



Clara L. Scates Moore

February 24, 1936 - April 11, 2026

Clara L. Scates Moore, age 90, of Centerville, TN, peacefully transitioned from this life on April 11, 2026, surrounded by love.

A devoted woman of God, Clara lived a life rooted in faith, service and compassion. She was a true humanitarian, taking great pride in her work and offering exceptional care to every life she touched. Whether it was her acts of service or her daily interactions, she did it with a deep commitment to make a lasting impact in the lives of others. Clara was a faithful Christian whose life reflected Christ through her kindness, strength and unwavering love for others. She was a lifelong member of Columbia Avenue Church of Christ and an avid supporter of O.H. Bernard Community Center. Through her church, her work or her home, she was a steady source of comfort, wisdom and grace.

Clara pursued her passion for caregiving through her education at Meharry Medical College in

Nashville. She furthered her education at Columbia State Community College where she obtained her Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing, completing her formal Registered Nurse education and training. She retired from Hickman County Hospital after 45 years. Her deep compassion and devotion were felt by every patient she encountered. They were more than assignments - they were people she nurtured, advocated for and loved. Nursing was not just her profession, it was her ministry.

Clara's hobbies also reflected her creative talents through sewing, canning, gardening and baking...who can forget those fried pies!

Above all, Clara was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. She poured into her family with strength, humor, wisdom and unconditional love.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Daughters – Mimi Moore Bell (Doug), Los Angeles, CA; Carla Moore, Centerville, TN; Hobrina Moore Taylor, Centerville, TN; Dr. Kindra Smith (Michael), Canton, GA. Grandchildren - D.J. Key, Centerville, TN; Victoria Smith, Canton, GA and Trey Smith, Canton, GA; Great-grandchild - Kali Key, Centerville, TN. Brother – Joe Scates (Brenda), West Milford, New Jersey; Sister – Mary Flagg, Centerville, TN; Uncle – Bro.

Graham McGill, Union City, TN; Sister In Law - Mable Scates and an abundance of loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: Parents – Mary and Mitchell Scates; Son – Victor Moore (Jeanette); Sisters – Sarah Cowan (Vator), Jean Mills (Alfred), Dorothy Scates; Brothers – Mitchell Scates, Jr. (Audrey), Johnny Scates (Shiral), Marshall Scates (Loretta), Kenneth Scates; Brother in Law – Reginald Flagg.

Clara will be remembered for her gentle spirit, servant's heart and the way she made everyone feel seen and cared for. Her life was a living testimony of faith in action—quiet strength, deep love and consistent grace.

Her work here is done but her love and legacy will live on in all who were blessed to know her.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Wake

APR 18. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Columbia Avenue Church of Christ
177 Columbia Ave
Centerville, TN 37033

Visitation

APR 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

APR 19. 3:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - May 04 at 12:57 PM

JE

“ It was always wonderful to see Ms. Clara whether in the shop, at a church service, in and around town, or at the Sr Center - ..(and a treat to see how neatly and impeccably she was dressed!)



Our thoughts and prayers for comfort in your loss,

Chug and Johnnie Ruth Elrod

Johnnie Ruth Elrod - April 20 at 05:36 PM

HL

“ To the Scates and Moore Family - So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Ms. Clara was a wonderful person to be around and was so full of joy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. Ron & Helen Lee



Helen Lee - April 19 at 02:25 PM

SG

“ *Sandra Golden lit a candle in memory of Clara L. Scates Moore*



Sandra Golden - April 17 at 06:50 PM

RI

“ *Mimi, I am so sorry about the passing of your beautiful mother. May God give you all peace and comfort during this time. Praying for you. Rita Weatherspoon Ivey.*



Rita Weatherspoon Ivey - April 16 at 08:46 PM



“ *Donnell Cathey lit a candle in memory of Clara L. Scates Moore*



Donnell Cathey - April 15 at 11:04 PM

BW

“ *Sending my condolences to the moore family she will truly be missed*



Bernice Woolridge - April 15 at 10:41 PM

BH

“ *Bonnie Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Clara L. Scates Moore*



Bonnie Hargrove - April 15 at 09:24 PM

AA

“ *Anita Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Clara L. Scates Moore*



Anita Armstrong - April 15 at 05:44 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bowen lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Karen Bowen - April 15 at 02:50 PM

RP

“ *She will be greatly missed*

Ruby Peters - April 15 at 10:27 AM



“ *Cindy Tyler lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Cindy Tyler - April 15 at 08:06 AM



“ *Chuck Talley lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Chuck Talley - April 15 at 02:18 AM



