



## John R. Moore

March 3, 1934 - July 5, 2022

John Robert “Bob” Moore, 88, of Clarion, passed away Tuesday evening, July 5, 2022 at his home.

He was born on March 3, 1934 in Clifton; son of the late Robert W. and Edith M. Mawhinney Moore.

Bob graduated from Cecil High School in 1952. He then attended Clarion University where he was a part of the Alpha Gamma Phi Fraternity, graduating in 1957. Bob decided to continue his education at the University of Pittsburgh, graduating with his PhD.

He married the former Elaine D. Ernest on August 25, 1955, who survives.

Bob taught biology at Keystone and AC Valley High Schools for 5 years. He then became a biology professor at Clarion University, retiring after 27 years.

Bob was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarion and was also a member of the Concerned Sportsmen’s Association.

He loved to fish and hunt, especially down south, and enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; his daughter, Lorna O’Connor of Franklin; 3 grandchildren, Robert McClimans of New York, Danielle Moore of Clarion, and Zachary Moore of Lower Burrell; and 4 great grandchildren, Alessa and Addison Delp and John and Joseph Moore.

Bob is also survived by his brothers, David Moore of Virginia and Jim Moore of Cecil; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his son, Daniel

Moore and his brother, Richard Moore.

Family and friends will be received from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home where a memorial service will follow at 2 p.m.

Interment will take place in the Clarion Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Clarion Forest VNA for their excellent care and compassion they gave Bob.

# Cemetery Details

## Clarion Cemetery

Clarion, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home  
638 Wood Street  
Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-6300  
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

JUL 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ You lost a great man, one of my favorite professors, a very special person in many ways. God bless you all

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**Shanelle Hawk** - July 27, 2022 at 12:10 PM

DW

“ We are saddened to hear of Dr. Robert Moore's passing. He was a very important influence in my life and career. He taught the very first graduate Biology course I took and introduced me to Pitt's Pymatuning Field Station. He served as my Major Advisor for my MS and guided me toward further graduate work. While working on a PHD at Pitt, I was able to keep-up with Bob Moore since he taught courses at Pymatuning during the summer, Interestingly, one summer I was assigned to be his Teaching Assistant in an Aquatic Plants course. It was a pleasure to work with him. We continued our contact after I took a teaching job at one of Clarion's sister schools, East Stroudsburg University. My humble thanks for all his encouragement and guidance as a student and beyond. His humor in the face of any situation was calming and infectious. Thanks.

David

To Elaine, Kathy remembers you and your family well... you were her student teaching Cooperating Teacher and Danny was one of her students.

Peace. David Wartinbee PhD, JD & Kathy Wartinbee MILS

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**David Wartinbee** - July 20, 2022 at 12:29 PM

LJ

“ Our sincere sympathy to Elaine and family. Bob was a stalwart at Clarion University and throughout Clarion County. He will be missed.

Larry and Ann Jamison

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**Larry Jamison** - July 19, 2022 at 03:07 PM

CF

“ I started my college experience in 1980, later than most young adults do. So I honed into all my professors, enjoying not only their classroom lectures but their camaraderie after class and at times on planned field trips. Dr Moore was certainly a memorable individual and a joy to have known.

*I ran into him at Walmart a few years back and mistakenly called him Dr Kodrich. That got his attention but in a good way. We laughed together and went on to share other life experiences as we chatted. Clarion University offered a host of interesting biology professors, all of which have given me many, many fond memories. I would like to think that I am a better human being because of their teaching and shared experiences.*

*As another Bob (Hope) would sing: Thanks for the memories ....*  
Chris Foster

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**C Fos** - July 16, 2022 at 01:42 PM

BL

“ Betsy Lander lit a candle in memory of John R. Moore



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**Betsy Lander** - July 13, 2022 at 09:57 PM

BB

“ I joined the Biology Department at Clarion in the fall of 1984. Bob Moore was a presence. He did not say much, but he made sense, and was listened to when he did. I disagreed with him sometimes, but I never doubted that Bob always tried to do the right thing. And he never met disagreement with disrespect. In many ways, I came to think of him as the conscience of the department. I've been fortunate in my life to work with many very good people, and Bob Moore has certainly been one.

---- Bill Barnes

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**Bill Barnes** - July 12, 2022 at 09:45 AM

CC

“ Elaine, Lorna, and Family, Sending my sincere condolences and prayers, Cara Cherico

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**Cara Cherico** - July 11, 2022 at 09:03 AM

PB

“ I'm so sorry we lost you, Bob....so sorry to Elaine, Lorna, and the family. I loved working with Bob for 20 years in the Biology Department. He was one of the best.....always friendly, respectful, caring, a jokester, warm-hearted, etc. I could go on and on. He was loved by many and will be missed.



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**Pam Burford** - July 10, 2022 at 11:14 PM

KM

“ *Bob and I worked together in the Clarion University Biology department for 33 years. He was a valued colleague, a stalwart teacher of botany, and a good friend. Dussie and I send our sympathy to Elaine and the family.*

*Ken and Dussie Mechling*

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**Ken Mechling** - July 10, 2022 at 09:40 PM

“ In the early days of my life, my father and Bob were close friends. They had formerly been fellow Alpha Gamma Phi fraternity brothers at Clarion State College, and later became faculty members in the biology department there. In those early days, they were hunting and fishing companions, too. Bob was my godfather, and it was my great privilege to have hunted and fished with him and his son Danny and to count Bob as among the men who had a distinct influence on my life.

When I was 12, Bob gave me my first meaningful job - painting the garage at his then home on Greenville Avenue. Later, I was a student in his botany class at Clarion State. To this day, I sometimes find myself recalling and quoting words of wisdom he imparted in bringing the class's final lecture to a close. His comments, which called attention to the damage an ever-growing human population was visiting upon our Earth, were concise, sobering and delivered with rhythmic intensity and courage. Bob had a passion that sometimes caught one off guard and a cool certainty characteristic of the best men of his era.

My fondest memories of Bob include shared family dinners, a walk we took up Mill Creek one spring day during trout season, white-tailed deer and upland game hunting, a fish shocking excursion on Kahle Lake. As a young boy, I listened with rapt devotion as Bob and my father discussed matters ranging from fishing to politics to campus life while smoking Phillies Cheroots and downing Iron City from cold, brown bottles, discussions gentled with easy-going humor. Bob taught me how to safely handle and accurately fire a handgun, and, through example, supplied numerous lessons on economy.

In his book *Walden*, Thoreau wrote, "I have lived some thirty years on this planet, and I have yet to hear the first syllable of valuable or even earnest advice from my seniors." But I knew Bob, and thus received advice that was offered with sincerity and which over time has been woven into the fabric of my own life. I seldom pass a discarded piece of lumber or come across a left behind tool that "might still have some use in it" that he doesn't come to mind...  
...and make me smile.

*I admired him.  
The kind of godfather or uncle a lot of us dream of having.  
Farewell, Bob.  
In the words of Thoreau, "Now comes good sailing."  
Jack (mark) Donachy  
Chignik Lake, Alaska*

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**Jack Donachy** - July 10, 2022 at 01:12 AM

BM

“ *Bob and I shared Aunt Edith's dining room while recuperating from hospital stays in 1954 . He was always a top drawer guy, and will be missed. Condolences to Elaine and family. Bill Moore*

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**Bill Moore** - July 08, 2022 at 10:44 AM

PR

“ *Elaine, My deepest sympathy for your loss. May Bob Rest In Peace.  
Pat Ragley*

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**Pat Ragley** - July 07, 2022 at 10:22 PM