



Mr. John Thomas Moon II

November 23, 1953 - September 18, 2012

John Thomas Moon, II, 58, died on Tuesday morning, September 18, 2012, He was predeceased by his parents, Richard Young Moon and Elizabeth Alison Moore Moon.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Dillon Moon; sons, Thomas Dillon Moon and James Jullian Moon; and sister, Mary Moon Outten.

A graveside service will be held at 3:00 PM, Thursday, September 20, 2012 at Calvary Episcopal Churchyard with the Very Rev. Todd M. Donatelli officiating. A memorial service will be held in Virginia at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Episcopal Churchyard

2840 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Episcopal Church
2840 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
(828) 684-6320
<http://www.calvaryfletcher.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Thomas Moon II*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *For those of us who began our railroad careers with Southern Railway, John Moon was a pleasurable link with the past. His knowledge and insights of how, why, and where things were, was unsurpassed. For those of us who worked with John, we treasured his command of the details that made Norfolk Southern work, even if they verged on the arcane. For those of us who graduated from Davidson College, John was a loyal alumnus who treasured the value of the "Davidson Experience" (as pursued both on and off campus). And who can forget the tour de force of November 2011 - the Lexington Group meeting in Knoxville? The main events were largely conceived, organized and executed by John, and that meeting will be remembered and talked about for years to come. We counted John as a friend and fellow traveler, and we'll miss him greatly. Our most sincere condolences go to Mary and the boys.*

With love, Linda and Bill Schafer

Linda and Bill Schafer - September 29, 2012 at 11:49 AM



“ Whenever John Moon would drop by my office (always unannounced), his standard greeting was, "Joe, I have a question." He was one of the eclectic McClellan bunch listed on the organization chart as Strategic Planning. I knew his brief question would exhaust the better part of an hour. The spent hour, however, was highly enjoyable. The two of us would reorganize the entire U.S. rail industry, solve global warming, and then conclude that one of the two of us should be chairman of the company. At the end of our pleasant conversation, I could never remember John's initial question. Nonetheless, I felt the exchange of knowledge, whatever it was, had helped both of us. I'll miss you, John.

joseph folk - September 26, 2012 at 03:39 PM



“ As a brand new attorney in the Law Department at Norfolk Southern, John was my first client. I happened to mention that fact to him one day and he never let me forget it. It was always a pleasure working with John because he was so knowledgeable and eager to share. He will be greatly missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Maqui Parkerson - September 26, 2012 at 11:07 AM



“ Thinking of You Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Thomas Moon II.



September 26, 2012 at 11:05 AM

SQ

“ I've known John for almost twenty years. I learned a lot from him. I have always been in awe of John's memory and at times jokingly called him Rain Man because he not only could tell you where a branch line was but the entire history of the line from when it was originally built and if it was charter, fee or easement. I always enjoyed John's stories about Thomas and James. I think my favorite was the one about giving the mouse the ride on the rocket. Thomas, James, your father was very proud of you.

John had a great sense of humor and liked to have fun but he was also very caring. When I traveled, John was like my big brother making sure I knew where I was going, giving me maps, and names of local people to contact in case I needed help. But he was not so caring of his rental cars! I remember the one he left in a creekbed. I soon learned not to take my car when traveling with John and to get the rental car in his name because he often did not let the fact that there was not a paved road slow him down.

Mary, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry I will not be able to join you on Saturday. I hope that fond memories of the many joys you shared together will bring you comfort.

Sarah Corey Quisenberry - September 26, 2012 at 10:28 AM

MH

“ Dear John,

Never did I imagine that the day you walked through the glass doors of the 12th floor of Norfolk Southern’s offices at 3 Commercial Place would be the last day I saw you. You were in a fight for your life, and despite the odds, had remarkably bright and optimistic spirits to the end.

I will always look back and fondly remember the trips we made early on to different regions of the NS system. You were so generous of your time and knowledge, mentoring and imparting on me and others an encyclopedic memory of geography, history, and how it pertained to the current business we’re in. Forever ingrained for the ages will be such postulates as “trains can’t fly” and “signalmen don’t like to walk – therefore there must be a dirt road somewhere that gets us to the signals we want to see.” There’s also no one else I can think of who knows more about where to find good Southern Barbeque in North Carolina. You also had a keen business sense, and could break down the economics of branchline in a matter of minutes.

There were other trips too, such as ride on The Pennsylvania 120 from Washington, DC to Harrisburg, PA. I’m not sure if you had a chance to share some pictures from the trip, but there was a nice one of you and Mary on the observation car back platform, as well as one of the PA 120 itself.

I hope you are at peace in a better, happier place than the world you prematurely had to leave behind. It isn’t fair you had to go so early, and we will all miss you very much.