“ *Our entire community feels the loss of “Ms. Clara”.*



Charlotte M Staggs - April 15 at 12:10 AM



“ *Reba Hatley lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Reba Hatley - April 14 at 09:43 PM

KN

Ms Clara's kind words of love and peace will always be remembered.



kay nurse - April 17 at 08:20 PM

JL

“ *Jeannie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Jeannie Lewis - April 14 at 08:18 PM

JE

“ *Jeannie lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Jeannie - April 14 at 08:17 PM

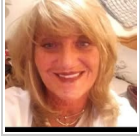
ES

“ *Mimi, Carla, Hobrina and Kindra,
My heart and condolences go out to all of you ladies. You all were raised by the kindest person I've ever met. Ms. Clara will truly be missed by the people on Columbia Ave and Centerville. May God Bless you and keep you!*

Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

*Love all of you,
Edward (Tony) Scruggs*

Edward (Tony) Scruggs - April 14 at 07:30 PM



“ *Paula Crowder lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Paula Crowder - April 14 at 06:58 PM

WP

“ *Rest high on the mountain, Clara! You left a legacy in your children!*



Wayne & Jewell Prince - April 14 at 06:58 PM

BM

“ *Bobby/Sandy McFarlin lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - April 14 at 06:23 PM

TJ

“ *Tammy Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Tammy Jenkins - April 14 at 04:56 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore



Ronald Gammons - April 14 at 04:46 PM

CM

“ Carolyn Moss sent a virtual gift in memory of Clara Scates Moore



Carolyn Moss - April 14 at 03:57 PM

MN

Mollie Neal lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore

Mollie W. Neal - April 15 at 09:05 AM

BT

Rip Beautiful Soul. Thankyou for you done while you were here 🌹

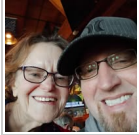
Bernando Turner - April 19 at 02:10 PM

DS

“ Debbie Semore lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore



Debbie Semore - April 14 at 02:38 PM



“ *Loveless Carole lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Loveless Carole - April 14 at 01:49 PM



“ *Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Sandi Westover - April 14 at 01:08 PM



“ *Alisa Collins lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Alisa Collins - April 14 at 12:46 PM



“ *Terrie Utley lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Terrie Utley - April 14 at 12:01 PM

GE

“ *Sending Love*



GeeScates - April 14 at 11:46 AM

MH

“ *Mark Horton lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Mark Horton - April 14 at 10:54 AM

GO

“ *Glenda Orman lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Glenda Orman - April 14 at 10:07 AM

RT

“ *Rhonda Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Rhonda Taylor - April 14 at 10:01 AM

TP

“ Sending love to Ms. Clara's family. I am so sorry for your loss and pray you find strength, peace, and comfort as you navigate through this difficult time.



Tara Powell - April 14 at 09:50 AM

MW

“ Ms Clara Ms Clara. I dont know where to start and I wouldn't be able to stop. I have so many memories with this Beautiful Wonderful Woman of God. The times we've shared and the special moments we had will forever be in my heart. I love you, Ms.Clara. Take your rest. Love Always and Forever God Bless, Marchette Russ Weathers and Family. ❤️



Marchette Weathers - April 13 at 11:24 PM



“ ...very saddened to hear of Ms. Clara's passing...she was a fine lady. Thoughts and prayers for her entire family, may the lord be with each of you during this time of great lost and grief



James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson - April 13 at 10:36 PM

CW

“ Christy Anderson Wells lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore



Christy Anderson Wells - April 13 at 08:43 PM

ES

“ *Ed and Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - April 13 at 08:37 PM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Cheeva McClearen - April 13 at 08:27 PM

CF

“ *Cynthia Fowlkes lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore*



Cynthia Fowlkes - April 13 at 08:18 PM

JH

“ *To The Family Very Sorry For Your Loss I Was Her UPS Driver In The 80s She Was A Very Nice Lady My Family Praying For You (From James Harlan Retired UPS Driver FranklinTenn)* 🙏



James Harlan - April 13 at 08:17 PM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Clara Scates Moore



Michael Bates - April 13 at 07:17 PM

SH

“ Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of Clara Scates Moore



Sarah Hinson - April 13 at 05:56 PM

RH

“ We are thinking of u.

Ruby & Rex Horner - April 13 at 05:30 PM

RS

“ We will your family in our prayers.

Regina & Martha Shelton - April 13 at 05:29 PM

LF

To the family of Clara Moore her presence in our community will be missed

Linda G Fowlkes - April 17 at 05:47 PM