



Bernard Marion Moses sr

April 12, 1937 - April 8, 2022

Bernard Marion Moses was born on April 12, 1937, the third child of Marion and Hazel Moses and was raised in Alexandria on a working farm. He married Betty Ann Steele on February 10, 1955 and, though they were teenagers, they remained married until her death, 64 years later. They had three children, Vonnie Patricia (Ken), Bernard Marion Jr (Justine) and Sherry Darlene (Rick), raising them in Manassas Park, VA. Very active in the community “Mo” was involved in the Manassas Park Fire Department, progressing from fireman, Captain of Rescue, Lieutenant and finally Chief. Mo was also very active in his children’s lives supporting them through plays, sports and scouting activities. While he didn’t graduate high school, he was an excellent example as he got his GED in the early 1970’s.

In 1970, Mo started at Fairfax Hospital and worked there for 30 years. His community service continued as he volunteered as the hospital Santa starting in his first year and for many years after he retired. He would ride his motorized sled to every department, cheering the staff and taking pictures. He loved the “Breakfast with Santa” for the staff and their families, convincing the kids with his knowledge of their parents, and sometimes grandparents, that he worked with. At the Christmas Tree lighting, he would come in on the hospital helicopter and thoroughly enjoyed the rides. The most special times, though hardest on him, were the times he spent with the pediatric patients in the hospital during the Christmas season. He would talk with the parents and, if

wanted, arrange to deliver the presents personally. There were terminal patients he spent one-on-one time with so they would have their Christmas early. His example made it easier for his grandchildren to understand the true meaning of Christmas as they played his “elves”.

His life of service continued through church life and volunteering on boards, singing with the choir, live Nativities, mission trips and any other activities he thought he could do. Serving in many positions in the Walk to Emmaus program, Mo passed on his faith and love of Jesus with many others.

He spoiled his wife, Betty, over the years and enjoyed supporting her in many hobbies and mission trips. Some of their long-term dreams came true as they traveled the US and world together after retirement. Though he regretted not getting to Italy, they did hit most of their “wish” list.

None of these activities interfered with his family! He loved nothing more than having the grandchildren around and, as one said, “taught many life skills such as riding the lawnmower”. The many famous (and infamous) family vacations to Hilton Head were always looked forward to and eventually covered 3 generations.

Mo is survived by 2 children, Bernie (Justine) and Sherry (Rick), 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. His daughter Vonnie and great-grandson Daniel preceded him in death.

Mo will be missed but his example of how to live, love his family, be of service to God and his community will live on. We miss him but rejoice of his eternal life.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 AM at Stafford Crossing Community Church, 1420 Forbes Street, Fredericksburg, VA. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations be made to either Stafford Crossing Community Church or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Leroy, Rita & Emily Eppard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernard Marion Moses sr.*



Leroy, Rita & Emily Eppard - April 22, 2022 at 08:01 AM

LC

“ *I use to live next door to you, Bernie and your mother. They were very special people. Bernie was very involved in our fire department. Bernie I am so sorry for your loss.*
Lana Conner



Lana Conner - April 18, 2022 at 08:44 AM

ST

Thank you for the warm thoughts. It is amazing to find out how many lives he and Mom touched. - Sherry Trolutman (daughter)

Sherry Troutman - May 24, 2022 at 01:56 PM

DR

“ *Danett Roach lit a candle in memory of Bernard Marion Moses sr*



Danett Roach - April 16, 2022 at 08:31 PM

ST

Danett - Love you, Darlene

Sherry Troutman - May 24, 2022 at 01:57 PM

DR

“ *Uncle chubby you were my favorite the best uncle. You will be missed and the memories cherished from childhood thru. Your celebrating with aunt Betty and dad on the streets of gold. . You have won the race. I know the family will miss you greatly. You were a rock for all of us during our lifetime. Praying for everyone. May your legacy live on in the example you set and the legacy you left. I love you all with all my heart*

Danett (Moses) Roach

Danett Roach - April 16, 2022 at 08:31 PM

ER

Uncle Chubby was a big part of my life I lived with aunt Betty and uncle chubby as a child and he also was my favorite uncle and I carry life lessons with me to this day! He will be truly missed but he's home now with loved ones ! Amen

Ed Reifke - April 17, 2022 at 12:46 PM

ST

Eric - he and Mom both loved you.

Sherry Troutman - May 24, 2022 at 01:58 PM

SR

“ I have known him (Chubby, I always called him) since I was 13 years old. He was an usher at the old Richmond Theatre in Alexandria. I introduced him to Betty (she was my best friend) and they married. They were a great couple and I tried keeping in touch with them over the years. These past couple it has been my pleasure to spend time with and talk on the phone with him. He is a truly great person who loved God and missed not being able to do more for HIM. He will be greatly missed by all.

Shirley Robinson - April 16, 2022 at 08:14 AM

ST

Shirley - he loved talking to you - it was the high-light of his day. - Darlene

Sherry Troutman - May 24, 2022 at 01:58 PM