Janet Ketcher lit a candle in memory of John Irving Moose, M.D.



Robert & Janet Ketcher - March 22, 2017 at 01:54 AM

DL

“ Dr Moose delivered all 4 of my babies. He was the best!! He always made you feel so special. He was very good to my family.

Deby Lacie - March 21, 2017 at 10:56 PM

DA

“ *Dr Moose delivered both of our daughters AND let their dad come into the delivery room BEFORE it was popular to do so! One us 43 and the other one is 40! He ALMOST didn't make it for the 40 year old. Roads were closed due to tons if snow!! We barely made it to the hospital!!*

*He was the BEST DOCTOR EVER!! When I would go in for a checkup, he would take his time and make sure I had all questions answered. He NEVER made me feel like he didn't have time for me!!*

*About 2 years ago, I saw him at Mazzios with his wife and daughter! We took pictures of the two of us!! They were very kind!!!*

*Our condolences and prayers!!*

*Doris Abels*

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**Doris Abels** - March 21, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ *Allison,*  
*I can not begin to tell you how much you, your dad and your family meant to me growing up in Siloam! As the "outsider" you & your family never made me feel that way!! All I ever felt was love & acceptance!*

*Then later on, I had the opportunity to work with your dad at the hospital and what a powerful influence he had on me!!*

*Your dad was one of a kind and will be missed!!*

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**Bronwyn Howard** - March 21, 2017 at 09:47 PM

SD

“ I lost my mom suddenly this year. She spoke of Dr Moose often. She always talked of what a wonderful man he was. She was young and he influenced her so much she actually always laughed and said I actually named you after him Johnneen. Thank you so much for taking care of me and my mom when she needed it most. We will miss you.

Shaney Dunn - March 21, 2017 at 08:51 PM

TG

“ Ted And Pamela Geary lit a candle in memory of John Irving Moose, M.D.



Ted and Pamela Geary - March 21, 2017 at 08:13 PM

CM

“ Dear Allison and family,

I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Moose. You all have my deepest sympathy and prayers during this sad time. I remember him growing up throughout the years as a very kind man. He was always pleasant to work with when I worked in surgery at the hospital. Thinking of you all.

Cathy Holston McVey - March 21, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *Phyllis Curtis lit a candle in memory of John Irving Moose, M.D.*



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**Phyllis Curtis** - March 21, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *There are not enough good words to use to describe the kind of man that Dr. Moose was. He took care of generations of our family for many years and was never too busy for anyone in need. He was more than our Dr. he was our friend and we will never forget him. He delivered both of my children, my son was born with a small knot on his eyebrow so of course Dr. Moose nicknamed him Knothead. When he delivered my second child he knew that I wanted a girl so bad, he had a pair of pink scrubs he wore to the delivery room that someone had made for him with many cute decorations on them, he was such a jewel. Heaven IS much sweeter now with him there singing with the angels. You will never be forgotten Dr. Moose and we loved you very much and thank your family for sharing you with us. We're praying for the family for God to wrap you in his arms during this time.*

*Howard, Janet, Gary and Paula Pack*

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**Paula Pack Wright** - March 21, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ *Lex And Janie Cannon lit a candle in memory of John Irving Moose, M.D.*



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**Lex and Janie Cannon** - March 21, 2017 at 12:34 PM

MS

“ I so greatly enjoyed seeing John out and about, working in his yard as I visited nearby at my daughters home. Besides that, he delivered my three children with no complications. He was so compassionate about his work, and gave 100% toward his patients, and listened closely to our health concerns. He was a devout Christian man and always so humble, not boasting about anything. God bless his loving family during this difficult time. Sincerely,  
Melody Snyder

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**Melody Snyder** - March 21, 2017 at 11:44 AM