



## Marcel L. (Moose) Van Poucke

February 27, 1934 - June 30, 2016

Marcel L. (Moose) Van Poucke was born February 27, 1934, in Chicago to Marcel Louis

Van Poucke and Albertina Lemajeure Van Poucke. He moved from Chicago in 1953 to play football for the Arkansas Razorbacks. Here he met Nancy Stone of Siloam Springs, and they were married September 1, 1956. He received his Business Administration degree from the University of Arkansas in 1957 and moved to Ft. Hood, Texas, where he proudly served his country in the U. S. Army for 2 years retiring as Captain.

He joined his wife in Siloam Springs in 1958 and began his history of community service. Moose and Nancy reared their three daughters, Vicki, Kathy, and Patti. The three girls were active in Rainbow Girls, an organization for young girls sponsored by the Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star. Moose was the local Rainbow Dad for 20 years, and had the honor of serving as Arkansas Supreme Deputy.

Moose was a former general manager of Ralph Jones Company and former President of Jet Stream Plastics. During this period he was named one of ten Outstanding Young Men in Arkansas by the Arkansas Junior Chamber of Commerce. He served this organization as president of the local organization. He was former owner-operator of Siloam Springs Ready Mix Company. In the following 20 years, he was employed by Arvest Bank downtown as Business

Development Officer.

Moose was active in the Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce and served as president during his tenure, he established the annual Honor Graduate Luncheon for Siloam Springs High School seniors. He had also served the Chamber of Commerce Board as a member and as an ex-officio member as mayor and was currently serving as an active ambassador. He received the Pioneer Citizen Award in 2006. The Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award was named in his honor. He was currently serving on the XNA Airport Commission as Vice Chairman.

Moose received his 50 year pin from Key Lodge #7 in Siloam Springs and was a past master of the lodge. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and had received his 33rd degree, the highest honor in Free Masonry. He was a member and past president of Siloam Springs Rotary Club, served on the board of the Adult Development Center and was a Paul Harris Fellow recipient. He was an enthusiastic golf player and had the distinction of playing the first round played on the Dawn Hill Country Club. He was a member of the Razorback A Club for former Razorback athletes and a member of the University of Arkansas Alumni Association. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, had been active on numerous committees, and he was a long-time member of the O.K. Sunday School Class.

Moose served as the mayor of Siloam Springs for 21 years. He was active in the State Municipal League and served as chairman. As Mayor his energy and enthusiasm for the community propelled him forward. He was generous with his time and personal resources in his ongoing efforts to make Siloam Springs a better place to live. His willingness to make frequent trips to the state capital and neighboring communities to further his knowledge to help improve the progress of local government as well as his travels out of the state to recruit industries, paired with his understanding of our community and

others have been invaluable to the growth, development, and prosperity of Siloam Springs.

Survivors include his wife Nancy Stone Van Poucke of the home; three daughters, Vicki Metsers and husband Ron of Mountain View, California; Kathy Murray and husband Mike of Cincinnati, Arkansas; and Patti Eiland and husband Greg of Siloam Springs; one brother, Ken Van Poucke and his wife Nancy of Siloam Springs; six grandchildren, Chris Murray, Kevin Metsers, Erik Metsers, Tanna Eiland, Kristi Metsers, and Tabitha Eiland, and one great-grandchild, Braden Murray; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, July 5, at 2:00 p.m. at the John Brown University Cathedral in Siloam Springs with Dr. Larry Dodgen officiating. Interment will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to one of the following: Siloam Springs Scholarship Fund, 700 North Progress Ave, Siloam Springs, AR 72761, and Siloam Springs Rainbow Girls c/o Julie Lewis 3423 Roma Drive, Springdale, AR 72762

