



## Russell "Rusty" Moore

December 31, 1963 - July 28, 2020

On Tuesday, July 28, 2020, Russell W. "Rusty" Moore, age 56, of South Park, passed away after a long and valiant battle with multiple sclerosis. Beloved husband of Molly A. (Griffith) Moore; cherished son of the late Russell W. and Mary K. (Cleary) Moore Cano; step son of Thomas Cano; loving brother of Michele (Don) Tomlins, of Venetia, Mona (Neal) Musser, of Nottingham, and Carrie (Dale) Morgele, of Jefferson Hills; also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and countless friends. Rusty was a gifted athlete in his youth, an extremely hard worker, and an amazing cook who was passionate about food and cooking. He was a source of joy to his loving wife and family, a great guy loved by all who met him. His strength and positive attitude throughout his battle with MS will continue to serve as an inspiration, and though he will be dearly missed, he will not be forgotten. Friends received Thursday and Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.) South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral prayer Saturday 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Nativity Church at 1 p.m. Condolences, thoughts or comments related to knowing Russ may be offered for the family at [www.GriffithFH.com](http://www.GriffithFH.com)

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Molly, I knew from the second I saw you and Rusty together that it was meant to be. You could see the love he had for you in his eyes. I am so very blessed that I was there from the beginning of your love story. So many wonderful memories made over 30 years of friendship❤️ Memories that we now hold in our hearts. Many people search but never find the kind of love you two shared. Thanks for a lifetime of memories, I only wish the four of us had more time together. Rest In Peace, Russ. We love and miss you ❤️



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Tracy Begley - September 05, 2020 at 08:40 PM

BO

“ I am so honored I was able to spend so many years with Russ and so happy for the relationship Molly and Russ had together! It was obvious the way he looked and treated her how much he loved and cherished her. Russ will be missed to all of those who knew him. Molly we are here for you and know that Russ is there to watch over and protect you! Such a wonderful funeral service and tribute to Russ.

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Bridget O'Rourke - August 05, 2020 at 08:31 PM

MW

“ *What an amazing man, husband and friend. So many wonderful memories or such an amazing person. We were so lucky to have you in our lives. 27 years with the love of your life, Molly, was not enough. Such an incredible person Not enough time. We will always remember your humility, kindness and strength.*



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**Melissa Welsh** - August 05, 2020 at 08:27 PM

DC

“ *Molly, I've been reminiscing in looking through my old and not so old pictures of you and Russ. This picture brings a smile to my face, the day you and Russ officially started your journey together. I have so many wonderful memories of Russ that I'll always hold close to my heart. From day one, it was clear that Russ adored you and the two of you had a beautiful relationship built on love and respect. Fly high Sweet Russ. I'm so thankful to have been a part of your life!*



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**Debbie Cusick** - August 04, 2020 at 09:15 PM

TP

*Russ and Molly I have so many awesome memories with the two of you. You both have a special gift for always making everyone feel comfortable around you, It's amazing how perfectly you complemented each other. I loved traveling with you both and watching Russ create his amazing dishes. Russ I will miss you and I look forward to seeing you again in heaven.*

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**Tami Paulick** - August 05, 2020 at 08:53 PM

CL

“ Dear Sweet Molly,

*Molly I have known you since my children were little. I'm saddened to hear of your loss. I would like to say my thoughts and 🙏 are with you at this difficult time. I know I never knew or met your Rusty. It seems like I have known him for a very very long time since reading all the wonderful, kind, funny and especially the sweet things and memories that many many friends and all the family have said about your be ❤️ Rusty. God has a new ANGEL your Rusty. Rusty will be watching OVER you in Heaven NOW, ALWAYS and FOREVER. When Rusty was here he was holding you in his STRONG ARMS. Now he is holding you In his BIG ANGEL WINGS ALWAYS. Remember when you see a 🦋 that is Rusty telling you he is here for you. I am sending you lots and lots of HUGS.*

*Love Always 🌸*

*Connie Lee Del Vitto Hindman*

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**connie lee** - August 01, 2020 at 11:21 PM

LR

“ So sorry to hear about Rusty. Such a great guy. Condolences and prayers for Molly and all of the Moore family  
*Lou Ruzzi*

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**Lou Ruzzi** - August 01, 2020 at 10:52 PM

V(

“ So very sorry to hear about Rusty and his Mother’s passing. Rusty was absolutely a great athlete in high school, but more importantly, he was a genuinely nice person. I don’t think there was anyone who did not like him and he always had that big smile for everyone. In fact, in all the years since high school, I have met so many people who asked if I knew him when I said I was from South Park. Then, in the next breath, they would say what a great guy he was! He will truly be missed by all who knew him. My deepest condolences to his family. RIP Rusty.

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**Valerie Shafer (Miller)** - August 01, 2020 at 08:52 PM

KT

“ Molly, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I wish I had your gift of kind and compassionate words to help you through this terrible time as you did for my family. Rusty was a champ and will be missed. His pain is gone and is in a peaceful place.

