



## **Virgil Everett Moore**

**March 21, 1928 – February 24, 2013**

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LTC (Ret.) Virgil Everett Moore, Jr., formerly of Princeton, went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday, February 24, 2013 at the VAMC in Martinsburg, WV.

Born March 21, 1928 in Gauley Bridge, WV he was the son of the late Virgil Everett Moore, Sr. and Lora Edith Greer Moore of Hinton, WV.

Known affectionately as “Moe” by his friends and family, he graduated from Hinton High School in 1946. He is a member of the Hinton High School Football Hall of Fame. He spent 29 years in the US Army serving in Korea and Vietnam. Following a distinguished military career, he taught Business Management and Accounting at Concord University in Athens from 1978-1985. LTC Moore graduated from Concord University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1951. He was an honor graduate of the United States Command and General Staff College in 1973. During his time as a student at Concord University he met and married the love of his life, Alice Cleigh Ferrell Moore. Following his marriage and the birth of his three daughters, he began his career as an Army officer, and served in Korea. Upon his return from Korea, he received a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration from Virginia Tech in 1966. From 1962-1965 he was Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics in the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Virginia Tech.

Following his professorship at Virginia Tech, he was deployed to Germany as Assistant Chief of Staff for Maintenance and Support Commands from 1965-1969. His years in Mannheim, Germany with his beloved wife and three daughters were, he often said, the best years of his life. Immediately after serving in Germany, he was deployed to Vietnam where he again served as Assistant Chief of Staff of Support Commands, and was responsible for one-third of the total weapons and equipment being operated by Army units in those countries. During his tour in Vietnam, his former commanding general from Germany paid him an unexpected visit. His former commander was there to tell him he was needed for a much greater fight. His beloved wife Alice was diagnosed with cancer. He returned home to Princeton. Family gathered close as Alice fought her battle at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC. Alice passed away in 1970.

From 1969-1971, LTC Moore was stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, DC as Project Management Officer in the Army Material Command where he validated programs involving research, development, and procurement of munitions and mobility equipment to meet worldwide requirements. In 1971, LTC Moore assumed Command of the Radford Army Ammunitions plant in Radford, VA. As commander of the Radford Arsenal he was responsible for the safety of over 7,000 government and contract personnel. He enhanced modernization of the Radford Arsenal with improvements in operational readiness in the event of national mobilization. LTC Moore served as Chief of the Logistics and Surface Mobility Branch in the Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, VA from 1973-1977.

Military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, The Bronze Star Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Republic of Viet Nam Gallantry Cross. After retiring from the US Army in 1978, "Moe" moved to Princeton and taught business management courses at Concord University for seven years. He was a member of the Military Officers Association of America, Hinton Post #4500 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Princeton Chapter #31 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), the Mercer County Veterans Council and the Tazewell Virginia Camp #1573 of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. He served for many years as an income tax consultant in the AARP Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program. He was a member of the Carr Memorial United Methodist Church in Glenwood Park. Moe was an avid fisherman. His greatest enjoyment came from spending time fishing the West Virginia rivers and creeks where he grew up as a child. Each of his grandchildren became graduates of "Granddaddy Moe's Fishing School".

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his loving sister, Margaret Alice Moore Meador of Princeton.

LTC Moore is survived by his three loving daughters, Sue Ann Hansen and husband David of Raleigh, NC, Sally Ruth Moore Nelson and husband John of Stephens City, VA, and Dr. Mary M. Amtower and husband Dirk of Blacksburg, VA; brother, Dr. Ernest Moore of Richlands, VA; his six cherished grandchildren, Christopher David Hansen, Rachel Greer Hansen, Rebekah Ann Upham, Benjamin Hyatt Nelson, US Marine Sgt Nathan Daniel Ferrell Hansen, and Tyler Moore Nelson; and his longtime friend and companion, Nancy Moore.

Perhaps his most difficult “battle” and a supreme testament to his strength of character and his courage as a Christian, a soldier, a husband and father was the dedication and love with which he raised his three daughters. After the death of his wife Alice, “Moe” became both mother and father to three little girls, solidifying their love as a family and raising his daughters with integrity, honor, empathy, and the understanding of the value of education. He often joked that he felt like he was living in a girl’s dormitory; while his daughters joked they felt like they were living in an Army barracks. As he led them through the joys and sorrows life brings, he made certain his daughters knew one unquestionable and undeniable certainty, that their father had a deep unconditional love for them. He left his daughters with the surety that giving up is never an option, and that doing your best is all that matters. The legacy for family and friends who knew him was his great strength of character, and an unwavering determination with which he proved anything is possible in life.

Funeral services for LTC Moore will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the George W. Seaver Chapel of Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Ken Price officiating. Burial will follow at the Ferrell Family Cemetery in Forest Hill, WV with the West Virginia National Guard Honor Guard and the Mercer County Veterans Council conducting military graveside rites. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Friends may call at the funeral home from 11:00AM until the service hour on Saturday.