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

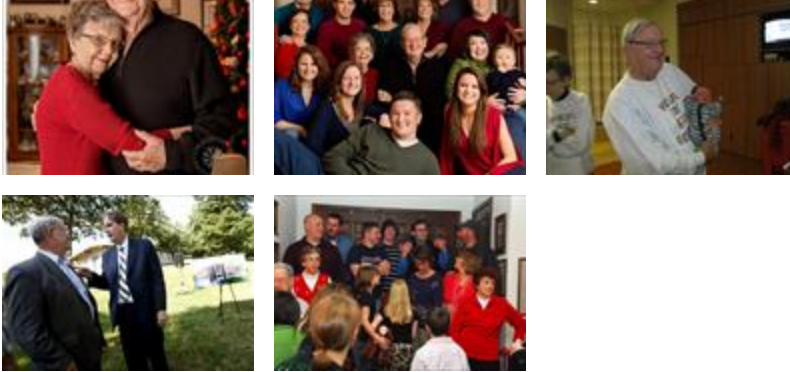
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Cathedral of the Ozarks  
2000 W. University  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ 19 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kathy Murray - July 16, 2016 at 12:58 PM

JG

“ Nancy, So sorry to hear about "Moose", our hearts go out to you and your family. Just stay busy, it will help you heal. Who knows some one might try to give you a (glass door knob) again one of these days. We will keep you in our prayers. Jerry (Tom Sawyer) & Jimmie Sue Garrett

Jerry Garrett - July 08, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ Kathy and Family; We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers now and in the coming days. Charlie and Ann Smythe

Ann Smythe - July 05, 2016 at 10:48 PM

DW

“ The Siloam Springs Museum will always remember Moose for his place in our town's history, but I will also always remember his sense of humor. One example: as a group of us were in his van pulling out of Highland Park into 5pm traffic on 412, suddenly there was a huge gap in traffic both ways. Someone asked, "How did you do that?" Without missing a beat, Moose replied with a shrug, "I'm mayor."

*Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

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**Don Warden** - July 05, 2016 at 06:21 PM

TJ

“ Moose was my first Boss, and I was privileged to have worked for him and to call him " my friend!!!" I am so very sorry for the family, as well as the city, for his loss!!

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**Tim Jones** - July 05, 2016 at 06:17 PM

LH

“ Vicki and family,

*I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. I just found out about his death and the services today or I would have been there. He was such a caring, compassionate man. He always asked about my family when I would see him after we all moved away. I remember spending the night at your house when we were growing up and he never complained about how loud all of us girls were, and we were loud! You have lost a loving father and Siloam has lost an outstanding, supportive citizen but God will be greeting him by saying "Well done, my good and faithful servant" Praying for your family.*

*Lynn Haynes Hoskins*

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**Lynn Hoskins** - July 05, 2016 at 03:29 PM

BD

“Moose believed in living life large. Not by material things, but by giving more, doing more, being more while living a life that few men or women can equal. If you knew Moose, you knew that someone special had crossed your path.

Bob and I got to know he and Nancy through our shared love of Native American art and when Nancy and I served on the same board for the Walton Arts Center.

They were a dynamic pair who shared a love of people and making the most of life.

Moose is gone too soon for he was continuing to serve and give in the selfless life

he carved for himself as a young man. What a lesson his life is for all of us. He never quit making things better for all those around him. Kind of makes you think Heaven may be a little better place now that Moose is there.

Our love to Nancy and the family.

Bob & Karen Dobbs

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**Bob & Karen Dobbs** - July 05, 2016 at 09:42 AM

SE

“Scott & Cassie Elliott lit a candle in memory of Marcel L. (Moose) Van Poucke



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**Scott & Cassie Elliott** - July 05, 2016 at 08:52 AM

GC

“Condolences to you Nancy and your girls and families,  
Thoughts and prayers

From Gaylene (Bowles) Crowder Class of 1952 Hugs

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**Gaylene Crowder** - July 04, 2016 at 05:07 PM

HS

“ Nancy and family,  
It was my pleasure to work with Moose for several years after Ralph Jones Co and Winrock Enterprises merged, Went with Moose, Luther and Ralph on several business trips, which often included rounds of golf....great times with Moose and others.

Two or three years ago, I had a extended lunch with Moose at a Siloam restaurant.  
We discussed the good times and a mutual dislike for a certain person at Winrock.