Marc Hoecker



Marc Hoecker - September 26, 2012 at 09:16 AM

HG

“ *John Moon made it possible to write a book-length history of the Louisville, Cincinnati & Charleston Rail Road. And he assisted me with the Lexington Group meeting in Knoxville, TN, last November. What a wonderful person. Roger Grant, Clemson University*

H. Roger Grant - September 25, 2012 at 12:45 PM

JF

“ *I work at NS, and I barely knew John. But looking back after his sad passing, I was struck by what a great attitude and spirit he had during what turned out to be his last year. I can't help thinking that that says a tremendous amount about his character.*

John Frankenhoff - September 24, 2012 at 08:40 AM

SP

“ *I first met John Moon back in 2004 when I started at NS. I was always impressed by his vast knowledge of the railroad and in 2010, I got the opportunity to work with him on a regular basis. He was more than willing to try and impart whatever knowledge he had about a particular problem and was always eager to take me into the field and show me how the railroad worked. In addition to work, we shared a passion for UNC basketball and would always look forward to basketball season. John, I will miss you very much.*

Scott Plum - September 21, 2012 at 02:59 PM

BW

“ My friendship with and admiration for John Moon began when I joined him in the undergrad ranks at Davidson College in NC during the early 70's and continued as we subsequently became professional colleagues within the ranks of the Southern Railway in the late 70's. After sharing Econ classes together at Davidson, we enjoyed --thru our years at NS-- sharing research we had each dug up on the Southern's storied line thru Davidson the old AT&O. I will miss John as a railroad professional thru and thru with a fondness for things green and gold, as a fellow Davidsonian, and as a true-blue friend.

Bob Whitaker

Bob Whitaker - September 20, 2012 at 11:13 PM

JM

“ The news of John's passing is very sad. John had a tremendous love for the railroad and its' people and a great amount of knowledge that will not easily, if ever, be replaced. I knew and worked with John for over 30 years, first meeting when I was an agent in Wayne City, IL and John was a trainmaster in Princeton, IN. I will miss him and am praying for his family.

Jim McNabb - September 20, 2012 at 03:01 PM

CP

“ I remember John as a true gentleman who I met over 35 years ago as a pledge at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at the University of Tennessee. John was 4 or 5 years older than I was when I pledged, but he showed respect and friendship for his underclassmen. He was a unique individual and a true class act.

Chuck Piercy - September 19, 2012 at 07:05 PM

RB

“ Moon and I go back nearly 20 years coping with Shortline matters. Always had the right answers, always with a smile an an appropriate mot du jour. Thanks, John.

Roy Blanchard

Roy Blanchard - September 19, 2012 at 05:48 PM

KH

“ Deepest sympathies to Moonski's family, he was a hard worker and a wealth of knowledge. I'll miss sharing our November 23rd birthday with him and Dennis Morris. I bet they are talking about various NS agreements, right this minute, that they both had written over the years.

*Kathy Holbrook
Williamson, GA*

Kathy Ann Holbrook - September 19, 2012 at 04:35 PM

JF

“ John touched more lives than he knew, and will be missed by many. Even in the short time he has been gone, I have been overwhelmed by people sharing their memories of John. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his entire family.

John Friedmann

John Friedmann - September 19, 2012 at 04:27 PM

SR

“ To the Family of John --- I worked @ Commercial Place with John for many years. He was such a fine gentleman. And was ALWAYS willing to lend a helping hand; to share his expertise ref: Norfolk Southern. I know he will be missed by you. Our loss; Heaven's game. Respectfully, Sherry Robertson

sherry robertson - September 19, 2012 at 03:56 PM

JR

“ There was this time at band camp, eh, i mean Vegas where Moonski and i were walking in Harrah's and there was "free blackjack lessons" offering a free t-shirt and i forced him to join me in partaking of the lesson for the free t-shirt. As the "lesson" went on, they were asking trivia questions and making us, mostly me, do silly things not related to blackjack. They were actually taping us for the game show Oblivious and we ended up winning a few hundred dollars and being on Spike TV later that year. The money quickly went a few minutes later at a craps table but i still have a tape of the TV show which is even more of a treasure now. I will dearly miss my great friend. May God bless him and his family in their time of loss.

Jeff Rackliffe - September 19, 2012 at 03:05 PM

TH

Moonman: There are many memories I have of Moonman. I don't even know why I started calling him Moonman back in the 80's but I tend to nickname my friends. One memory is when Mary and John had a huge going away party and moved from Atlanta to Norfolk. The house was totally empty - no furniture. Many things we did that night with all our friends and co workers which we all became family. We either watched or talked about our kids growing up and what they accomplished or didn't accomplish but still we could use each other to get through it all. Moonman always was there for me and my family during our time and he always sorta protected me like I was his sister when we traveled together. There is an emptiness at NS and in my heart. A wonderful person that touched a lot of people's lives and so many great and funny memories. My heart goes out to Mary, Thomas, James and Mary. You are in my prayers for peace, memories, and healing. Love to all.

Tammy Henderson

Tammy Henderson - September 19, 2012 at 03:18 PM

SP

The Norfolk Southern family will deeply miss our valuable colleague and Thoroughbred teammate. We appreciate all his contributions throughout his career. May God bless the Moon family and give you strength during this challenging time.

Steve Portnell

Steve Portnell - September 20, 2012 at 08:24 AM

JM

Moonman? Moonski? I will remember John simply as JT. You will be missed by the folks here in NS Design & Construction and especially by this fellow UT football fan.

Jack McLain

Jack McLain - September 20, 2012 at 08:48 AM