



Edith Ladeen Moore

March 29, 1926 - November 13, 2015

Edith Ladeen Moore passed peacefully away at dawn on November 13, 2015. She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Jewel Askew, husband Prentiss Lee Moore (P.L.) and her son, Prentiss Lee Moore, III. Edith is survived by her daughter, Kathie Eileen Moore, son James Moore (wife Sheryl), and her granddaughter (daughter of James and Sheryl), Madeline Moore.

Edith was born March 29, 1926, in St. Joseph's hospital, Houston, Texas. She grew up in the Heights area of Houston and graduated at age 16 from Austin High School. Edith then attended Baylor University, with plans to attend medical school. At Baylor, she met, fell in love with, and married P.L. Moore. P.L. was called to service in World War II and Edith graduated from Baylor soon thereafter. She followed in her mother's footsteps and became a teacher. She taught grades three through six for thirteen years at various schools in Houston, making great and lasting friendships. During this time, Edith acquired her Master's degree in Education from the University of Houston. In 1959 Edith was appointed to be principal of Cunningham Elementary where she served four years. In 1963 she was selected as principal to open Pat Neff Elementary in Sharpstown, which at peak enrollment served 1600 students with 55 teachers. Her vision and leadership capabilities allowed her to create innovative learning programs for students. One of these became the model at the state level. Pat Neff served as a center for practice teachers as they

finalized their training. Edith served on multiple committees for education at the local, state, and national level. She was also the president of the Houston Principal's Association.

In 1972 Edith was appointed Deputy Superintendent of Special Programs and Support Services. After one year, she accepted the position as Deputy Superintendent of Area 2, which served 41 schools: 28 elementary, 7 junior high, and 6 senior high schools. Edith retired as Deputy Superintendent in 1985 and later moved to Montgomery, Texas. After her retirement, she continued to serve education by mentoring, advising, and supervising student teachers from area universities. She stayed active and eventually, following her father's footsteps, became the Mayor of Montgomery from 2004-2008.

Edith loved her family, friends, cooking, traveling, and reading. She possessed a laser wit, a sparking and at times bawdy sense of humor, a brilliant mind, decisive leadership abilities, and a love of God and family that translated into a wisdom that pervaded her life.

Edith will be missed by all who knew her, but leaves behind a striking legacy in those she educated and mentored. The memorial service will be held at Sam Houston Funeral Home in Montgomery, Texas, on November 21st at 11:00 am. A reception will follow at noon, at the Lone Star Community Center, 2500 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery Texas 77356. You may post memorial tributes to her family at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery
10129 FM 1097 Rd W
Willis, TX 77318
(936) 890-0454
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<https://www.shmfm.com>

RECEPTION

NOV **21**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Lone Star Convention Center
2500 Lone Star Parkway
Montgomery, TX 77356

Tribute Wall



“ *Edith Ladeen Moore*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Moore was my principal at P Neff from 1966 to 1968. I've never forgotten her - someone who set high standards and expected everyone to live up to them. She very definitely has an impact on literally thousands of people. A great educator and person.*

J Berkel

J Berkel - November 23, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ *Mrs. Moore was my principal at Pat Neff Elementary....from '67 til I got out! Loved her and was always so proud that she moved up and on in leadership in education. She was quite the role model! Mrs. Moore will be missed!!*

tracy williamson smith - November 20, 2015 at 10:46 PM



“ *Mrs. Moore was a legend. Everyone loved and respected her. At one point in my career she was my boss. She was so smart and shared her thoughts and ideas and helped me become a better professional. Since we both retired to Montgomery I had the pleasure of having lunch with her several times. We told stories and laughed a lot. What a great lady. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.*

Kaye Stripling

kaye Stripling - November 20, 2015 at 09:17 PM

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“ *Edith was one of the all time great educators, not only in Houston, but in the State of Texas. She was a great friend and a great leader. It was a privilege for me to be able to work with her in the Area 2 Office in H.I.S.D. She taught me so much about education and fairness that I will never forget. She was a true friend and will be missed.*

Ed Swearer

Ed Swearer - November 18, 2015 at 04:55 PM

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“ *As soon as I saw her picture I knew it was Principal Moore from Cunningham Elementary School which I and my sister Debbie attended from about 1956 to 1965. I thought principals were supposed to be strict and 'scary' when you're 7, 8, 9 years old; but Mrs. Moore was like a mommy you had away from mommy. She was so nice and somewhat regal. Her hair was always beautifully fixed, like an actress. That's how I saw her. Obviously, she was unforgettable.*

My hope for her family is that they be supported by close friends and relatives through this difficult time. My condolences to you all. Mrs. Moore was a super lady.

Valerie Mark

Valerie Mark - November 18, 2015 at 10:44 AM