Just wish that time had given us another meeting or even a golf game.

Herman Shirley  
hsmule@sbcglobal.net

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Herman Shirley - July 04, 2016 at 02:16 PM

MW

“ I first remember Moose in the early 60's when he was my Rainbow Dad. Later he was my friend when I worked with him at the bank for several years He was so much fun and I loved his hugs and his smiles. He will certainly be missed.

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Martha Walker - July 04, 2016 at 01:00 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasson Funeral Home - July 04, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Marcel L. (Moose) Van Poucke



Joe & Cheryl Burns - July 04, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences to all my Van Poucke ladies: Nancy, Vicki, Kathy and Patti. I think of you often And with fond memories. Take care.



Makii Watson - July 03, 2016 at 06:06 PM

RV

“ Our condolences to the Van Poucke Family. Moose was a good neighbor, a good friend.  
GOD bless Nancy & the Girls.  
Randy & Connie Vohs

randy vohs - July 03, 2016 at 04:01 PM

SP

“ Shermana Philpott lit a candle in memory of  
Marcel L. (Moose) Van Poucke



Shermana Philpott - July 03, 2016 at 03:21 PM

MM

“ Dear Nancy: so sorry to learn of your loss. My sincerest sympathies  
are sent to you and your daughters. Moose was always so nice at  
the Paintbrush Gallery.

merice mills - July 03, 2016 at 03:19 AM

TM

“ I worked with Moose (was executive secretary to George Maulsby,  
zVP of Het Stream Plastics) for several years. He was such a go-  
getter and loved the people in the office. I hate to hear of his  
passing. Nancy u take care.

Twyla Pittman Mann - July 02, 2016 at 10:17 PM

KH

“ My condolences and prayers Patti and family for your loss. We are out of town on vacation and will not make the service. My favorite memory of Moose was his retirement party from his Mayoral career. Over the years, it has been my pleasure to donate La-Z-Boy hundreds of chairs to worthy recipients. Moose was genuinely surprised by his chair in Razorback red from La-Z-Boy. Over the past few years I would often bump into Moose and Nancy out for lunch in the community they helped develop. Almost every time, Nancy would tell me Moose napped in that chair on a regular basis. God Bless and rest in peace my friend.

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**Kevin Harmon** - July 02, 2016 at 07:13 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Moose through Rainbow in the 90's and found him to be a kind and caring person.

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**Mary Ellen Wood, Love 16** - July 02, 2016 at 09:41 AM

RG

“ Moose on the loose, was big Walts life long golf partner. Many fond memories of this Titan of SiloamSprings RIP MAYOR you deserve rest sir, kiss my momma she's there waiting on you  
Rod&Sandy

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**Rod and Sandy Gray** - July 02, 2016 at 07:17 AM

NS

“ Uncle Moose has always had a special place in my heart. He always welcomed me with open arms !!!! I pray for comfort during this difficult time and Thoughts and Prayers for the entire family !!!!  
Love you all

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**Nicole Stills** - July 02, 2016 at 12:50 AM

JR

“ I always remember the great hugs he would give every time I would see him. He was so great about helping us with Dinner with the Docs truly will be missed. Our prayers are with you all.

Sincerely,  
Spencer and Joyce Van Roekel



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**Joyce Van Roekel** - July 01, 2016 at 08:37 PM

DW

“ My heart is heavy... I was a neighbor and a coworker. He loved my daughter Christian so much. Her pumpkins were stolen so He, in pure Moose fashion ... Went to Tontitown and bought her a 50lb (the biggest he could find) pumpkin just for her!!! She was 5 or 6. Her eyes were so big. She loved him and hugged his neck so tight. He was a great man and a treasure to know. I am thankful that we got to share in his light.

Dawn

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**Dawn Weaver** - July 01, 2016 at 07:33 PM

KH

“ Moose was a great man and a lifelong friend of my Dad. They had so much fun playing golf and playing Gin. He will certainly be missed. My prayers are with all of the family.

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**Kim Hager** - July 01, 2016 at 07:04 PM