*Carrie, Mickey, Mona and family, keep the faith. You have had a couple of sad weeks.*

*R.I.P. to Rusty and your mom, you know they are together. Love and prayers to you.*

*Kathy Taylor*

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**Kathy Taylor** - August 01, 2020 at 12:06 PM

JK

“ My deepest sympathy to Rustys family. I have such great memories of our high school years together. Track meets and practices were always enjoyable when Rusty was around never a dull moment. Rest in peace Rusty.

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**John Kahl** - August 01, 2020 at 03:11 AM

TS

“ I rember playing football and basketball with Rusty all thru jr High and High School. One of my favorite memories of him was in the 11th grade he was the kick off kicker on the Football team. On day in practice he got hit in the balls and they literally turn black and blue. The entire time the were black and blue he was kicking the football deep and far on all kickoffs. He said to me he doesn't understand how he's kicking so well. I joked with him that he had a little soul in him. And believe it or not went they went back to normal so did his kickoffs. We joked about that all thru High School 😂😂😂 . May god bless you and take care of you 🙏.RIP

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**Thomas Spencer** - July 31, 2020 at 05:38 PM

JW

“ I have such great memories of playing baseball and building forts in the woods with Rusty. Even as a kid, he was so positive and optimistic. When he gave you that big smile and encouraged you, he instilled his “can do” confidence in you! My deepest to Rusty's family

Joe Weis

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**Joe Weis** - July 31, 2020 at 01:21 PM

KH

“ This is my favorite picture of Russ, the night of junior prom, with his date Tracey. It’s such a classy photo. It really captures what I will always remember of him: classy, kind hearted, vigorous and a standup guy.

*My first memories of Rusty were on the baseball field, probably in six grade, when I had the face him in the batters box. He was a very intimidating pitcher and usually struck everyone out. His team, the Rangers, always won. And if I didn’t strike out, and got on base, I was definitely afraid to face him after the game! He was our leader on the football team for many years and a great friend to all of us. Everyone always looked up to him. For all of his talents and skills he was very humble and truly an amber Matt admirable man. My heart goes out to his family and loved ones, as I’m sure he will be missed. Russ, your fight against the disease was courageous, and now you can rest and play in the great baseball field up in the sky.*

*Your right guard,  
Kevin Huber*



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kevin huber - July 31, 2020 at 12:38 AM

TE

*So many memories and feelings come rushing through looking at this prom picture of us and seeing Rusty last night. He was so good and kind to everyone and especially to me. He was one of the greatest athletes to come through South Park and I was lucky enough to have a front row seat cheering him on. He will always have a special place in my heart. 💙👍*

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Tracy Evans - July 31, 2020 at 12:53 PM

  
Barbara  
Elko

“ As I read through the memories posted here most duly noted was Rusty smile and athletic abilities. I would like to share the courage he showed each and every day during his long battle with MS. His smile and warmth remained. He showed off his athletic skills as he drove his wheel chair around the neighborhood in high gear. Rusty loved to cook and find ways to continue to serve up great food. He could find anything you needed on the web quickly, and was a real fan of Amazon Prime. When the days were bad he didn't complain "It is what it is" is what he would say. Big Rus was a brave and wonderful guy who will be deeply missed.  
RIP  
Barb Elko

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Barbara Elko - July 30, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



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July 30, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ Pyrok, Inc. purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



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Pyrok, Inc. - July 30, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



July 30, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



July 30, 2020 at 10:20 AM



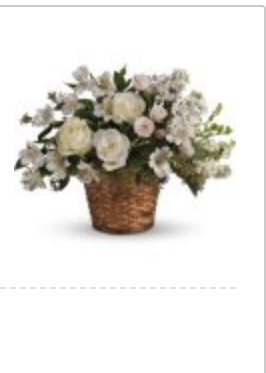
“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



July 30, 2020 at 07:51 AM



“ *Ken & Kim Victor, Mike & Kathy Higgins* purchased the *Love's Journey* for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



**Ken & Kim Victor, Mike & Kathy Higgins** - July 29, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.*



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July 29, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ *My heart is broken, Rusty your kind heart will always be in my memory when you carried me off of Sunny Slopes because I hurt my leg 😭  
I will never forget your kindness that day ❤️  
RIP now with your mom ❤️ ❤️*

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**Lori** - July 29, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *I remember playing baseball and riding dirt bikes with you. You were pitching to me one day and pitched me inside, smacked me right on the elbow!!! Gonna miss you man!!!*

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**Paul C Milanek** - July 29, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.*



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July 29, 2020 at 04:19 PM

RN

“ We are so sad to hear about Rusty. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
*Roger and Jeanne Nasci and Family*

ROGER S NASCI - July 29, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



July 29, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



July 29, 2020 at 02:39 PM

LB

“ Linda Boff purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



Linda Boff - July 29, 2020 at 02:15 PM

LL

“ My deepest sympathy to Rustys family.  
I have such great memories of our grade school years together. A very special memory for sure.  
May God wrap his arms around heavens newest angel.

