



Dr. Ferman B. Moody

May 28, 1933 - February 12, 2021

A beautiful, productive and well-spent life came to a close on this earth on February 12, 2021 when Ferman Bernard Moody was called from his earthly home to his heavenly home. Dr. Moody was the youngest of eleven children born to the late Rev. Fountain and Mary T. Moody, on a small tobacco farm in Charlotte County, Red Oak, Virginia on May 28, 1933. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at the young age of six and he was baptized and united with the St. Level Baptist Church in Red Oak, Virginia.

On August 22, 1956, Ferman was united in holy matrimony to his long-time high school and college sweetheart, Mattie E. White Moody. They enjoyed sixty-three happy years of a loving and caring marriage until the very end.

Dr. Moody completed his early education in the public schools of Charlotte County, Virginia and earned a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Education from Virginia State University in 1956. He received his Masters Degree in Education from the University of Virginia in 1965, and his Doctorate Degree in Educational Administration and Research from the Penn State University in 1967.

After having served honorably for two years in the United States Army, Dr. Moody and Sister Mattie established their first home in Franklin County, Rocky Mount, Virginia, where he taught agriculture in the public schools of

Pittsylvania and Franklin Counties for six years. In 1962, Dr. Moody was named the “Outstanding African American Teacher of Agriculture” for the State of Virginia.

Dr. Moody served as Pennsylvania’s Assistant Commissioner for Elementary and Secondary Education, as Director of the Research Coordinating Unit for Vocational Education, and as Director of the Bureau of Special and Compensatory Education. He further served as a Higher Education Consultant in the Pennsylvania Department of Education where he gave valuable curricula advice and guidance to twenty-three colleges and universities in Pennsylvania for the preparation and accreditation of teachers. During that time, he was also an Adjunct Associate Professor for Education at the Penn State University, Middletown Campus.

Dr. Moody was a strong, dedicated, caring and active member of The First Baptist Church of Steelton where he was ordained as a Deacon in February 1970. In addition to his work on the Deacon Board, where he served Chairman in the 1970’s and for two other terms after the 1990’s, he served actively on the Budget and Finance Committee, the Music Committee, and the Charles M. Donahue Men’s Chorus.

Dr. Moody leaves to cherish a lifetime of wonderful memories his wife, Mattie E. (White) Moody; two sisters-in law: Marian Bussie (Morris), Margaret Moody; and a host of nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, and several other relatives, good neighbors, and dear friends.

PUBLIC VIEWING, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.; PRIVATE SERVICE, 12 P.M.

INTERMENT WILL BE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2021, IN CLARKSVILLE, VA.

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ To the family of Mr. Ferman B. Moody, I send deepest sympathy and prayers to each of you. Mr. Moody taught me biology at Lee M. Waid School and he was among my favorite teachers. He was a great asset to our county and school system and I will always remember the positive role he played in my life. May God bless each of you as you lean and depend on Him for comfort.

Connie Witcher Waddy (Penhook, VA) Lee M. Waid - class of 66



Connie Witcher Waddy - February 20, 2021 at 02:44 PM

CP

“ The first time I met Uncle Ferman, I was 6 or 7 years old. I was the kid who lived across the street from his sister-in-law, Marian (Granny). I remember Granny introducing me to Uncle Ferman and Aunt Evelyn and will never forget how hard he squeezed my hand when he shook my hand that day. I wanted to scream but my toughness wouldn't let me show it. I looked over to his great nephew/godson, Matthew, and he was laughing (lol). When Matthew and I ran off to go play he said, “He squeezed your hand right huh?”.

Every time Uncle Ferman would come down and I seen him, I knew that hulk hand shake was coming. Sometimes I would try to just give him half of my hand to shake so he wouldn't squeeze my whole hand off but he would correct me and say shake my hand right. After 23 heavy hand shakes I asked him why he always squeezed my hand so tight when he shook it and he told me, a man should always give a firm hand shake to someone. It shows confidence and respect. He told me to make sure I always look a person in the face when you talk to them. Shows respect and confidence. That's who Uncle Ferman was to me....a man of so much wisdom.

As I grew up and became an actual member of his family (by marriage to his great niece Nikki), every time I seen uncle Ferman he always had some words of wisdom for me. I will forever miss the talks, but I will never forget the lessons. We love you Uncle Ferman and are praying for strength for you Aunt Evelyn during this tough time for you.

Love,

Chez, Nikki, and the Parson Family

Chez Parson - February 20, 2021 at 01:31 PM

EH

“ *The FCTS/Lee M. Waid Reunion Committee extends condolences to the family of Dr. Ferman Moody during this time of loss. There are certain people who touch the lives of those they know in a unique way and having known them brings us joy and inspiration, and when they're gone, memories of all they've done stay with us. Your loved one was one of those people to a lot of students in Franklin County. We were honored to have him as guest speaker at one of our school reunions. We share your sorrow and deeply sympathize with you. May you find comfort in the treasured memories you have of him.*

*FCTS/Lee M. Waid Reunion Committee
of Rocky Mount, VA
Jimmie Hancock, President*

Eunice Holland - February 19, 2021 at 09:47 PM

MW

“ *The Lee M. Waid Class of 1966 from Rocky Mount, VA, sends our condolences to the family of Mr. Moody. He was truly admired and loved by his students. Over the years,, as we spoke, he was always the same kind and gentle soul. I would always invite him to be the Honorary Speaker at our Class Reunions but Mrs. Mattie's family reunion was always at the same time. He would laugh and say, " I would love to but you know I have to go Mrs. Mattie's family reunion." We will truly miss this wonderful link to our past schooldays.*



Mary Williams - February 19, 2021 at 03:24 PM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of Mr Moody's passing. He was one of my teachers at the Lee M. Waid High School in Rocky Mount, Virginia. Sending my prayers and sympathy to the family.

