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Born in Birmingham, Al. to R.G. (“Pug”) and Mary Moore, Richard spent his growing up years in Alabama attending McCord Elementary and Albertville High School, graduating in 1959. As a sign of his entrepreneurial spirit, Richard sold water to golfers and slices of cake to his classmates as a kid. He also had a paper route as a 12-year-old. He and his mother rose at 4 a.m. to roll the Sand Mountain Reporter, throwing it and collecting the cash. A Cushman motor bike was bought this way. He also set up a hobby shop in a corner of his parents’ store, Moore’s Home supply. In Richard’s hobby shop, his dad made him responsible for all buying, bill paying, and making deposits to train him on the basics of retail.

As a high schooler, Richard became fascinated with photography. Mentored by Robert O. Johnson, he set up a dark room to develop the film he shot. He was also the photographer for his high school paper, where he documented school activities and football, which he played his last 2 years as an Aggie. His college years were spent at Birmingham Southern and The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) where he earned a B. S. in Marketing Management. It was there that he met his future wife, Margaret. They married their senior year in 1964.

A department store in Miami recruited him, so they moved there after college. A subsequent job in his field took them to Atlanta, which is when they were blessed with a daughter, Missy in 1968. Then, they ended up moving to

Albertville for Richard to work as the manager in a furniture store. A few years later, he decided to open Moore's Sporting Goods. This provided a place for uniforms, shoes, athletic clothing and equipment, and embroidery services. Many may remember standing in line for custom made Iron Bowl score shirts. He brought coaches like Bear Bryant and notable players to autograph their pictures or programs.

They were blessed with a son, David, in 1976. The family of four enjoyed many cross country and local camping adventures, water skying and boat time, church activities, and other events. He developed a love of woodworking, and created a wide variety of beautiful things (bowls, boxes, crosses, etc.). He and Margaret loved going to the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina. They also developed a passion for attending Elderhostel (Road Scholar) weeks across the country, Richard was active well into his 70's.

He and Margaret have been lifelong Methodists, serving in many areas in their church. Their faith has been the cornerstone of their lives as a family. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, son, David (Valerie), son-in-law, Jeff Wilson and grandchildren, Haley Moore, Noah Moore, and Laura Wilson.

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 at Albertville First Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. before the service. In lieu of flowers, donations to Shepherds Cove Hospice, Second Chance Dog Shelter, or St. Jude Cancer Research are preferred.

Richard preceded their daughter, Missy, in death by 17 days, and welcomed her into paradise.

Arrangements entrusted to Albertville Memorial Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Albertville
Albertville, AL 35950

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Hudgins Baker lit a candle in memory of
Richard Moore*



Mary Hudgins Baker - September 08, 2025 at 06:23 PM