

The Moore Family Newsletter

Blast in Maryland

Thanks to the Avant Family, the reunion in Maryland was a tremendous success. They went “all out” to make sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. The family is grateful for the effort you put forth to make us comfortable.

Trophies Awarded

The 2002 fishing trophy was awarded to Michael Avant of Laurel, MD. The beginner golf trophy remained with Mary Crawford of Hillsborough, NC and the advanced golf trophy stayed with Bob Williams of Raleigh, NC. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Early Bird

The **Early Bird** Award goes to **Daisy Pasley** again this year. She is determined that she will not let anyone come close. Keep up the good work Daisy. She regis-

The Moore Newsletter is compiled and edited by Gertrude Williams. The first newsletter was printed in September, 1984. The newsletter was not printed in 1985 because of lack of response from family members. Printing has not been suspended since 1985. Copies of previous newsletters are available in the Hospitality Room in the “Records of Family Reunions 1982-2002” book..

A Warning About Colon Cancer

In January of 2003, **Shirley Woods** was diagnosed with colon cancer. She had been warned some years before that she should get a colonoscopy. She procrastinated until she started having stomach pains. She has been through two surgeries and is presently taking chemotherapy. She said that “through it all, God has been faithful. I thank Him for the strength He has given me and would like to encourage family members not to jeopardize their health by neglecting their bodies. God has given us one body and we should take care of it. I urge you to check in with your physician for your physical health and check in with the Great Physician for your spiritual health. My prognosis is great because I first checked in with the Great Physician—Jesus Christ. Isaiah 43:2 state ‘*When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walketh through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*’ He is faithful.” Please take note of the following information on colon cancer.

Doctors now believe that cancers of the colon arise from polyps. However, not all polyps turn into malignant colon cancer. In fact, most polyps will remain benign. For the small percentage of polyps that will turn malignant, the process probably takes years — on the order of five to 15 years. Therefore, there is a large window of opportunity to screen for colorectal polyps and remove them. Since doctors cannot determine by appearance, which polyps will remain benign and which will turn malignant, all polyps are considered “potential” cancers and removed. Once removed, the threat of that polyp one-day turning cancerous is completely eliminated. This is why it is so important to get screened for colorectal cancer when you are feeling well.

THE GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

Unfortunately, the majority of people will never address colorectal cancer screening with their health care providers. Without appropriate prevention and screening, symptoms of colorectal cancer may develop.

The good news: Colon cancer is curable if found early. In fact, if the cancer is confined to the wall of the colon, surgical removal may be the only treatment that is required. Some of us may recall that President Regan had colon cancer diagnosed and removed when he was in office.

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The bad news: Colon cancer discovered late, especially if it has spread to lymph nodes and other organs, can be lethal. Although chemotherapy and radiation (if the rectum is involved) may be effective, the prognosis is worse once the cancer spreads outside the confines of the colon wall.

This is why any symptom of colon cancer cannot be ignored. If found early, colon cancer can be cured! However, if one waits and ignores symptoms until it can no longer be avoided, the disease may spread.

CONGRATS

Congratulations go out to **Jessica Rampersad** who was accepted into the School of the Arts in Atlanta last year and finished her first year in high school with flying colors. Good work Jessica. Jessica is the grand daughter of Margaret Fludd of Atlanta, GA.

Margaret "Peggy" Fludd was confirmed as a deacon at the Ray of Hope Church in Atlanta, GA in January. Family members 'trekked' to Atlanta to witness the confirmation. To God be the glory, great things He has done in this family!

Kregg Richardson, an employee of Southern Company of Brunswick, GA was awarded an all expense paid trip to Jamaica for his accomplishments, hard work and dedication to the

company. Of course, **Yolanda**, his wife, accompanied him on the trip. Kregg is the son-in-law of Rondenay and Debra Pettigrew.

Gertrude Receives Awards for Service to Community

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. of Clarendon and Williamsburg Counties awarded to **Gertrude Williams** The Distinguished Community Award in Religion in July of 2001. The award was given for her dedication to the religious education of the children of Williamsburg County. She is actively involved in her church as Director of the Youth Department and with the Black River Baptist Association as clerk.

