



James Clark Moore PhD

July 27, 1936 - November 10, 2020

James Clark Moore, PhD, 84, of Traverse City, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at his home.

Born on July 27, 1936 in Dow City, IA, he was one of two sons born to the late Theodore R. and Lois A. (Best) Moore. He was frequently uprooted and attended more than 15 schools before he settled in Crystal Falls, MI where he graduated at the top of his class and served as their president.

From there he continued his education at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, earning a BA in economics. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity, president of Omega Delta Kappa and Corinthians Scholastic Society. While attending UNO, he met Donna Rae Brinlee who was working on her elementary teaching degree. They became close friends and ultimately would be married on December 28, 1959.

After completing his PhD at the University of Minnesota, he accepted a position at the University of Missouri, and eventually joined the faculty at Purdue University in 1969. Jim would teach there until 2006 and upon his retirement was named Professor Emeritus of Economics. Jim's primary teaching and research interests included microeconomic theory, general equilibrium theory, the economic theory of public policy and the economics of information and organization. In addition to his teaching career, Jim was an accomplished writer and researcher. While at Purdue, he mentored many doctoral students and served as policy chairman for the Economics department.

Jim was truly a gentleman and a scholar. His life was filled with music, art, his love for dogs, Purdue sports and especially his love for friends and family which enriched his character. He was loved and admired by many.

Surviving Jim is his wife of 60 years, Donna; two sons, J. Donovan (Amy) Moore of Burnsville, MN; Brian D. Moore of Traverse City; a brother, Dwight Jerome (Linda) Moore of Tucson, AZ; a niece, Julie Monie of Omaha, NE and nephews, Brad Moore of Costa

Mesa, CA and Ted Hobbs of Portland, OR.

Because of the current issues, a time to celebrate Jim's life will take place at a later date. Details will be announced at that time. For a lasting memorial, the family suggests that Jim be remembered through a donation to the American Heart Association.

Comments



“ I am very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a scholar of great depth and integrity. I always looked up to Jim and he was a role model to me. When I was getting the Midwest International Trade group off the ground in the early 1980's Jim's advice and help was invaluable.

Ray Riezman - November 30, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Professor Moore served on my PhD committee and I took one course from him. He was a great inspiration -- a serious scholar and a decent human being. Jim was a pillar of the economics PhD program, a supportive mentor, and could always be counted on to join the grad students for happy hour. I will miss seeing him at the AEA reception.

Preston McAfee - November 27, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Deepest condolences to Professor Moore's family. I remember him with reverence and fondness. Jim was a great mentor and a friend.
As a new Ph.D. student at Purdue in 1983, my first memory of any faculty member is that of Jim Moore and Andy Whinston in conversation in the library. Little did I know then that going forward, I would be taking Jim's classes in Economics and Game theory. I still have some of his notes from the classes that were written in longhand. Subsequently he would become the co-advisor (with Andy) for my Ph.D. dissertation and we would spend many hours going over my work polishing it for eventual publication in journals as diverse as Economic Theory and IEEE Transactions in SMC.
Will miss him sorely.
RIP Jim.

Raghav Rao - November 26, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ I came to Purdue as a beginning professor in agricultural economics in the early 1970s. Jim was always thoughtful and kind to me. On top of that he was just good at what he did and something of a gentle statesperson for good economic and public policy. We could use more like him today.

Otto Doering, Agricultural Economics, Purdue

Otto Doering III - November 15, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Jim and Donna Moore were great friends and neighbors to Joe and Adele Bennett in West Lafayette, Indiana. We offer our condolences to the Moore family, and we will always remember our friendship.

Joseph Bennett - November 15, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ We met Jim and Donna when we bought the house across the street from them nine years ago. They are both such wonderful people and a class act in every way. Always willing to host a party for any reason or no reason whatsoever.

One of the things noticeably missing this year, because of COVID, were Jim's regular invitations to patronize a local brew pub for an afternoon quaff, always a welcome break in the middle of a random week. And I loved to hear him talk, about anything, just for the pleasure of hearing his soothing, radio announcer's voice. As the obit states, Jim was absolutely a "gentleman and a scholar". He will be sorely missed.

Sean O'Connor - November 13, 2020 at 03:52 PM