

Precious Memories

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Commemorating the Life of a Good Samaritan  
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"But a Good Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him." Luke 10:33 KJV

## Services

Saturday, April 2, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

Avery Chapel AME Church

1425 N. Kelham Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73117

Pastor Elijah Shafah - Officiating

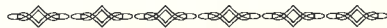




## For My Partner in Life

Every step on our journey together has been an adventure and without each of them we wouldn't be here today with so much to celebrate, so much to look forward to. We've got such sweet memories between us - crazy days to laugh about, not so funny days we thought would never end, joyous times we'll count as the best of our lives. This journey we were on together means more to me than anything in the world. I will miss you dearly, My Love!

**Love, Jake**



## His Story

John Roy Moham, Sr. was born September 19, 1940 in Oktaha, Oklahoma, as the youngest boy of ten (10) children born to the parents of Robert and Nettie Moham.

He completed his secondary education at Rentiesville High School, graduating with the class of 1959. Following graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He completed his tour of duty with an honorable discharge. While in the service he played basketball and was recruited to attend Grays Harbor College in Aberdeen, Washington to play on their men's basketball team. He obtained his Associate in Arts June 11, 1965, and went on to receive a Master of Education degree from Central State University, July 29, 1973.

Coming from a family who loves God, John was a faithful member of Avery Chapel AME Church. He truly loved his church family and served as a founding member of the Marcella Guthrie Scholarship Board. While on the board, a scholarship was created in the name of his daughter, Monica Moham, which is the highest scholarship awarded by the board. He was a charter member of Avery's

Food and Clothing Ministry and loved to share the Word of God while serving as the Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School Teacher. During the Superbowl, you could always count on him serving as the auctioneer to raise money for scholarships during the half-time show. He brought his love for tennis and pickleball to the church, and served as an instructor during the summer program, donating pickleball equipment to the church. If you see the tape on the floor of the fellowship hall, just know John Moham, Sr. was there.

During this journey in life, he served for a short period as a postal worker until he found his calling in education at U.S. Grant High School where he taught geography and social studies until he was promoted to counselor. While working as a counselor, John had a great influence on the lives of many students, especially the black students, and particularly during the period of integration. Recently, one of his former students shared that "his encouragement and that smile kept many of us from going crazy. When we wanted to quit he wouldn't let us. He was truly an inspiration in our lives. He made attending Grant an easy transition!"

During his retirement, he rediscovered his love for farming; he became affectionately known as "Farmer John." If you wanted to see John you could find him either with his cows, dogs, or on a tennis court, until he found the world of pickleball. According to John, if you are not playing pickleball, you're missing out on big fun and good exercise. You need to start immediately.

There was a special kind of love brewing in California on June 29, 1966. John and his best friend, Frank Graves, decided to marry the loves of their lives on the same day - two couples standing together at the altar of God! For over 55 years, John and Louvenia have loved each other unconditionally and put in the work God had for them to do. To this union three children were born: John Moham, Jr., Monica Moham, and Shauntae' Moham. He loved his children and likewise they loved him fiercely - BEYOND DESCRIPTION!

Our father was tenacious in his love for his family and his desire to keep us connected to one another! All of the HAMS (Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana) held a special place in his heart. He looked like a kid in the candy store when everyone would come together. We will truly miss him serving as the host and cook, and in later years delegating the grilling to the younger generation, all coming together to make our family gatherings a place of great love, laughter, and fun.

John was preceded in death by several beloved family members including his parents Robert Moham, Sr. and Nettie Harris-Moham, three sisters: Ann Moham, Mary Shine, and Clevester Michael, four brothers: William Moham, Sr., Alan Moham, Robert Moham, Jr., and Charley Moham; and one beloved child, Monica Moham.

Living with many cherished memories and the task to continue his legacy are: his loving wife Louvenia of the home; two children John Moham, Jr. of Denver, Colorado, and Shauntae' Sourie (Eric) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one grandchild Josiah Moham; two sisters Dorthy Graves of Los Angeles, California, and Verna Moham of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one god-daughter and god-grandchild, Sonya Shirley and Hydia Williams, as well as a special friend Napoleon Moore, and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Chief's Reflections

*God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God.*

*Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.*

*Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.*

*Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.*

*Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out.*

*Deuteronomy 28:1-6*

Thank you, Dad, for a lot of your love, patience, compassion, competitiveness, wit, and your sense of humor. Also, for a little bit of your good looks and your great name!! JRMJ a/k/a Chief

## Reflections from your Baby Girl

*Where do I begin. . . my superhero is gone from here and my heart hurts when I think that I will no longer see your beautiful smile, hear your silly dad jokes, or be able to call you to hear you say "I'm tired of talking" when you're ready to get off of the phone. Although greatly saddened, I also believe it is a joy to know that God loves you even more than I ever could and HE called you home to be with Him in a place that is free from cancer. You were truly an amazing father. I often shared with you that I couldn't have asked God for anyone better. I can't say thank you enough for the many sacrifices, encouragement, and guidance you provided me. I will truly, truly miss you John Roy, but I'm confident that you're now my angel and will be with me every day.*

**Love You More - Tia Tae**

## Reflections from your Favorite Grandson

*I just want to share my last real conversation with you. I had just got my ears pierced and we were on a video call together. Tia asked me to show you my earrings, so I put the camera up to my face. When Tia asked you if you saw my ears, you responded by saying, "all I see is his big head." Even to the end, Paw Paw was still Paw Paw. I will miss you, your love, support, and sense of humor.*