In March, 2002 she was selected by the organization again when they choose her as one of those honored for work in the community.

Gertrude was surprised in the Sunday Service in March when Representative Kenneth Kennedy announced to the congregation that she had been commended by the South Carolina State House of Representatives for her outstanding service to the community and her commitment to education. She was awarded a beautiful plaque. The resolution was introduced in the House of Representative by Representative Kennedy, Snow and Harvin.

Congratulations Gertrude on your commitment to your community.

Three Scholarship Awarded in 2002

Three Moore Family Scholarships totaling \$750 were awarded 2002. The recipients were:

- **Jennifer P. Hood**, Oakland California. Grand daughter of Mae and Arthur Williams of Charleston, SC.
- **Jonlonda Murphy**, Oakland California. Grand daughter of Shirley Woods of Goose Creek, SC.
- **Kevin Wade**, Summerville, SC. Son of Gloria Johnston of Summerville, SC.

The family has given at total of \$7,475 in scholarships since 1989.

College Bound

Darryl R. Huger, II, son of Darryl R. Huger and Donna Burgess-Huger of Irmo, SC and grandchild of Daisy and Ranie Burgess of Lane, SC will be attending Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC in the fall.

Austin Rampersad, son of Margaret Fludd of Atlanta, GA, has moved to Cleveland, OH and is attending college to complete his degree in electronics. Austin received a scholarship from the scholarship fund in 1990 but dropped out of school. It is never too late to return. Right on Austin!

Monique Allert graduated from Bishop Ford Central Catholic

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DEATHS

HIV-AIDS Takes Two Sons in 2002

Everlina Rodgers, lost two sons within five weeks of each other in 2002. Two young lives cut short because of HIV-AIDS. **Kevin Lamar Rodgers—1963-2002** was a promising poet and short story writer. One of his short stories, *The Seventh Night of Hanukkah*, was published in *Christmas Blues (A Book of Short Stories* published by Amador Publishing House) in 1995. The other son, **Ronald J. Rodgers—1961-2002** was preparing for a career as a Physician's Assistant. **Everlina** wants to warn young people of the consequences of taking drugs. Her two sons paid the ultimate price—their young lives. She is a soap opera fan and wrote this warning using the titles of Soap Operas. (She was assisted by a friend, Ann McBryde.)

For All My Children,

Jesus knows you are Young and Restless as you keep Searching for Tomorrow. So be Bold and Beautiful, but let the Bible be your Guiding Light.

So As the World Turns, you must turn your life to Christ and let Heaven be your Sunset Beach because one day the sun will set on everyone's life.

These are the Days of Our Lives when drugs and AIDS are running rampant among our young people. So let us all pray for each other because we only have One Life to Live.

Need to Know About HIV-AIDS

Because many of the first cases of AIDS in the United States occurred in homosexual men and intravenous drug users, some people mistakenly believe that other groups of people are not at risk for HIV infection. However, **anyone is capable of becoming HIV-infected, regardless of gender, age, or sexual orientation.**

Facts About AIDS

- As of the year 2000, nearly one million people in the U.S. were confirmed to be HIV-positive.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 2.2 million Americans now carry the HIV virus but do not yet have symptoms.
- Each year, about 40,000 new HIV infections occur in the U.S.
- AIDS is a leading cause of death for American men and women between the ages of 25 and 44.
- Through June 2000, 438,795 people in the U.S. had died from AIDS (374,422 men

and 64,373 women).

- By the end of 2000, 36.1 million people worldwide were living with HIV/AIDS, with the vast majority living in developing countries.
- Through 2000, 21.8 million people worldwide have died from AIDS.
- Between 1991 and 1996, there were more new cases of AIDS among people older than 50 than those between ages 13 and 49. Today, 11% of all new cases of AIDS in the U.S. are now in people over the age of 50.

The HIV carrier rate in the U.S. is now 1 carrier for every 100 to 200 people.

