



## Shelley Riley Moore

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Shelley Riley Moore, the former First Lady of West Virginia, died on Saturday, September 13, in Charleston, West Virginia. She died peacefully surrounded by family after battling Alzheimer's Disease for several years. She was 88.

Shelley was known for her warmth, sense of humor, intelligence and strong devotion to her family. She was truly honored and humbled to serve West Virginia as First Lady for 12 years with her beloved husband, Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr.

Born Sadie Shelley Riley on July 15, 1926, in Miami, Florida, Shelley was the youngest of three children and adored her older sister and brother. She spent her formative years in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where she graduated high school. Shelley followed her siblings to West Virginia University, where she joined Alpha Xi Delta sorority and graduated with a B.A. in Education. While in Morgantown, she met a young man from Moundsville back from World War II. Shelley and Arch married on August 11, 1949, and spent several years in Morgantown where she taught math at public school. The Moores settled in Glen Dale, where they raised their three children, Arch III (Kim), Shelley, and Lucy.

Arch soon entered public life securing a seat in the state House of Delegates in 1952. For the next 60 years, she stood as a teammate and source of constancy for all 26 of Arch's political campaigns and all of her daughter's races. Shelley is the longest serving First Lady in West Virginia's history, and she took on several important causes during her tenure. Most notably, she established the West Virginia Mansion Preservation Foundation, to maintain the mansion and its heritage for the people of West Virginia. She conducted countless tours and insisted on open access to the Governor's residence.

She also embraced educational initiatives and programs for children. Shelley was intimately involved with various Girl Scout programs in West Virginia, serving as a member of the Black Diamond Girl Scout Council Board of Directors. She was dedicated to improving educational opportunities for disabled children, and was a driving force with Arch for the numerous initiatives to establish and improve mental-health programs around the Mountain State. She served as chairwoman of the Mental Health Association, National Library Week, honorary chairwoman of the Heart Association, and in many other positions.

Upon retiring from public life, Shelley and Arch returned to their home in Glen Dale, West Virginia. They enjoyed traveling, spending time with family and friends, and attending West Virginia University football games. For her, kickoff was 20 minutes before the game when the Pride of West Virginia took the field. Shelley was quite the competitor, whether on the tennis court, at the bridge table, or on the campaign trail.

The compassion and grace with which she served as First Lady will be her public legacy, but to those fortunate enough to call her Mom, Grandmother, or friend, her legacy is her warmth, her sense of humor, and her unwavering loyalty. Shelley and Arch enjoyed a loving, passionate, and unbreakable

marriage of 65 years. Their marriage was the foundation upon which they built a loving family and served as a model of companionship, friendship, and teamwork. Their children remember their mother for her ability to match an uplifting sense of humor with a genuine ability to listen and connect, traits that made everyone around her know they mattered. Shelley's seven grandchildren remember her for her love of the ocean, devotion to her family, and commitment to their happiness.

Shelley is preceded in death by her parents Jacob Lewis and Sadie Riley, sister Nan Tillman, and brother Colonel Jacob Lewis Riley, Jr. Shelley Moore is survived by her husband, Arch, son Kim with wife Catherine, grandson Riley, granddaughter Gena, grandson Alfie (wife Gina); daughter Shelley Moore Capito with husband Charles, grandsons Charles (wife Laura and great grandchildren Celia and Charles) and Moore (wife Katie) and granddaughter Shelley Capito Macleod (husband Colin); daughter Lucy Moore Durbin with husband John and granddaughter Sydney. She will be loved and missed by her family around the country, including nieces, nephews, and additional family and friends.

The family will welcome visitors in Charleston in the Rotunda at the University of Charleston on Friday, September 19, 2014, from 11:30 to 1:30. In Moundsville, visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 on Friday, September 19, at Grisell's Funeral Home (400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville, WV). On Saturday, the funeral service for Shelley will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Simpson United Methodist Church in Moundsville (800 7th Street). The family will receive visitors at 9:30 a.m. at the Church. A private graveside service will follow. Tributes to Shelley can be made to the Arch A. Moore, Jr. and Shelley Riley Moore Library Endowment at West Virginia University.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Simpson United Methodist Church  
800 -7th Street  
Moundsville, WV

## Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Simpson United Methodist Church  
800 -7th Street  
Moundsville, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelley Riley Moore.*



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September 19, 2014 at 07:24 AM



“ *Mrs Leonard Davis, Leonard Jr., Anne and Jim purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Shelley Riley Moore.*



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**Mrs Leonard Davis, Leonard Jr., Anne and Jim** - September 18, 2014 at 03:19 PM



“ *We remember your mother most fondly as a loving and kind person-a genuine lady in every sense of the word. We know she will be most sadly missed, but happy memories will, in time, make you smile again. With love, Robert Shockey (Ravenswood, WV) George Shockey,(Ravenswood, WV) and Roberta Somerville, (Cottageville, WV)*

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**roberta somerville** - September 18, 2014 at 12:28 PM

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“ *David and Tammy Durbin purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Shelley Riley Moore.*



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**David and Tammy Durbin** - September 18, 2014 at 10:23 AM

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“ *Shelley, I am so sorry for your loss, it sounds like she was a wonderful mother and person. Thank God you are blessed with so many wonderful memories. My prayers are there for you and your family. God bless, Priscilla Thiel - Berkeley County.*

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**Priscilla Thiel** - September 17, 2014 at 03:09 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Shelley Riley Moore.*



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September 17, 2014 at 09:48 AM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Shelley Riley Moore.*



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September 16, 2014 at 03:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shelley Riley Moore.



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September 16, 2014 at 01:46 PM



“ MY sincere and deepest condolences to Arch, Shelley and Family, i can truly say that West Virginia has lost its mother to the state a faithful, fine, open, First Lady. whom we are proud to know and loved- Lord be with her soul. She was a gift to us all. Greg Ahalt

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**Greg Ahalt** - September 16, 2014 at 09:29 AM



“ My sincere and deepest condolences to the entire family of Mrs. Moore. Denny Albaugh

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**Dennis.R.Albaugh** - September 15, 2014 at 06:40 PM



“ I can remember Gov Moore inviting my brother and our group of College Republicans to dinner at the Court of Two Sisters in New Orleans during the RNC Convention nominating President Bush. Mrs. Moore came and sat with us for a while and it was gracious and memorable. My mother always gets asked if she is Shelley Moore because they both looked a lot alike. She was the picture of grace. My sympathies to all the Moore family. John Henson, Pittsburgh, PA (and South Charleston, W.Va.)

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**John Henson** - September 15, 2014 at 03:38 PM

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“ Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your wife, mother and grandmother. According to her obituary, she has been a faithful servant to the people of West Virginia and a mother of whom to be proud.

*My hometown is Uniontown, Pennsylvania. My parents shared memories of the Riley Family with me. My father, Frank Tencate, remembered a neighbor who he referred to as "Little Sadie Shelly Riley". According to the 1930 census, the two families were neighbors on Kerr Street in Uniontown when Mrs. Moore was three years old. My mother worked for the Union Supply Company and recalled sales visits from Mr. Riley, a true Southern Gentleman.*

*I am now a resident of Washington, WV, and look forward to Mrs. Capito carrying on the family legacy of service to the citizens of the Mountain State.*

*Carol Tencate Battin*

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**Carol Tencate Battin** - September 15, 2014 at 12:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shelley Riley Moore.



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September 15, 2014 at 11:29 AM

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“ Please know you are all in our thoughts & prayers. May God Bless You  
*The Wiedebusch Family*

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**terri chambers wiedebusch** - September 15, 2014 at 11:21 AM