



Dr. Larry Russell Moorman

November 20, 1944 - June 11, 2025

Larry Russell Moorman, MD

Dr. Larry R. Moorman, deeply loved by his family, patients, and colleagues, passed away peacefully at

his home surrounded by his wife and his children at the age of 80.

He was born on November 20, 1944, in Douglas, Georgia, to Ross G.

Moorman, Sr. and Billie Russell

Moorman. He attended South Georgia College, where he played on the golf team that won the state

championship both years he was a member, and he was named Georgia Junior Champion. He earned a

degree in biology from Valdosta State University and his medical degree from the Medical College of

Georgia in Augusta. He completed his ophthalmology residency at Baroness Erlanger Hospital in

Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. Moorman began his career in ophthalmology in his hometown of Douglas in 1975 and moved to

Tifton in 1978 to open his own practice. He cared deeply for his patients, staff, and colleagues, practicing

medicine with kindness, generosity, and compassion until his retirement in 2017. Known for his

dedication, he often gave patients his personal phone number and met them

after hours to ensure they received the care they needed.

Dr. Moorman's greatest joy was his family. He loved his wife of 32 years, Debra, his four children and their spouses—Rusty (Amanda), Jonathan (Melissa), Jennifer (Jason), and Alex (Richard)—his seven grandchildren, Katie, Joey, Ethan, Corey, Chad, Mary Madison, and Kelly, and his beloved Scottish Terrier, Lily. He was happiest when surrounded by them.

Businessman, philanthropist, and friend, Dr. Moorman gave freely of his time, resources, and

heart—quietly supporting others through acts of compassion, steady generosity, and a deep desire to ease burdens where he could. He also believed strongly in the value of education. He established two

scholarships: a general academic scholarship at Abraham Baldwin College, and in honor of his late wife, the Renee H. Moorman Nursing Scholarship at Tift Regional Medical Center to support LPNs pursuing RN degrees.

In addition to his dedication to education and healthcare, Dr. Moorman had a lifelong love of golf. He enjoyed the game both as a player and as the former owner of Forest Lakes Golf Club, where he took great pride in helping rehabilitate and revitalize the course for the community. In 2002, Dr. Moorman generously donated the golf course to Abraham Baldwin College, ensuring it would support educational programs and remain a place of enjoyment for the community he loved.

Dr. Moorman was preceded in death by his first wife, Renee H. Moorman; his parents, Ross G. Moorman,

Sr. and Billie Ricketson; his stepmother, Elizabeth Lewis Moorman; and his brothers, Ross G. (Glenn)

Moorman, Jr., Clyde Moorman, and Frank Lewis.

In addition to his immediate family, Dr. Moorman is survived by his brothers, Dick Lewis (Carol), and

Greg Lewis (Pam); his mother-in-law Loraine Hurt; his brother-in-law, Billy Hurt (Kim); and sisters-in-

law, Roberta Moorman, Sharon Moorman, Kathy Masee (Cleve), and Faye Turney (Chuck); his

nephews, Dr. Ross Moorman (Lisa), Spence Moorman (Pam), Richard Lewis (Kim), Rhett Lewis (Lisa),

Mike Lewis (Doralee), Jake Hurt (Casey), and Jason Hendley (Amanda); his nieces, Dr. Rhonda

Moorman, Heidi Moorman (Greg), Katie Lewis, (Jeremy), Meghan Lewis, Ashley Hurt, and Rebecca

Masee.

Dr. Moorman treasured his many close friends, especially those in his Asbury Sunday School Class, his

breakfast group of more than 35 years—Glenda and Johnnie Johnson, Merle and Tommy Smallwood,

Keith Beasley, and Steve Griffin—as well as the staff and patrons at JoJo's and Chicago's, who became

like family to him.

He was especially grateful for the care of Van Joseph, whose kindness and dedication brought great

comfort to him and his family. Van, along with his wife, Nancy, became family, and their love and

support will always be remembered with gratitude.

A funeral service will be held at First Methodist Church of Tifton on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 12 p.m.

Visitation will take place at the church on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 11 a.m. followed by the service. A private burial will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Tift Animal Rescue of Tifton, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
12th Street
Tifton
Tifton, GA 31794

Service

JUN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ My name is Michelle White and Dr. Moorman is the first Doctor Who put me in Gas Permeable Lens (Hard Contacts) he gave me a new look on life. I was 17 and now I am 57 years old. He was a GREAT doctor and he really cared about his patients. I will never forget him. Blessings and Comfort to the family!

Michelle White - June 21, 2025 at 05:18 AM

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“ Family,
I am so sorry to learn of Dr Moorman's passing. He meant so much to so many. Jennifer, I remember when your sweet momma died in the 3rd grade. My dad died when I was in the 2nd. We both knew loss very young in life. I know it doesn't mean much, but please know I am praying for you as you mourn your sweet dad. Je was a gem. God bless and please reach out of you feel like it. I am not on social media.



Terri Flowers Rocker
Terriflowers78@yahoo.com

Terri Flowers Rocker - June 16, 2025 at 09:31 PM

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“ Family,
May our God of love and comfort be exactly that for you at this time.
Howard and Karla DuVall
Tiftarea Academy

Howard DuVall - June 12, 2025 at 04:26 PM