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**Lori Langland** - July 29, 2020 at 12:19 PM

TF

“ Tim and Becky Kinder & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



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**Tim and Becky Kinder & Family** - July 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM

LR

“ Lorie, Joe, Riley & Reese purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



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**Lorie, Joe, Riley & Reese** - July 29, 2020 at 10:18 AM

DB

“ So sad to hear the news of Rusty's passing. Nothing but good memories from early childhood and adolescence, from Cub Scouts to little league and summer camp and humid summers on the practice field of high school. Sending our love and deepest condolences to Rusty's family.

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**Daniel Broudy** - July 29, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.*



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July 29, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ *In the age when the football star stuffed the 98lb freshman into a locker, he was a sweet guy. I only was around him I'm 1982 and he looked like a giant to me, but he had a gentile spirit and a kind word. God speed Rusty, and condolences to all that loved him.*

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**jeff lavezoli** - July 29, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ *He was the sweetest ever!! So very sorry to hear!! Prayers for all the family!!*

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**Debbie Mikec** - July 28, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ *Scott Butchley & Dana Butchley (Rapp) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.*



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**Scott Butchley & Dana Butchley (Rapp)** - July 28, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



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July 28, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ Love, Tom, Sue and Ellie Kernick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



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Love, Tom, Sue and Ellie Kernick - July 28, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Rusty's family and friends. He will be remembered as always happy and smiling. Rest In Peace and Love.  
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Ellen MacDonald Teprag

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Ellen MacDonald Teprag - July 28, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ Rusty was one of best all sport athletes in South Park history. It was a pleasure to coach and teach him. He was a good friend to so many of his fellow students.  
Ken Scott

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Ken Scott - July 28, 2020 at 07:31 PM

CL

“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire family. I have nothing but wonderful memories of growing up with Rusty playing sports, from little league thru high school. He was always friendly and encouraging. He always had a smile on his face. You will be missed!

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**Carl Lee** - July 28, 2020 at 07:26 PM

DB

Hoping you are well, Carl. Long, long time no talk to. Dan

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**Daniel Broudy** - July 29, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JK

“ Played baseball with Rusty as a kid also rode motorcycles. He was a wonderful guy always considerate to others. I really love this guy. May God bless his soul.

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**Jon Kirsch** - July 28, 2020 at 07:21 PM

DR

“ Prayers to the entire family. Honored I had the pleasure of having Rusty as a friend. A great athlete and enjoyed the times on the field. Always smiled. God Speed.

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**David Rooker** - July 28, 2020 at 07:15 PM

MJ

“ I was so sorry to hear the news about Rusty. He was such a good guy. I don't have the words to express my sympathies to Molly and his family. Prayers for everyone who loved and cared for him.

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**Mark Jackson** - July 28, 2020 at 06:44 PM

SM

“ Will always have the fond memories of him and Molly visiting and bringing out food. (that dusty our dog would eat). He was the best godfather. Will miss you and will cherish these memories.

*Love Mara*

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**Samara Monaco** - July 28, 2020 at 05:33 PM

SM

*will always be Big Rus*

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**Samara Monaco** - July 28, 2020 at 05:36 PM

 Barb Monaco

*Yes, Big Russ, as we called him, Rusty was truly a wonderful man. My heart is sad, but forever thankful that I was able to call him a friend*

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**Barb Monaco** - July 28, 2020 at 07:07 PM

SG

*My condolences go out to the Moore and Griffith families 🥹*

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**Sue Cashdollar Grandillo** - July 28, 2020 at 11:45 PM

RB

“ Remember the Days if Softball he played for my team for a couple years. He was always polite and kind. He will be sadly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him

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**richard Brunetti** - July 28, 2020 at 05:31 PM

JS

“ James Smerbeck purchased the Crystal Cross B ouquet for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.



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**James Smerbeck** - July 28, 2020 at 05:12 PM

LL

“ *May you rest in peace along with your Mother! You were always kind and polite. You will be missed by many! My thoughts and prayers are with your family!*💙

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**Lori ( Sonson) Lambros** - July 28, 2020 at 05:10 PM

AK

“ *Andy & Sue Kalafatis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.*



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**Andy & Sue Kalafatis** - July 28, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell "Rusty" Moore.*



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July 28, 2020 at 04:20 PM

TM

“ *R.I.P. Rusty! My condolences to his family! I always enjoyed the competition of playing baseball against Rusty. He was a very good, competitive athlete and I understand a great father and husband. I am very saddened to hear of his passing after a long battle with MS.*

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**Tony Mattucci** - July 28, 2020 at 03:54 PM

JS

“ Rest in peace Brother Russ - All my love to the family. Jim "Smurfdog" Smerbeck



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**James Smerbeck** - July 28, 2020 at 10:41 AM

RS

*Reading all of the wonderful comments on how loved and admired Rusty was during his teenage years brings to my mind him as a baby that I baby sat on "the hill". Our condolences to his loving family. Our hearts break for the entire family losing two special people in two weeks. Prayers for all of you. Rev. Carol (Elko) Seiler, Rev. Fred Seiler and Dennis Elko.*

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**Rev. Carol (Elko) Seiler** - July 31, 2020 at 07:32 PM