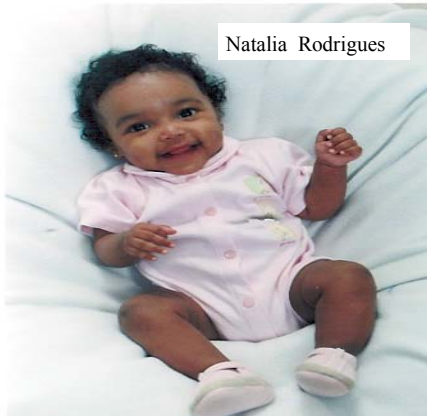
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On Wednesday, February 26, 2002 the family of **Eloise Whack Williams—1911-2003**, mother of Thomas Williams, celebrated her homegoing. She passed into eternity on February 22, 2003 at Clarendon Memorial Hospital.

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The family mourns the death of **George Benbow**, son of Marie Benbow and husband of Nora Benbow. Two scholarship donations were given in George's honor.



Births Since Last Family Reunion



Natalia Isabelle Rodrigues—5 months old. Great granddaughter of Richard and Florence Moore.

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**Ivionna L. Pettigrew**—Born to Rodeny Pettigrew and Shineka Davis on July 27, 2003. Grandparents: Rodeny, Sr. and Debra Pettigrew and Elvis and Juanita Davis. Great-grandparents: Sadie Moore Brooks, Gloria Pettigrew

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Aaron M. Brooks—Born to Johnard Brooks and Ashley Daniels on December 11, 2002. Grandparents: Gloria White of Augusta, GA, Johnny Seymour of Atlanta, GA, Brenda Howell of Valdosta, GA. Great-grandparents: Sadie Moore Brooks of Adel, GA. Aaron is the Great, Great Grandson of the late Frank and Florence Moore.

Erick Rashad McCovey II—Born in Fayetteville, NC on May 7, 2003 to Trina Stills and Erick R. McCovey. Eric is the grandson of Gloria White of Augusta, GA and Jack Stills, Jr. of Fayetteville, NC. Great-grandmother is Sadie Moore Brooks of Adel, GA and great-great grandparents are the late Frank and Florence Moore.

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**Geormani Denise Moore**—Born March 26, 2003 to Tonya Burgess-Moore and Darrell Moore of Alexandria, VA. Geormani joined two older brothers, Geordan, 4 and Geormal, 2. These are the grandchildren of Daisy and Ranie Burgess and great-grandchildren of Marie Benbow of Lane, SC.

## Wedding

**Robin Williams** and **Frank Young** were married in Greensboro, North Carolina on October 27, 2002 at New Light Baptist Church. Robin is the daughter of Thomas and Gertrude Williams of Greeleyville, SC. They reside in Greensboro, NC.

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High School. Monique will be attending Purchase College in Purchase, New York in the fall.

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**Stephanie Allert**, who graduated from high school last year is presently attending Kingsborough Community College.

## Thomas Williams Appointed to Board

**Thomas Williams** was appointed to the Williamsburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board in 2002 by Governor Hodges of South Carolina and re-appointed by Governor Sanford in 2003. This board is the advocate for the disabled in Williamsburg County. He attends monthly board meetings, participates in the yearly "Walk" and attends the annual meeting of all boards in South Carolina.

## Military



**DN Shekire D. Moore**, grand daughter of Richard and Florence Moore is stationed at Great Lakes Recruiting Command in Great Lakes, IL.

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Freddy Pasley, son of Daisy Pasley was called to active duty during the War in Iraq.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2003

PHYLICIA ADELLE WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Moore Family Reunion
398 Carrols Road
Greeleyville, SC 29056
843-426-4365

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE _____

PRESENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE AT _____

WILL ENROLL IN COLLEGE ON _____

WILL ENROLL AT (Name of College) _____

I certify that the above information is correct:

Applicant's Signature

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date

Send completed applications to Gertrude Williams at above address.

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must have graduated from high school the year prior to the family reunion and will be attending a four-year or two-year degree-granting institution or a technical school some time during the next school year. Please submit the application by September 30. **No applications will be accepted after that date.**