



Ardon "Ace" Moore

September 7, 1933 - October 21, 2017

Ardon E. Moore Jr., a dedicated and loyal Tylerite known as "Ace" to many of his friends and family, passed away courageously on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at age 84, after a year long illness. A memorial service for Mr. Moore will be held on Monday, October 30, 2017 at Marvin United Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Gerry Giles and Chaplain Kenn Somerville officiating.

Moore was born on September 7, 1933, the son of Ardon E. Moore Sr. and Gladys M. Moore of Palestine. He graduated from Palestine High School in 1952 and maintained close friendships with his hometown friends throughout his entire life and often spoke of the memories he had while growing up. He was born near the courthouse in downtown Palestine and explained how his passion for law was inspired by the excitement that he felt from being around courtrooms and lawyers at a young age. He often shared stories about playing high school football, riding his horse around town, his summer job working on a wheat farm, and boxing the farm boys that gathered on weekends at his father's feed store.

After high school he joined the military and served in the aviation branch of the U. S. Navy. He described how thrilling it was for a young man from a small town to see the world while performing his duty aboard an Aircraft Carrier. He was very proud to serve his country and shared stories about boot camp near Hollywood, California and his service on Shore Patrol in Subic Bay,

Philippines.

After his Naval service Moore returned to East Texas and married Peggy Miller, eventually having four sons. He attended Tyler Jr. College and the University of Houston where he received his law degree, and then began practicing law in December of 1962 in Tyler as a prosecutor in the Smith County District Attorney's Office. Afterwards, he began a career as a sole practitioner in private law practice. His passion was to represent "the poor and the oppressed" and he routinely represented defendants in court-appointed cases.

Moore handled cases in many courts, State and Federal, including petitions in the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a longstanding member of The State Bar of Texas and The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association. As a young attorney in Tyler, Moore served as President of The Smith County Jr. Bar Association, local Chairman of the March of Dimes Drive, President of The Optimist Club of Tyler, and represented Tyler in the Attorney Generals Youth Conference on Crime. He was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church.

Moore enjoyed the outdoors and took full advantage of the lakes and woods that East Texas is known for. He loved adventure and fished in remote areas of Canada and Alaska and backpacked in the Rocky Mountains. In his senior years he enjoyed bowling, dancing, karaoke and working out. For many years his hobby was serving as an "extra" in movies and had speaking parts in numerous commercials, both regional and national. He enjoyed being in numerous films, but it was his years serving as the stand-in on the hit T.V. drama "Dallas" that received the most attention. In the great cliffhanger "Who Shot J.R.?" – one of the most watched TV shows of all time - he was J.R.'s double and this turned into an interesting human interest story appearing in many magazines here and abroad. He had many wonderful experiences but he said his favorite thing of all was to hang out with his four sons and five

grandsons.

Moore is survived by his wife Peggy Moore; his four sons: Ardon E. Moore III and wife Iris; Chadd L. Moore and wife Annie; Benjamin A. Moore and Matthew C. Moore and wife Elisa. He is also survived by five grandsons: Tucker Moore and wife Staley; Hudson Moore and wife Sarah; Preston Moore and fiancée Mackenzie; Luke Moore and Will Moore; and one great-granddaughter, Hadley May Moore. His grandsons will serve as honorary pallbearers.

If desired, memorials may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, 7925 S. Broadway, Ste. 1140, Tyler, TX 75703.

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ardon "Ace" Moore.*



October 30, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ardon "Ace" Moore.*



October 29, 2017 at 09:27 PM



“ *Rita and Ted, Kayla and Luke, & Ladd Spears purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ardon "Ace" Moore.*



Rita and Ted, Kayla and Luke, & Ladd Spears - October 29, 2017 at 05:04 PM

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“ *Friend, fellow actor, and my legal consultant on several occasions, you will be missed. Always loved your many stories because they became funnier with every telling. You were a champion for so many and so many causes that your crown is going to be very heavy.*

*Arrivederci, Principe
(I know you are laughing about that one.)*

Ann Russell - October 27, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Ardon "Ace" Moore.*



October 27, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ardon "Ace" Moore.*



October 26, 2017 at 01:21 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Ardon "Ace" Moore.*



October 26, 2017 at 09:32 AM

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“ Ardon became my brother-in-law when I was about ten years old. I thought he was the handsomest man I ever knew. Since he had no siblings, he more or less 'doted' on my sister, Vicky, and me. He had unlimited patience with us constantly being under foot. He was willing to go to great lengths to entertain us. When we were teenagers he spent one whole afternoon at my parents house learning to line dance to "Down On the Corner". Anytime there was a family emergency, you could count on Ace to be there and doing what he could to help. It seems I've known him all my life. I will miss him.

Susan McDonald - October 25, 2017 at 02:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ardon "Ace" Moore.



October 25, 2017 at 09:12 AM

GB

“ I worked for Ardon for fifteen years. He was a good man who had integrity and always tried to do the right thing. I can remember him regularly reducing prices for those who were unable to pay the full rate and did not charge a fee for those who he felt called to help. "Ace" loved his family and always had them in mind. He introduced me to the legal field and I am forever grateful he did. Rest in peace Ardon. Prayers for your family and friends. Gaye Finley Boynton

Gaye Finley Boynton - October 24, 2017 at 04:40 PM

KC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all . It goes without saying You are all like family to me . I remember as a kid running through the house and always getting that deep voice asking what are you boys up to ? There are more memories than I am able to post. I'm sorry to hear of this it truly takes my breath away . He was a great man and will forever be seen that way in my eyes. I love you all god bless.

keith cooper - October 23, 2017 at 08:39 PM

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we will truly miss u god bless you love william and deanna reece

william reece - October 25, 2017 at 01:57 PM