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M. Frances Williams Moore, daughter of the late Sherman C. Williams and Clennie Alma Scoggins Williams, was born on December 1, 1935 in Morrilton, Arkansas and departed this life on Monday, July 29, 2019 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 83 years.

Mrs. Moore graduated from Parma High School in 1953. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and served on the Board of Directors. She was a former President of the Trinity United Methodist Women at Bloomfield and a former Treasurer and Spiritual Growth Leader for the Poplar Bluff/Sikeston District Methodist Women.

She was a former Vice President of the Stoddard County Democrat Central Committee, former member of the Stoddard County Democrat Club and she served four years as a former President of the Stoddard County Women's Democrat Club. She was honored as the Eighth District Democrat Woman of the Year and as Stoddard County Democrat Bess Truman Woman of the Year.

Since 1979, she was a former President and Treasurer of the Stoddard County Historical Society and she was responsible for helping establish the Stoddard County Museum, the Stoddard County History book, the book on Stoddard County Cemeteries and the 1860 Census of Stoddard County.

She was a former Regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution and helped plan and carryout two Civil War Reenactments.

She was a former elder in the Cherokee Indian Tribe.

She was a former Vice President for the Stoddard County Genealogy Society and a former Board Member of the Stoddard County Archives. In 2009, she was awarded the Missouri State “Genealogist” of the Year.

She was responsible for getting the Stoddard County Courthouse on the National Registry of Historic Sites. She planned and was Master of Ceremonies for the opening ceremony and presented the certificate stating this was a historic Courthouse and was on the National Registry. She was also in charge of the closing ceremony at the special years end.

She served as a former President and was a former Board Member of the Stoddard County Extension Committee.

She was a former Stoddard County Crusade Chairperson for the American Cancer Society.

She served as a former Bloomfield Cub Scout Leader and was a former Assistant Scoutmaster of Bloomfield Boy Scout Troop 72. She received the Boy Scout Osage District “Award of Merit” and received several local Boy Scout Awards.

For several years, she was a former Parent Leader in the Stoddard County 4-H Club.

She was a finalist in the Jefferson Award, presented by Westvaco-Channel 6 for the six-state area and she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce.

On May 23, 1953, in Pocahontas, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Norman W. Moore. They were married for 56 years before Mr. Moore’s death on May 27, 2009.

She is survived by her son, Richard W. Moore and wife Susan of Columbia, Missouri; by her granddaughter, Brooks Moore; and by several nieces and nephews.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Martha Faye Ellis, Margaret May Lizenbee and Alma Jeanice Arnel.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, August 1, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Steven Koerner officiating.

Interment will follow in the West Antioch Cemetery, west of Bloomfield, Missouri.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of all arrangements.

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