Marguerite Holland Brown - February 19, 2021 at 02:27 PM

MR

To the Family of Mr Moody:Parting is such sweet sorrow. Please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of such a beautiful soul. A great and fond memory of him is the opening of his mouth and that beautiful singing voice would explode. I am sure he will be singing in that Heavenly Choir.With prayers and sympathy. Mae Roy Ramsey..Lee Waid School.

Mae Roy Ramsey - February 19, 2021 at 07:59 PM

WS

“ Our condolences to the Dr. Ferman Moody family. Dr. Moody was a good friend of Woodrow (Jack) Smith and family. He always referred to me as "Jack Spiff" because as a young child and with teeth missing, I could not pronounce my last name. I enjoyed talking to him on several occasions. We always stayed in touch and had lengthy conversations on the telephone. We grew up in the same church in Redoak, Virginia as kids. His pleasant attitude and disposition will sorely be missed.



Woodrow "Jack" and Judy Smith

Woodrow "Jack" Smith - February 19, 2021 at 01:09 PM

ML

“ To my Uncle Ferman, my Godfather and good friend whenever needed, we honor your life, your legacy, we appreciate the guidance that you have given us, and even at this time we continue to value the wisdom that you’ve passed onto to so many. So as your spirit rests, may you be in peace and tranquillity and we’ll see you again!
-Matthew

Matthew Leftridge - February 18, 2021 at 08:34 PM

FW

“ The lights of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania became a little dimmer on February 12th with the passing of Dr. Ferman B. Moody. I rejoice and celebrate Dr. Moody and know that his legacy of love will remain as a rich deposit in my heart and well as in the hearts of others. He was the best boss anyone could work for. As Mattie already knows, he was a kind, loving man with a disarming smile and a charismatic personality. May he rest in peace.
Mattie, I pray that your tears of sorrow will turn into tears of joy in God's own time and rejoice with you knowing that he is now in that place called Heaven. God's Blessings!
Florence Jean Wright

Florence Jean Wright - February 18, 2021 at 06:00 PM

LA

“ A distinctive gentleman who was kind to all and enjoyed a very productive life. He always had a positive outlook on everything and it was a joy to work with him on many occasions. His work ethics left an indelible imprint in our lives and and his bass voice warmed our hearts. Soon we will realize that God has called one of his faithful servants home. He has received his heavenly reward - a job "well-done". He will truly be missed and may God continue to bless and strengthen Sister Mattie day by day.

Ludella V. Alsop

Ludella V. Alsop - February 18, 2021 at 04:26 PM

BH

“ It is with profound sadness that we offer our love and deepest sympathy to Mattie and the Moody family. As friends and neighbors we have benefited greatly from the wisdom, knowledge and experiences he shared with us. His friendship and fellowship was and always will be an inspiration. Ferman will live on in our hearts and actions. We were blessed to have him as our friend!

Bill and Brenda Hauenstein

Bill and Brenda Hauenstein - February 18, 2021 at 03:03 PM

WP

“ My deepest condolences to the Moody Family. I’m encouraged by Uncle Ferman receiving his reward in heaven but it’s a painful experience to say “so long for now.” We all have dropped a tear or two when he so graciously spoke during service at family reunion. Those memories will live on always. This was a life well lived. May We all carry a bit of Uncle Ferman with us in some way as we continue to move forward in this experience called life...!
Warren Plowden ~

Warren Plowden - February 18, 2021 at 12:44 PM

AM

“ *To: Uncle Ferman as he affectionately know to the Mumford Family. Although we have been in his presence several times he never really got to know Rev. Anthony and Angelia Mumford. Our heart aches because we knew his brother, sister-in-law and the rest of the family very well. In knowing that God doesn't make mistakes it doesn't lessen the grief you know that the rest of us feels. Don't Cry for me*

Here we are again

That old familiar place

Where the winds will blow

No one ever knows the time nor place

Don't cry for me

Don't shed a tear

The time I shared with you will always be

And when I'm gone, please carry on

Don't Cry for me

No one is the blame,

My death was meant to be

Don't carry guilt nor shame

The reason why I came soon you'll see

Don't cry for me

Don't shed a tear

The time I shared with you will always be

And when I'm gone, please carry on

Don't Cry for me

Anthony and Angelia Mumford - February 18, 2021 at 12:38 AM

ET

“ *A kind loving gentleman. He will be missed. May God Bless and Keep you all in his loving care.*

Etheleen Tunson

Etheleen Tunson - February 17, 2021 at 05:08 PM

DS

Uncle Ferman, now you're in the presence of our Lord and savior. Bask in his glory. Love, your niece Dora Jean 🌹🌹

Dora J Sumpter - February 20, 2021 at 09:56 AM

AN

*Uncle Ferman,
I still can't believe I am writing a tribute because of your passing. Words cannot describe this difficult moment, but if this is the last time I get to say goodbye then I know I will do so with the knowledge that I consider myself blessed to have lived this life as your niece. You touched so many lives by your selfless and countless acts of kindness, always giving and never expecting any favor's in return. Your dedication to a cause was what set you apart. For every institution you worked for, you laid the path for others to succeed. The benefits of your hard work is a living testimony for so many young men and women you took under your wings at a personal and professional level. Uncle, you were and will always be an inspiration to myself, the entire family and anyone who worked with you. You have left a void in the family that will never be filled. While we mourn today, we also take comfort in the fact that your mission on earth has been fulfilled. We thank the Lord for your life and bid you farewell until we meet again*

Your Niece,

- Ashley Nash

Ashley Nash - February 20, 2021 at 10:32 AM