



Gregory K. Moore

April 13, 1955 - May 12, 2020

Gregory Keith Moore joyously entered the gates of Heaven on May 12, 2020. He was born on April 13, 1955 in Hobbs, N.M. to Keith and Ruenelle Cooper Moore and moved to Midland, Tx. as a toddler. Greg's father's employment moved the family to Tulsa, Ok. in 1962 where Greg grew up. He may have been a transplant from Texas, but once here, Greg fell in love with the great state of Oklahoma.

Greg attended Hoover elementary school, Edison Junior High School, and graduated from Edison High School in 1974. He studied at the University of Houston and received his bachelors and master's degrees in musical education from the University of Tulsa.

Greg taught several years for Tulsa Public Schools and played the double bass in the Tulsa Philharmonic Orchestra for 38 years. He loved being a part of the music community of Tulsa. Greg also played in the NW Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, the Fort Smith Symphony Orchestra, and the Springfield Orchestra for many years.

Greg met his great love and best buddy, Betsy Wilhoit at Asbury United Methodist Church in 1986 and they married in 1993. They were truly a match made in Heaven. Greg remained an active member of Asbury Methodist and he was especially devoted to his beloved Praise and Worship community who faithfully supported Greg and Betsy during the latter years of Greg's life.

It was Greg's commitment to Christ that defined him. He was a man after God's own heart and he lived to serve others. Greg had an incredible smile and his kind and gentle spirit made an impression on everyone who met him. People were drawn to his humility and genuine interest in their lives. Greg loved purely and selflessly, expecting nothing in return. He was deeply devoted to his family and friends and maintained numerous life-long friendships.

Greg never stopped learning and always saw the world through eyes of awe and wonder. He never met a museum or cemetery he didn't want to explore. He was an avid historian and genealogist and was active for many years in the local chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans serving one term as camp commander. Greg was also a long-time member of the Oklahoma Historical Society and loved attending their annual meetings in different parts of the state.

Greg had eclectic tastes. He loved the opera and Gustav Mahler, but he was also crazy

about Mazeppa Pompazoidi and Roy D. Mercer. He thought coney's from Coney-I-Lander and a hamburger from Ron's (onions fried in!) were the best in the world. He also thought the Weather Channel was must see TV.

Greg was a long-time runner participating in the Run for Your Life program at Whiteside park for many years, and ran in many Tulsa Runs. He loved to travel and he and Betsy made wonderful memories traveling the world together. Greg especially loved the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. Co. where he and Betsy had a cabin.

Greg was diagnosed with Parkinson's in his late 40's and he bravely battled this disease for 16 years. He faced every challenge with courage and faith, believing his God would strengthen and sustain him. He never lost his positive attitude and lived his life with determination and grace. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Greg was predeceased by his parents, parents-in-law, Guy and Ida Mae Wilhoit and his brother-in-law, Greg Wilhoit. He is survived by his devoted wife, Betsy, his brother Gary and wife Marcia, sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Vernon Vollertsen, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Greg's faithful care giver, Jill and the staff of the Memory Care unit at Bellarose Senior Living for their loving care of Greg.

In lieu of flowers, donations made be made in Greg's memory to the Tulsa Youth Symphony-attention Greg Moore Scholarship Fund, or the YMCA of the Rockies.

A celebration of Greg's life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences in Greg's memory can be made at www.fitzgeraldfuneralservice.com

Comments



“ My deepest sympathy. Hold fast to the memories you made together.

Rick Herron - May 21 at 09:11 AM



“ We did not know Greg for very long but we will not forget him. We met him at our gym Body Fitness. He had such an infectious smile and was so friendly. Even though we only knew him for a short time he will be remembered and we are grateful to have known him.

Sincerely,

Lynn and Jerry Roberson

Lynn Roberson - May 19 at 11:23 AM



“ Betsy, I am sorry for your loss. Fran and I wish you the best and hope that your faith assists you at this time. Please know that our thought are with you. Mary Spangler and Fran Ferris

Mary Turner Spangler - May 19 at 09:27 AM



“ Betsy, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband. May our compassionate Christ comfort and strengthen you.
Yvonne Boudreaux Buchanan

Yvonne Boudreaux Buchanan - May 19 at 03:53 AM



“ I met Greg when I was a student at The Action Arts Academy. He had such a love for music - Broadway, Classical, Jazz. He instilled in me that same love. He introduced me to Classical Music and Gustav Mahler. I now serve on the board of The Tulsa Symphony and I know that it was Greg that lit that fire in me. I had not seen Greg in recent years, but was so sorry when I heard about the Parkinson's. I know all that knew him will miss him greatly.
I am grateful that he is out of any pain and restriction now. He has been set free.

Marlo Holly - May 18 at 05:31 PM



“ Greg was not only a mentor but a wonderful friend to my father & me. My dad taught Greg in 6th grade homeroom & as luck would have it, Greg ended up teaching me during my summers at Action Arts Academy. Some of my finest memories include Greg, his love of life, his sense of humor & most of all, his love of music which he instilled in all of his students. I am blessed to have had him in my life & will miss him very much. Our deepest sympathies & heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.

Julie Smart - May 17 at 09:43 AM



“ Heartfelt condolences to Betsy and all of the bereaved family. Greg and I were student apprentices in the bass section of the Tulsa Philharmonic - a very short time for me while he undergirded that orchestra and the present Symphony for much longer. It was always a pleasure to see him after that because he always made one feel better for having been with him, even when the disease was debilitating him. He is resting in peace leaving us with wonderful memories despite sorrow.

Donald Ryan

Donald Ryan - May 15 at 05:19 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Greg’s family and loved ones. I first met Greg in 1983 when I joined the Tulsa Philharmonic double bass section. For many years, both before leaving and after I returned to Tulsa in 1991, Greg and I were stand partners. We both shared a great love of music and performing with the orchestra. After the TPO ceased operations, Greg and I once again shared a stand in the Tulsa Symphony. Greg could always be counted on for a funny quip about a conductor or an insightful observation about a symphony or other piece we were playing. He was extremely knowledgeable about music and a myriad of other subjects, especially history. I know it was a great sorrow to him to have to give up playing with the orchestra, but he never complained about the physical challenges related to his Parkinson’s. In fact, after over 30 years working together, he never discussed or even told me about his illness. I saw this as a sign of humility and a desire not to evoke sympathy for himself. It was an unhappy surprise and a sad day for me when I found out we would no longer play together after Greg resigned from the orchestra several years ago due to his illness. I’m so saddened to hear of his passing and take comfort in the times we shared and reading the sweet anecdotes from friends telling of his gentle and inquisitive personality. Farewell old friend. May you rest easy.

Rob Katz - May 15 at 04:10 PM



“ My name is Nancy Post. I met Greg through the American Parkinson Disease Association. He and I became good friends when we participated in Support Groups, Educational Forms and any other activities. I was able to transport him to and from activities several times in the past few years. I have had Parkinson's Disease for 10 years so we had a lot in common. He was always friendly, happy and upbeat. I walked with him through DBS surgeries, disappointments and finally his Nupro application. He will be missed greatly.

Nancy K Post - May 15 at 04:04 PM



“ Greg and I first met while Jogging at Whiteside Park with Greg's inlaws, Guy and Ida Willhoit who were friends of mine from back in the day. Greg and I swapped email and jokes for a spell. I know Greg will be missed. He was always upbeat and good sense of humor.

Bob Branson - May 15 at 09:09 AM