



Juanita Moody

May 29, 1924 - February 17, 2015

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Juanita Morris Moody, 90 of Pawleys Island died Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Born in Morvan, NC, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Luther and Mary Morris. Ms. Moody had retired from the National Security Agency in 1976 after a distinguished career of more than 30 years of service. Her husband, William Warren Moody, a sister, Nan Morris Jacobsen and a brother, Robert "Ben" Bennett Morris all preceded her in death.

Surviving are brothers, Joseph L. Morris (Syl) of New Bern, NC, Henry "Bo" L. Morris (Linda) of Cheraw, SC; sisters, Sue Morris Gilbert of Millsboro, DE, Virginia Morris Marsh (Joe) of Cheraw, SC and Adgie Morris James of Wadesboro, NC; sister in law, Anne T. Morris of Monroe, NC.

Due to weather and travel condition, the family will determine when to schedule a service to celebrate Ms. Moody's life. Inurnment will be later in Arlington National Cemetery.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I had the good fortune to work around Mrs. Moody for many years during my NSA career. She was always the friendly professional who was willing and able to help anyone, and she simultaneously performed her duties in an exemplary way. She therefore had the respect of all and was a great role model for many.

I wish comfort to the family and close friends at this time of their loss, but they can rest in the knowledge that she made many contributions during her professional life. May she rest in peace in the comfort of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

James V. Boone, NSA 1957-1981

James V. Boone - February 22, 2015 at 07:02 PM

TN

“ Dear Morris and Moody families,

We were honored to have had Juanita as our across the street neighbor for these past 13 years. During that time our family was able to get know her and consider her an extension of the family. She shared in our joys and sadness, including the loss of our mother/mother in law/grandmother last summer.

She was always gracious and welcoming and delighted in hearing what had happened in our lives since we last met. All of the residents of our small community shared a common bond in knowing and caring for Juanita. She will be missed.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to you all.

Tim, Carol, Caroline and Virginia Nauss

Tim Nauss - February 20, 2015 at 07:54 PM

JR

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to Juanita's family and friends. I knew Juanita as an acquaintance during my service at NSA where I knew of her excellent endeavors and of her outstanding service to our nation. May she rest in peace. CWO4 Jim Reeb, USN (RET).

Jim Reeb - February 20, 2015 at 02:18 PM

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“ My first Senior boss back in June 1964. I was just out of the Navy and 23 years old. During a certain crisis she took me to private meetings with the Director. Personally gave me an out of cycle promotion. She was a true leader, a person who could make people want to work for her and let you know that she was thankful. I will have never and will never forget her. A wonderful person and I will never forget her and will pray for her. God Bless you Mrs. Moody.
Tony Bellotte



Anthony Bellotte Sr - February 20, 2015 at 12:04 PM

JT

“ Mrs. Moody was my first BIG boss when I started at NSA straight out of college in 1964 at age 22. She was four levels above my immediate supervisor. Unlike most at that level (and she probably had 2-3000 people working for her then) she always met with new employees, first in small groups, but later would stop by a new person's desk to address concerns. Not one to be content with mere pleasantries in a situation like that, I actually did have some concerns, stated them to her, and she took immediate action on them. One of those concerns had to do with an intern program which started a year after I came to the agency. Those hired a year and beyond after us were "spoon fed" access to courses, crucial for career development, while those of us already on board were repeatedly told "We can't get you in that course, it's all filled with interns." For the short term she told me and some others, "Come to me, I'll get you in the courses you need"....and she did. One phone call from her and things happened. In the longer term she ensured that access to internships were not just limited to new hires.

She later selected me to be her representative on a 24/7 watch situations, one of the first major assignments that I had. That assignment changed the focus of my career.

Jon Teske NSA 1964-1999

Jon Teske - February 20, 2015 at 10:44 AM

JM

“ Juanita, who I always called Mrs. Moody out of profound respect, recognized me early on in my career at NSA. As a very young intern, she selected me for a tour at the White House Situation Room. I was 24 years old. It changed my life and committed me to a career of government service. She was a fearless leader and patriot at a time when women had to be made of stern stuff to make it at the top levels of any enterprise, especially one as big and dominated by ex-military personnel as NSA. She had the right stuff and passed her sense of duty on to a generation of professionals. I still have and cherish a memo that she wrote to me upon her retirement. She stated that if she had one regret in leaving government service, it was that she would not be able to watch the young people, whom she had mentored, grow into the leaders that she expected them to become, but nonetheless, she would leave knowing that the country was in good hands. Juanita's legacy was her exceptional service and is the sense of duty and respect for our country that she instilled in generations to come. I mourn her passing. We have lost an extraordinary woman of an extraordinary generation.

John Mix

John Mix - February 20, 2015 at 10:14 AM

BB

“ I remember Mrs Moody well from my NSA DAYS. She was very well respected and a roll model for all the women back in the day when there werent many. I have a lovely letter from her thanking me for paying tribute to her at our morning briefing upon the occasion of her retirement. Beverly Cabell Beall

Beverly Cabell Beall - February 19, 2015 at 12:53 PM

RB

My dad worked for Ms. Moody many years ago ...

Ralph BARTIMO - February 20, 2015 at 10:55 AM

JB

Juanita was a mentor and friend of many years. She taught me how to track deer and wild turkey. She was my matron of honor at my second wedding. Juanita loved to drive with the pedal to the metal. We enjoyed martinis together. I took seasonal pictures of Hootin'Holler in Shenandoah County, VA, which she displayed in her home at Pawleys Island, SC. Juanita was tough and gentle, serious and funny, opinionated and loving, and, most of all, a dear friend. She welcomed us with hugs when we visited several years ago. We miss her and offer our condolences to her extended family. Jenny and Vic Brown

Jenny L. Brown - February 20, 2015 at 11:30 AM

JA

Like several of the people offering testimonials, I too was one of Mrs Moody's subordinates way down the ladder since I started working in 1964, with her as our Office Chief. She was one of many great senior supervisors that I had until my retirement in 2011. It was professionals like her that gave us many opportunities and made our Government career enjoyable and worthwhile. My condolences and prayers to her family. Juan Agueda 1964-2011

JUAN A AGUEDA - February 20, 2015 at 04:31 PM

JP

I worked with Mrs. Moody in 1967-1969. She was a terrific leader and so helpful to all those that worked for her. I had great admiration for her. She didn't always go by the book but she was a true patriot and a truly excellent Senior Executive. My sympathies to her family and friends. Judy Holter Pruitt

Judy Holter Pruitt - February 20, 2015 at 05:02 PM

CW

So many good memories...

Christina Weaver - July 05, 2015 at 02:40 PM

WI

My Aunt Juanita or "Neeter" as many of us called her, was a woman of fierce intellect and deep patriotism, a leader, a different thinker and an organizer but to her family she was a most gracious host. She introduced me to too many wondrous things to count and the memories of visiting her and Warren at Hoot N Holler are beyond precious to me. Rest in Peace Neeter, love you.... Willie Pete

William P. Jacobsen III - September 12, 2015 at 04:27 AM