**Love Josiah, your Favorite Grandson**

## Reflections from your Goddaughter

*"Old Man," over the years I've enjoyed spending time with you all and being part of your family. These moments have been priceless and will forever be in my heart. The pandemic stole our Sundays. Sunday wasn't just about dinner, it was the fellowship. Don't get me wrong, Granny would cook a bomb roast! It was the laughter we shared, you telling us all a joke, but you would laugh harder than the rest of us, so we couldn't help but laugh. It's the laughter for me! That's what I will remember!*

**Love, Sonya Lynn**

## Reflections from Big E

*"What's up Jake," Ayyyyyyyyeeeee Tia!", "What a you say Nadine?", Ann Renee!"; "What's up Big E!"; "Help yaself Big E!,". You had a nickname for everyone. AND also, a cool and encouraging word for everyone. You were a walking quote. The wisdom, the humor! I admire the person you are: intentional, assertive, responsible, generous and fearless. I will miss it all... Your **presence!** I am grateful to have known you. Grateful for your lessons and love. You loved on me like I was your own. And, that never changed regardless of circumstance. I hope there is rest on the other side for you Mr. Moham. Indeed, your labor speaks for itself.*

*Until next time, show em how to fish, keep the cows in line and kick butt on that Pickleball Court! Finally, as you commune with The Creator, "help yaself Mr. Moham!"*

**I Love You! Thank You! I Miss You! ~ Big E**

# Order of Service

Music Prelude ..... Soft Music

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Musical Selection ..... Avery Chapel AME Choir

Prayer ..... Pastor James Covington  
New Harvest Fellowship Church

Comfort from the Scriptures

Old Testament ..... Reverend Michelle KT Moulden  
Associate Minister Avery Chapel AME

New Testament ..... Reverend Homer L. Stidham  
Classmate and Brother-in-law

Solo ..... Carrie Moham-Hicks, Great-niece

Acknowledgements/Resolutions ..... Princess Hill  
Avery Chapel AME Church Clerk

Echoes of Remembrance

Avery Men's Ministry ..... Mr. Kenneth Maillard  
Sister from Another Mother ..... Ms. Ruth Rolfe  
Pickleball Family ..... Mr. Rocky Arrington  
Friend ..... Mr. James Olden  
Moham Family ..... Mr. Rickey Moham, Sr.

Quiet Moment of Reflection ..... Silent Reading of Obituary

Video Tribute

Musical Selection ..... Avery Chapel AME Church Choir

Eulogy ..... Pastor Elijah Shafah, Avery Chapel AME Church

Last Glimpse ..... Temple & Sons Funeral Directors

Recessional

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# Notice of Address Change

Dear Family and Friends,

I just wanted to let you know that I have moved. I received a call from God, the Chief Architect, on March 28, 2022 around 1:15 a.m. He informed me that my new home is now ready and that I could move in immediately. You all know that I have been sending up my timber, packing up, and getting ready to go. But, there were some minor finishing touches on some of the timber that only the Chief Carpenter, Jesus Christ, could perfect. As you might imagine, some pieces were too broad, others were too thick, and there were even some that I sent that were not long enough.

Well, my new place is finished and it's such a beautiful sight to behold. It is located in an exclusive estate area that sits behind beautiful Pearly Gates, just off a serene celestial shore. Of course, the streets are paved with gold and every day here is celebrated as Sunday. I have only been gone for a short while, but so far so good.

As you know, I lived in several other places (Washington, California, and Oklahoma) before my new home was prepared. And I can tell you none of the others can compare to this! Here, there is peace, joy, and happiness, with no more pain for me to bear. So far, I have not found any strife or discontent. There is only sweet serenity everywhere. I could go on about my new home, but I have to go get fitted for my new robe. Then, I have to try on my golden slippers. Later, I get to test my wings. I have a crown too. Oh, what glorious sights I'm seeing! You gotta see this place to believe it!

While I'm thinking about it let me give you my new address:

**John R. Moham, Sr.  
6813 Heavenly Circle Drive  
Godtown, Heaven 091940**

**P.S.: They have not given me a telephone number yet. If you need to locate me, simply ask Jesus for me, and thank God He knows my name. He will probably find me at the nearest lake fishing with my brothers or on the pickleball court with a great partner and me saying - it's me and you partner—more you than me."**

**Love, John Roy Moham**

## Reflections from your Grand-Goddaughter

*Dear Paw Paw, thank you for all of the fun memories - learning how to ride a bike, giving me so many animals (two baby chicks, a cow, and lots of dogs I never took care of), exposing me to Mary's Swap Meet to make a quick buck, and learning how to count money from your coin container, and just for showing me so much love. You will forever be in my heart.*

**Love, Hydiah**

## Message from Heaven...

*You fought a valiant fight and won your battle with cancer. I'm so happy to welcome you home daddy. - Love, Monica*

## pallbearers

Carthon Diggs  
Eric Sourie  
Rickey Moham

Christopher Washington  
Josiah Moham  
Rodney Moham

## Honorary pallbearers

Charles Porter, Sr.  
John Moham, Jr.  
Kenneth Maillard

Charles Porter, Jr.  
James Olden  
Napoleon Moore

## Flower Bearers

Nieces

Great-nieces

## Interment

Arlington Memory Gardens • 3400 North Midwest Blvd. • Midwest City, OK 73141

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

## Expressions of Gratitude

The family of John Moham, Sr. wishes to take this moment to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone for their presence, prayers, visits, calls, flowers, cards or any act of kindness shown during this time. We extend a special thank you to the medical providers and caregivers at Mercy Hospital, SoonerCare and Kindful Hospice for the exceptional care you provided. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in any event or party we had to celebrate John and gave him his flowers while he was on this side of heaven. He truly knew he was loved. We hope that you know how appreciated you are, and that each expression of comfort sent to us will forever be in our hearts.

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