James Cooper Moore



James C. Moore, 79, passed from this life to be with God and his son, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Jim, as known by most in his later years, and Cooper by anyone who knew him in his youth or was family, was surrounded by loving family in his last hours.

He was born December 18, 1935 in Philadelphia, PA to Frances Cooper Moore and Rufus Allen Moore (predeceased), spent the bulk of his youth, until age 12, growing up in Ashville, NC before returning to his mother's

roots in Youngstown, OH. Jim graduated from South HS, Youngstown in 1954, attended SEMO state, Kent State, and the Naval Academy before being accepted to the Naval Aviation Cadet (NavCad) program earning his aviators wings and officers commission in 1959.

Jim's first duty station was to Argentia, Newfoundland (VW11) followed by orders to Pensacola, FL (VT1), Rota, Spain (VQ2), Kingsville, TX (VT22), and Virginia Beach (VA42 & VA176) and Norfolk, VA (VRF31). Jim enjoyed flying a variety of aircraft while in the Navy including the Super Constellation, A4, A6, and F14. Between squadron assignments, Jim was director of Navy Alcohol Safety Action Program (NASAP), a program which he was instrumental in developing. Jim retired from the Navy in 1979.

Following the Navy, Jim earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology and Master's degree in Counseling Psychology both from Old Dominion University. Jim spent near the entirety of his post naval career as a Licensed Professional Counselor and an Addictions Counselor. Jim served in Christ through many volunteer efforts including participating in mission trips to La Luz, Mexico and Hinton, North Carolina.

James Cooper Moore is survived by his wife Kathleen Joy Walsh Moore (Midlothian, VA); her daughter Dana Amber Murphy, Michael Murphy, their children Kambrie and Greyson Murphy (Raleigh, NC); his former wife, Sally Ann Woodward Moore (Virginia Beach, VA), their children Susan Kelly Abshire; Suzie's children Grace Erin and Henry Anson Abshire (of Fayeteville, GA); James Allen Moore, his wife Lisa Lane Moore, their children Devan Michelle and Avery Lynn Moore (of Virginia Beach, VA); Stacy Ann Castro, her children Felix James Castro, Broderick Erneso Castro, and Davis Cooper Castro (of Fairfax, VA); Stephany Case Melendez, her husband Keith Michael Melendez, their children Sophia Magdalena

and Mercedes Lucia Melendez (of Virginia Beach, VA); his nephews Raul Hernandez and Richard Hernandez; his nieces Sally Jo Hernandez Maynard, and Carla Hernandez Thomas. Jim is predeceased by his brother Rufus Moore and his sister Sally Ann Moore Hernandez.

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