

The Moore Family Newsletter

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Family Celebrating 25 Years of Reunions *The Gathering of Many Hearts — 1973-1998*

Congratulations to **Steve Benbow** who heeded the call to get the registration in on time. He was the first to register. Thank you Steve for "Making my day."

Editor



Great to be in Douglas Again

Thanks a bunch to the hosts of last year's family reunion, Linda and Robert Moore of Douglas. Everyone had a fantastic time.

Family Member Signs Pro Contract

On Tuesday, June 2, Middle Georgia College shortstop/third-baseman Frank Moore, a Georgia Junior College All-State selection, was picked in the 23rd round of the 1998 Major League Baseball Draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and recently signed with the Devil Rays. "I'm very excited, happy and ready to go play some ball. Everybody wants to have the opportunity to play pro ball and this is what I wanted," Moore

Said. "I called home with the news and my mother scared me she was so excited for me. My goal is to make the most of the opportunity the Tampa Bay Devil Rays are giving me, do the best I can, perform and hopefully get to the next level."

Craig Young, Frank's coach at Middle Georgia College and ABAC, was expecting good things for Moore. "I'm proud as can be of him, he's worked hard to get to this point. A lot of guys want it, but very few pay the price to actually get it. For the last two years, Frank has paid the price. You come out, he's in the cage or taking ground balls, or throwing and working on his arm, building up his body and getting ready. He's a guy that hasn't given lip treatment, it's been solid sacrifice and work and I'm proud as can be of him, he deserves it and I know when he gets with Tampa Bay, he's going to do everything they ask him to do and he's going to work his way up in the organization. It's a good thing happening to a good guy."

"We're just happy for him, it's something that he's always wanted, he's been willing to work hard and as long as I can remember this has been his dream," Robert Moore, Frank's father said. "The times when other people were doing other things, he was working at baseball, 'cause that's what he wanted to do." "I just like for my children to have their dreams realized and this is a dream come true for him. We've always asked him to put God first and Frank has always tried to do that. He's a good kid and he deserves this," Linda Moore, Frank's mother added." Moore, a 19 year-old sophomore from Douglas, attended Coffee County High School and was drafted by the Pittsburg pirates in 1996 in the 42nd round. In 1998, Moore hit .351 BA with 8 home runs, 55 runs batted in, 15 doubles, a .551 slugging percentage, 72 hits, 57 runs, and 21-27 stolen bases. In the field on 222 chances, he had 20 errors for a .910 fielding percentage.

We are all proud of Frank and our prayers are with him.

MARRIAGES

Gloria Wade and **Don Johnston** exchanged vows on December 30, 1997 at their home in Summerville, SC. **Don** has finally made South Carolina his home. Gloria is the daughter of Mary and Arthur Williams of Charleston, SC.

Thomas Williams and **Andrea Bynum** were married on July 25, 1998 at Abundant Life Church in Hillsborough, NC. They left the next day for a seven-day cruise. Thomas is the son of **Thomas** and **Gertrude Williams** of Greensboro, NC.

Michael Andrew Avant and **Sandra Dai Benninghoven** were married on July 25 1998 in Silver Springs, MD. They spent their honeymoon in a secret destination. **Michael** is the son of **Oscar** and **Diane Avant** of Silver Springs, MD.

Robert L. Williams and **Edna E. Watkins** were married in Hillsboro, NC on August 22, 1998. They sealed their vows by "jumping the broom," an African tradition. **Robert "Bob"** is the son of **Mary** and **Arthur Williams** of Charleston, SC.

BIRTHS

Courtney Renee Harris, born on March 21, 1998. She weighed in a 6 lbs. 11 oz. She is the daughter of **Kim** and **Harold Harris** of High Point, NC.

Jana' Pasley, born September 21, 1997. She weighed 2 lbs. 8 oz. and was transferred to the neonatal unit of the hospital. She remained in the hospital for 2 months and gained release at a weight of 4.2 oz. **Jana'** is the daughter of **Felicia Pasley** of Lane, SC

DEATHS

Sabrina Len Brockington, granddaughter of **Mattie Solomon** and daughter of **Delores Moore Brockington** was buried March 14th in Miami, FL. She was 29 years old.

Norman "Buck" Moore, Sr. Was funeralized on April 29, 1998 at Central Missionary Baptist Church in Salters, SC. He was the son of **Clarence "Tom" Moore**.

Charles Solomon, son of **Mattie Solomon** died on May 27, 1998. He was 44 years old. He was buried in City Cemetery in Douglas, GA.

Linda Williams, daughter of **Pierce** and **Mable Moore**, died in June after a long illness. She was buried in City Cemetery

in Douglas, GA.

Melton Rogers, husband of **Everlina Rogers** died on June 4, 1998. His funeral was in Philadelphia, PA. **Everlina** is the granddaughter of **Canty "Sug" Moore Felder**.

GRADUATIONS

Thomas Williams, Jr. graduated from ECPI College of Technology in October, 1997. He was president of the National Technical Vocational Society and graduated with a 3.8 GPA. He is presently employed as Help Desk Technician at Triad Guaranty Insurance Company in Winston-Salem, NC. **Thomas** is the son of **Thomas** and **Gertrude Williams** of Greensboro, NC.

Andrea Bynum Williams graduated from ECPI College of Technology in June, 1998. She was an Honor Graduate with a 3.9 grade point average. She is presently employed at Cigna Insurance Company in Greensboro, NC. **Andrea** is the wife of **Thomas Williams, Jr.**

BJ Williams graduated from high school in June and is now a freshman at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. **BJ** is the son of **Bob Williams** and grandson of **Mary** and **Arthur Williams**.

Miscellaneous News

Kevin Wade attended Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama in May. He will be a freshman at Summerville High School this fall. **Kevin** is the son of **Gloria Wade Johnston**.

Markeith Wade has landed a job with Nordstrom Retail Stores in San Leandro, CA. He received his first promotion already. He is following in him mom's footsteps (marketing and sales.) **Markeith** is the son of **Gloria Wade Johnston**.

Shirley Pasley Woods retired from the Post Office in June and immediately left California for the Low Country of Goose Creek, SC (a suburb of Charleston, SC). She is having more fun than the laws in South Carolina permit. The authorities will catch up with her soon. Her friend of more than thirty years, **Chris**, is visiting with her for the family reunion. **Chris** said that she is having a wonderful time visiting with the family. The country living does not bother her since she frequently visits her hometown in Mississippi. **Shirley** is the daughter of **Margaret** and **Darnell Adams**.

Gertrude Williams, **Pat Pasley** and **Jeff Pasley** traveled to Hayward, California

In June to retrieve Shirley Woods and bring her back to Goose Creek, SC. They had an opportunity to attend the California Family Reunion while they were there. The trip was great and mission accomplished!